

NMGS Minutes
1st Quarter 2012 Executive Committee Meeting

DATE: Friday, January 20, 2012

TIME: 2:30 pm

PLACE: Mineral Museum

Present: Dunbar, Kues, Mack, McLemore, Zeigler, Dowse

Open Meeting

1. Call to order (Kues) 2:30 pm
2. Outcome of elections
 - D. Love reported that 42 ballots were cast and the slate of candidates were unanimously elected. There were no write-ins.
3. Installation of officers (Kues)
 - B. Kues duly installed the officers and passed the gavel to N. Dunbar.
4. Publication report (Dunbar, report e-mailed by S. Kelley)
 - a. Publication sales were down from the 4th quarter and for 2011 compared to 2010 (see report).
 - b. Possible reasons for the decrease in sales were discussed. It may reflect online access allowing downloads of the first 25 guidebooks, or it may simply reflect current economic conditions. In addition there were not new publications.
 - c. The representation of NMGS publications in search engines was discussed. NMGS is present in GeoRef. It is not certain if publications are represented in Geoscience World and they are not represented in Web-of-Science.

Action item: Send a letter to request inclusion of NMGS publications in Web-of-Science.
 - d. Other possibilities discussed for publications were articles for sale with access to members, or pay-for-view with free access for members.
5. Webmaster report (Read, phone participation)
 - a. The traffic rate on the website has increased from 26,000 in 2010 to 40,000 in 2011. People are looking at Publications and guidebooks (95%) and 82% of the downloads are guidebooks. Scholarships amount to less than 1% of the traffic.
 - b. A security certificate is required to develop an on-line directory and for use with the on-line scholarship application. Discussion ensued about coordinating with the Bureau and sharing a certificate with the Bureau.

B. Kues moved that the NMGS use whatever vendor the bureau uses and split the cost. N. Dunbar seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
6. A. Read reported that he was moving forward on scholarship applications.
 - a. The forms are easy to program. Students can submit resume and project description as word or pdf documents. E-submission will be accepted as signature from students.
 - b. The executive committee discussed how to handle reference letters, three strategies were discussed: having the program generate an automatic request

- for the reference; getting contact information from students and then the committee mails the referee; or as is done presently students request references. The committee did not make a decision about references at the present time but agree to take it under further consideration.
- c. Further discussion ensued about timing of applications and reference submittals.
 - d. A. Read said it was unlikely that the application would be done for this year but would be ready for 2013. This will afford time to work out bugs and inform students and faculty of the changes.
 - e. The committee discussed the transfer of the chairmanship from Bob Myers to Kate Ziegler. It was noted that Bob has given 18 years of service, but the move to an electronic application format represents a major change and we will be better served with someone with greater computer expertise.

Action items:

- (1) Recognize Bob Myers for 18(?) years of service at the Spring Meeting.
- (2) N. Dunbar to write a letter to B. Myers explaining the decision and send it to the EC and D. Love for review.

- 7. Update on new publications
 - a. Profiles of New Mexico Geologists (Kues). About 50 profiles have been promised and 24 are in hand. Might be ready to go by the end of the summer. Kues mentioned that he would like someone to read through the whole book. Suggestions included: Bob Eveleth and perhaps a history professor at NMSU or WNMU. V. McLemore said she could read the whole volume in July.
 - b. Mineral resources of New Mexico (McLemore & Witcher). See report. It was suggested that the title should be Energy and Mineral Resources of New Mexico. Some parts are currently in review and the full volume should be ready for review by 1 April.
 - c. Mineral evolution of New Mexico (Lueth). He is writing and hopefully the volume will be ready in a few years.
- 8. Spring meeting update (Zeigler).
 - a. K. Zeigler presented a budget for the 2012. There is a concern that the income may be lower because of the GSA meeting in May. Food costs have increased since last year. Several alternatives for the future were considered including reducing snacks or moving the meeting to Fidel.
 - b. It was suggested that if students receive NMGS funding they should be expected to present their work at the meeting and it should be included in the grant proposal.

Action item: N. Dunbar to send out an e-mail to scholarship recipients encouraging them to present at the meeting.

- 9. 2012 Fall Field Conference (McLemore)
 - a. See the submitted report. All 4 roadlogs are in rough draft and will go to V. Lueth in mid-March. Approximately 30 papers have been promised.
 - b. The banquet will be at the Civic Center. There will be one banquet speaker. The barbeque will be held at Caballo Lake.
 - c. Transportation will be by 4-WD vehicles.

- d. The preliminary budget is not yet available, but should be similar to last year. There will be no vehicles to rent.
- 10. 2013 Fall Field Conference Report (Zeigler)
 - a. The trip will travel from Flagstaff to Albuquerque. Several possibilities that are being considered include: having the icebreaker at the Grand Canyon and staying in the park the first night, visiting meteor crater (possible cost issues), lodging at the La Posada in Winslow, wrap up at Mt. Taylor.
 - b. The trip will have a limit of 130 people. There was discussion about setting aside some registration slots for members of the Arizona Geological Society, particularly if they are co-sponsors. The consensus was that it should be 1st come/1st sever, and work to ensure that all the information goes out to both societies in a timely manner.

Action item: N. Dunbar to contact S. Semken regarding the connection and cooperation of the AZGS.

- c. Future trips:
 - 2014 Sacramentos (G. Mack, V. McLemore, N. Dunbar will help on logistics)
 - 2015 NM Highlands University highlighting work in the Sangre de Cristos and the Ogallala.
- Both groups will need to bring a proposal to the Executive Committee.