

Executive Meeting Minutes
Saskatchewan Geological Society
Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 12 noon via Teams

Attendance:

David Thomas, Nadene Joy, Brendan Bishop, Dan Kohlruss, Tyrin Foley, Ralf Maxeiner, Kate MacLachlan, Jason Cosford

Regrets:

Brian Brunskill

Outreach and Education

Kate addressed the Executive regarding the main outreach activities:

1. School lectures: have not been done since Covid.
2. Lesson plans: on website but need to be updated regularly to link to curriculum.
3. Public lectures: have not been done since Covid.

Kate Recommendations:

- Expanded use of GeoExplorer
- Hybrid offerings to utilize new technologies and expand reach.
- Collaboration with other organizations

Executive Comments:

- Joy agreed that hybrid offerings are needed, and Dave clarified that this is important for school lectures.
- Dave expressed concern that there are not enough volunteers to reach “critical mass” to ensure effective outreach programs. Need for more people to get involved beyond those on the executive.
- Dave recommended a special meeting to specifically address the issues of outreach. Kate is stepping back and someone else will have to step up to fill the role.
- Dave will set up a date for this meeting.
- Executive consensus to open up the discussion to all to get volunteers and to assess whether the society has the capacity to continue offering educational outreach. Ralf suggested that specific people be contacted/recruited.

Geo-Explore

- A few issues left to be resolved: 1) the ESRI platform with subtabs has been discontinued, which means that the format needs to be updated before 2024 to continue to function; 2) establish a QR code that would link features/sites/etc to the map.
- Created with APEGS money in 2019.
- Revamp to the new platform will use up the remaining money
- Development of an app would be tens of thousands and require constant maintenance.
- No request for Society funds at this time.

President Update:

- Tyrin, Dan, and Brian to have a meeting regarding signing authority for banking and legal.
- Dale Leckie given permission to copyright request for two figures from GeoExplore document.

Vice President:

- Dan met with Williston Basin Conference Board.
- Core will be shipped to Regina from Manitoba. SGS will have no shipping cost for the core.
- DM Kent Club and Ore Gange contacted for participation.
- Dan looked into different platforms (MailChimp and Constant Contact) for email. Free versions are limited. May require to pay monthly fee for expanded functionality.

Secretary:

- Jason to look into creating a speaker list on the website.
- Suggestion to perhaps completely modernize the website – need for Oh Media.

Treasurer:

- Tyrin would like a meeting with Dan to confirm signing authority.
- Tyrin contacted insurance provider regarding identity theft endorsement.

Business Manager:

- Curling Bonspiel: This year is out because ice is coming out. Next year booked at Callie Curling March 16, 2024, 6:00 pm to midnight. Half of the ice sheets will be for SGS.
- Bowling (May 13th 6:00-8:00 pm, Golden Mile): Capacity for 48 people (8 lanes with 6 per lane).
- Looking for volunteers and sponsors for prizes for these events.

Speaker Program:

- Mugs as speaker gifts – about half available. Jeff Coolican to look into it.
- Potentially two more speakers before the beginning of the field season
- Need for a co-program chair.
- Brendan suggested a summer get together for games and burgers.

Next Meeting: Tentatively set for May 5th.