

NMGS AGENDA
2nd QUARTER 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2012

TIME: 7 pm

PLACE: Mineral Museum conference room, NMTech, Socorro

Participants: N. Dunbar, G. Mack, V. McLemore, M. Dowse, D. Love, M. Timmons, A. Read, S. Kelley

Open Meeting

1. N. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Publications report (Kelley) – Report submitted
 - Sales were weak in January, but stronger in February and March.
 - Dan Koenig arranged for copies of the Tusas Guidebook to be placed at the Ojo Caliente Book Store.
 - A group of road logs and a copy of the highway map have been packaged and will be available at the spring meeting and perhaps at the RMS-GSA in Albuquerque.
 - Point of sale equipment has not been purchased yet.
 - The Bureau is considering a booth at the Tucson Gem & Mineral show, there is no cost for a booth, but rooms are expensive during the show. The Bureau is also considering a booth at the Silver City Gem & Mineral show and in Denver.
3. Spring Meeting, April 27, 2012 (Love)
 - Things are well in hand with a full schedule and 26 posters. One hundred and eleven people are registered for the meeting.
 - Chartwell's will set up at
 - Up and down with Chartwell's 7:30 with Oj & donuts, cookies pm, salsa & chips after 3 with beverage of choice.
 - Because of other events, the paleo talks will be in the Copper room in the morning and the afternoon snacks will be downstairs.
 - There was a hitch in abstract submission process, and when abstracts went to the technical chairs, several abstracts got lost. A. Read has designed a slicker process for the future.
4. 2012 FFC update (McLemore) – Two handouts
 - Roadlogs for Day 1 and 3 have been sent to V. Lueth. V. McLemore is still working on the road log for Day 2.
 - Nine papers have been submitted to V. Lueth and more are coming.
 - A preliminary budget looks more expensive than last year but is still being revised. Details of what expenses NMGS covers were discussed.
 - Currently looking at \$281/person
 - The Foundation covers about 30 students.

- The society covers the cost of 2 field trip leaders (out of 5).
- Registration is waived for the registrars. The Society covers lodging for 1 person (Connie) and the Bureau pays lodging for second (April)
- Registration is waived and lodging is paid for the drinks person
- Highlands students receive scholarships to cover lodging and registration is waived.
- Change to a 10% contingency fund.

Action Item: Final budget to be submitted at the July (June) meeting for approval.

- There will be no after dinner speaker
 - Four-wheel drive vehicles will be necessary
 - A concern is that only Tech personnel may ride in those vehicles.
5. 2013 FFC update (Timmons)
- I-40 corridor Flagstaff to Grants. Distance is an issue in trying to go from the Grand Canyon to Grants.
 - Option: pre-meeting trip to GC (Wednesday)
 - Bus participants from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon and return to Flagstaff for the icebreaker.
 - Visit trail of time, place speakers along the trail of time.
 - Regular 3 days
 - Sunset crater/SF peaks/ meteor crater/sp crater/going to Holbrook (Thursday)
 - Friday: ½ to full day Petrified Forest and onto Grants
 - Saturday: Mt. Taylor
 - AZGS involvement, how to divide things out, big trip?
 - Should be accomodatable, particularly if we do pre-trip
 - Radisson and conference adjacent to NAU campus
 - Utilize Rt. 66 theme
 - Core of 4 organizers working on general road logs over summer
 - Contact meteor crater re charges
 - Discussion of travel, currently set up as a caravan, because it is not a loop
 - Leave cars in Grants? Will explore possibilities
6. 2014 FFC
- Sacramento Mountain area
 - 1 day in Sacramentos, 1 in White Oaks area, 1 in Orogrande
 - K. Ziegler approached J. Rawling to participate, G. Mack and N. Dunbar are also willing to assist.

Action Item: G. Mack will write proposal for presentation at the July (June) meeting.

7. Webmaster's report and related Web initiatives (Read)
- A. Read demonstrated directory and abstract submission.
 - The SSL Security certificate needed for the membership directory has been obtained.
 - Database of members will be searchable by alphabet name, affiliation, specialties and interests.

- Members can edit their own profiles and opt in or out on what information is available.
 - A. Read hopes to establish a system that allows computer to do contacts rather than giving out e-mails if people so choose
 - Question: available only to NMGS or to anyone?
 - Broad, but allow people to opt out
 - Photos – not on this site
 - The abstract submission model for NMGS, will format the abstract.
 - The scholarship application will have a similar set up.
 - The remaining issue is how to have the student's advisor sign off. The suggestion is that students submit an e-mail for advisor, then the system will contact the advisor.
 - N. Dunbar suggested that letters of reference should be due 1 week after scholarship submissions.
 - Set up for next year for submission of proposals. On-line review will be incorporated the following year.
8. Decision on web access to guidebook articles (Dunbar)
- All guidebook articles from the first 25 years are now available on-line. Articles from the last decade are already available in electronic format. It will not take long to post the remaining articles.