

# Saskatchewan Geological Society Executive Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 10, 2015, ~11:30am,

2nd floor, 2101 Scarth St.

Regrets: Dan Kohlruss, Shayna Glass, Kate MacLachlan, Ryan Morelli

Present: Ralf Maxeiner (chairing), Michelle Hanson, Murray Rogers, Monica Cliveti, Maria Velez, Jason Cosford, Lynn Kelley, Colin Card, Bernadette Knox (recording), Dave MacDougall

1. Approve minutes of last executive meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

Everyone scanned the minutes from last meeting and they approved them. Only forgotten action item was that clothing had not been arranged for the AGM. Michelle went to lab and got an assortment of clothing and did a quick inventory.

Approval of January 7, 2015 Executive meeting moved by Michelle, Jason Cosford seconds. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

2. Business arising

Ralf begins meeting by welcoming old and new exec and discussion how this is a larger meeting due to the transition to the new Exec. Colin suggests that everyone contacts the person in their previous position to get any advice and information they may need. In addition, outgoing Exec members are asked to pass along all information they may have.

**Action Item All outgoing Exec:** Make sure to add all information they may have into the Dropbox account. Lynn will add in previous information from his time as President once he gets back to work.

**Action Item Ralf:** To provide support to anyone who needs help get Dropbox set up.

Colin regrets that he didn't properly thank the outgoing exec at the AGM due to constraints on time. He has written up a thank you and this will be emailed out to Membership once the AGM minutes are completed and ready to send.

3. New business

- a. Comments re Executive change over (Ralf)
- b. Sciematics, (email from Fran)

Ralf provides information about Sciematics. An attachment will be added to these minutes with more information. Discussion of if we want to be represented at this conference occurred and we agreed that Yes it is worth while. The booth can have the Geological Highway Map, Geoscape information/posters,

information on the curriculum changes done by Fran Haidl. The booth costs \$100 for a non-profit organization. May conflict with some people attending CSPG conference May 4-9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Action Item Ralf:** Let Education Committee know we would like to be involved and they should submit to have a booth on our behalf. Obtain information on the hours of operation on booth.

**Action Item Maria:** To contact Graduate and Undergraduate students to find out if they will be willing to volunteer sometime. Colin has also agreed to be at the booth for part of the time.

c. FCC Spirit Funding (Michelle)

The Education Outreach Committee has applied again this year for the Farm Credit Canada Spirit Funding (application was also submitted last year but no money was awarded.) Applications for money will also go into APEGGS and Mosaic through the Education Committee.

The SGS has agreed to pay for the buses again this year to bring approximately 300 students together for a public lecture April 21-22, 2015. The rationale is in years we don't provide the buses we get less than half the number of students.

The lecture has to fit with the school curriculum so we are having something related to Resources. The speaker doesn't necessarily have to be high profile.

d. App of Geological Highway Map (Colin)

Eric Nickel of PTRC has contacted Colin to discuss support for a Geological App. Eric is looking for funding through Western Diversification etc. We have committed to giving their group \$1000 in the upcoming year in support of the \$90,000 it is projected to cost to create the App. We will also provide them the information from the Saskatchewan Geological Highway Map as in-kind support. The Saskatchewan Geological Survey will also be involved. There may also be need for some of the Society members to sit on the App Committee. April or May 2015 will be when a final decision is reached on if the project going ahead.

e. Geological Highway Map; copyright, distribution, reprinting

The App discussion brought up questions about the Geological Highway Map. The map is under copy write and is a Society product. Perhaps there should be an agreement written up between the Society and the Survey? The background here is that the Survey offered the Map as a template for this App despite the Society owning the copy write. The map is distributed to various organizations and the Society sells them at a discounted rate for bulk orders and educational purposes (e.g. summer camps, U of S field schools). We have charged \$1/copy in the past. They are sold at a cost of \$3.25 for general people.

**Action Item Ralf:** Investigate the history, as well as future needs and relationships between the Society and the Geological Survey regarding the map.

f. Regina Public Lecture: Dr. Francesco Berna (Jason)

The Regina Public Lecture is held outside of the traditional lunchtime talks. Although Dr. Francesco Berna is available the first week of May this date isn't suitable for various reasons. Late September would work best for the speaker, University schedules etc.

**Action Item Jason:** Contact Dr. Berna to set up a date in late September

**Action Item Michelle/Education Committee:** An effort should be made to promote this really well.  
Leader Post daily city beat

**Action Item Jason:** Contact CBC morning shows about doing an interview.

**Action Item Maria:** Providing information to the U of R website about the event.

The Geology Department and Biology Department have agreed to sponsor the event in the amount of \$250 each. The Anthropology Department has declined a sponsorship for various reasons. An event held on campus would make the event easier to justify for the university departments and would also save cost of renting another venue. Normally we cover the entire costs ourselves so this is very welcome to have support.

g. Ideas re rejuvenating SGS (Bernadette)

Discussion of opening up more than one meeting to general membership or providing meeting minutes online for anyone interested.

Idea of getting speakers to give talks both at the downtown and at University location (either the same talk or different)

**Action Jason/Maria/Monica:** Coordinate one of the luncheon talks as a pizza lunch at the University between student schedules 11:30-12:30pm?

What about an evening lecture at pub with pizza and beer? Any upcoming speakers this might work for? Twitter and Instagram will be linked with website to get the word out to younger/other SGS members who are not currently active in attending events.

h. Inventory List SGS Merchandise (Michelle)

Michelle made a list of clothing items that she could find before the AGM. The clothing left is very at the end. Michelle suggests that we bring the clothing items out to the curling and be sold. At the AGM 12 were sold. Publications need to still be inventoried.

**Action Item Bernadette:** Get a list of publications created/up to date. Ask Dan about clothing etc. and get a completed

**Action Item Bernadette:** Get together collection of clothing to take to Curling for sale as well as for one of the prizes.

i. Bylaws – role of Executives too specific (Pam Schwann's suggestion at AGM)

Pam mentioned at the AGM that the list of items that the executive does is too specific and restrictive. We could add into bylaws that if a change needs to be made we could do it without calling a meeting. May be worthwhile to remove specific duties from the by-laws but create a second document where

this information is outlined. We could also write in that if for some reason there needs to be a change that is possible. Perhaps there isn't any harm in having the by-laws so detailed. Next year's AGM would be next chance to make a change.

**Action Item Colin:** Keep reading about this and provide information to Society about whether or not a second, less official, document outlining duties should be created.

- j. Emails from website to Executive; OMedia (Ralf)

The payment online is not currently working and will not be supported by our Content Management System. We are no longer able to have our emails created and generated through the page. Michelle notes that most members do not need to receive emails so they should be targeted when they are forwarded to Exec. Ralf says by using Hotmail we can easily do this and change who things are forwarded to each time Exec changes.

**Action Item Ralf:** Set up a Hotmail account [Sask.Geol.Soc@hotmail.com](mailto:Sask.Geol.Soc@hotmail.com) and create rules for how emails will be distributed once received.

#### 4. Ongoing business

- a. Annual Report; Colin
- b. Talks upcoming; Jason, Murray (Maria)

**Action Item Jason and Murray:** To send out information about the upcoming lecturers to Monica/Maria/Bernadette.

**Action Item Jason:** Ideas for fall talks -U of C groundwater talk, U of S glaciologist

- c. Calendar Committee; Ralf

Jason showed the calendar and the formatting. Gives an update on the calendar and where things are at. Needing some content for the first couple pages but everyone agrees the calendar looks excellent.

- d. Treasury update; year-end; Michelle

Michelle provides information about cheques that need to be written. The Open House Committee has approved the values and Deirdre has checked the amounts in detail.

Approval of writing 3 cheques is moved by Jason, seconded by Maria. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

- e. SGS Website; Michelle (Bernie)

**Action Item Bernadette:** See what needs to be update the pages on the SGS website. Create page for meeting minutes. Colin will help with the website in addition to providing emotional support.

- f. SGS database; Ralf (Ryan)

Ralf mentions that we don't have many memberships renewed this year. Mail out will soon go out to membership to get them to pay.

**Action Item Ryan:** Send out reminder to membership to pay for 2015.

g. WBPC SGS core workshop update; Dan

Murray provided update. Everything is advancing. The revenues for the core conference will be \$15,000. Tuesday, April 28, 2015 is the date that is set for the meeting.

h. Speaker gifts follow up, Dan (Bernie)

Dan was going to order 10 fossils to present as speaker gifts. Status unknown.

**Action Item Bernadette:** See if Dan has made the order and has bill/invoice to be submitted. Find out timeline on the gift arrival.

i. 2015 SGS Curling bonspiel planning; Kate (Monica)

Ice is already booked at the Tartan Club. Four student teams have already signed up. People need to be there on time for the event. Lynn is going to do the draw the Wednesday before the event. March 3 or 4<sup>th</sup> would be a deadline for submitting a team. In previous year we've charged \$15/person and we come close to breaking even on this event. Michelle would like people to pay in advance for this event. We can also send these waivers out in advance and get people to print and bring this to the event. Michelle will also bring paper copies to the event.

**Action Item Ralf:** Forward pictures of last year's event to Exec for posters and Website/Facebook page.

**Action Item Colin:** To provide last year's poster template to Monica.

**Action Item Michelle:** Bring merchandise for a prize and to sell to membership.

#### Old Business

j. Post-Mortem; Annual General Meeting update; Dave

The AGM was a huge success and next year we should book a slightly larger space for additional tables or places for people to mingle.

Dave will book for rooms for Feb. 6, 2016. The meal will be Caribbean theme.

**Action Item Dave:** Book spaces at the Travel Lodge. See about getting the room from 5pm or 5:30pm until 10pm or 11pm to accommodate the idea of the Business meeting happening before supper.

**Action Item Ralf/Bernadette:** See if membership would be open to having the business meeting portion of the AGM prior to supper.

**Action Item Ralf:** Send out call to general membership for volunteers to sit on the Honour Roll Committee.

**Action Item Ralf:** Provide photos of AGM to Dave ASAP. Dave will submit photos and captions to APEGS Professional Edge Magazine prior to March 1, 2015.

**Action Item Bernadette:** Provide information on the upcoming APEGS AGM on May 1 to membership via Website and Facebook Page. Since registration is free and it is being held in Regina this year it would be

nice to see a larger Geoscience attendance. Students are also welcome to attend and may not be aware of this opportunity.

k. Corky Jones award; Lynn

Tim Tokaryk proposed that the museum and the Paleontologists could put towards an award that would be given out.

**Action Item Lynn:** Follow up with Tim about creating an award once he is back at work.

5. Other Business
6. Next meeting
7. Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11 am.

**Action Item Ralf:** Book a room for the meeting and make sure this date works for the Exec.

8. Adjourn 1:10 pm