

4rd QUARTER 2020 NMGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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DAY/DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2020

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Online Video Conference Call (via Zoom)

OPEN MEETING.

1. Called to order at 9:32 AM by Shannon Williams, President
2. Annual Business Meeting Report (Susan Lucas Kamat)
 - Susan confirmed that the NMGS Annual Meeting will take place on 10/02/20; Susan will send along a bio for the speaker (Phoebe Suina); the business part of the meeting is expected to take ~15 minutes
3. Spring Annual Meeting Report (Susan Lucas Kamat)
 - The Macey Center is reserved for Thursday, 04/15/21 and Friday, 04/16/21; A final decision will be made at the January 2021 EC meeting on whether it will be in-person or virtual; Susan will start in October researching the best online platform (in the event that it is a virtual meeting);
 - Adam noted that the system is now open for abstracts and he will likely keep it open through 2021; Save-the-date announcements may be send out in October or November of this year
4. Scholarship Committee Report (Susan Lukas Kamat)
 - A budget will be presented to the Foundation in January of 2021; as of now, the Foundation is aiming to hold funding levels at their present rate (and increase if available funds allow); The Foundation and investments are doing fine for now despite COVID and Shannon suggested that we operate with the same/similar budget for now
 - One proposed option for increasing donations was to announce the option to donate by email (since members can no longer contribute when registering for the Fall Field Conference)
 - Dave Lemke brought up the idea of putting together an APP for the past Fall Field Conference that could include things such as maps, road logs, key photos, etc. Shari Kelley noted that for past conferences, we need proceed careful since some land has changed hands (or for private property owners that allowed one-time access for the FFC); Dave asked us to think about what types of info/materials we'd like to see in an app and Susan will get an email circulating to the EC so we can submit ideas
5. Fall Field Conference
 - a. 2021 Mt. Taylor (Bonnie Frey and Shari Kelley)
 - NMGS Special Publication 14 is now ready to go (front matter is being finalized now); Shari and Bonnie will send Adam Read all editorial and bibliographic info, title, etc and he can start moving it to the online inventory
 - Bonnie has been working with the Laguna Pueblo for dates in mid September, 2021; Shannon had idea of having a FFC T-shirt made (designed by Kate

IN (VIRTUAL) ATTENDANCE:

-Dan Koning
-Shannon Williams
-Dan Cadol
-Scott Baldrige
-Brian Hampton
-Bonnie Frey
-Lewis Land
-David Lemke
-Shari Kelley
-Susan LucasKamat

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- Zielger) that could be available to sell at the bookstore (have design ready to present for the meeting)
- Bonnie mentioned that not much has moved forward on the field front since April (due to COVID) and they may need to contact Laguna Pueblo to work out parts of DAY 2 logistics
- b. 2022 Socorro (Dan Koning)
- Dan gave an updated summary on the field plan for the 2020 FFC. DAY 1 will take place in the Quebradas Backcountry area with a focus on Laramide structures and Penn-Perm Ancestral Rocky Mountain stratigraphy; DAY 2 will include time at Bosque Del Apache in the morning and a stop near San Marcial in the afternoon to look at stratigraphy of the Santa Fe Group; DAY 3 will take place in San Lorenzo (north of Lemitar) and a possible pre-meeting trip might include a visit to the Fra Cristobal Mtns.
- c. 2023 Carlsbad (Lewis Land)
- Lewis Lamb suggested that there will likely be a strong focus on evaporite karst for this meeting; he has published recently on it and there are a number of localities to access these strata (e.g., Bottomless Lake State Park is a must/excellent stop!); he mentioned that there might be some overlap with the 2006 FFC but there will also be a number of different/new stops; Carlsbad Caverns will most likely be the pre-meeting field trip and; not much has been done on field sites due to limited COVID access/etc.
6. Webmaster Report (Adam Read)
- Adam noted that the "COVID closed" notice is off the website (and the bookstore is now open); the plan is to move the planned publication sale to the whole month of April (possibly call it the "Spring Sale" or something along those lines); Adam noted that members need to have an active/paid membership in order to receive a discount; the goal of the month-long sale is to strive for synergy and to get members to participate in the meeting and get to the bookstore
 - Adam will be making some changes to the webpage which will be completed by January, 2021; he will need text from the EC for announcing the annual meeting on the website (Susan and Shannon will compile info and send along text for the announcement)
 - David Lemke brought up an issue related to the publication search function in that when he does searches (e.g., ABO) there are a few hits but also a long list of ambiguous sources (which is difficult to sort through); Adam raised the issue that there are a lot of PDFs with no metadata which makes it a huge task to go in an ID important info but noted that the new FFC papers have metadata entered (so this issue is eventually headed in right direction)
7. Publications Report (David Lemke)
- David brought up Greg Mack's lingering Permian book and he is working with Dana Ulmer-Scholle on if there is a way to move it forward; he mentioned that if we move forward, Greg has a big work load to get it ready for publication (based on reviews and updating text and figures in Part 1 of the book); Dave noted that there are technical disputes across the four reviewers on content (and he would need to address these issues); He also noted that we could work with black/white

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photos but color would be preferred; Dave also noted that there is some overlap with the recently published Geology of Southern New Mexico book (as well as Dana Ulmer-Scholle and Peter Scholle's virtual geologic tour of the Permian Reef stratigraphy in New Mexico); in summary, there would need to be a considerable amount of changes that would have to take place to see the book get published. Brian Hampton will try to get in contact with Greg and relay this information and gauge whether he is interested in moving forward with the project

- David and Adam brought up the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Open Monograph System and David would like to work with it as a demo as the monograph version would make the most sense for guidebooks; at first glance, it seems great and we will eventually need to go that direction but the real issue is whether whomever editing (Dana?) will want to adopt it; we will need buy in because there is a learning curve but it is worth the investment to learn how to use because it will be save a lot of time and make the process easier in the future
- David brought up the idea of taking road logs and updating/"renovating" (and possibly web-enabling) with the goal of eventually republishing down the way (e.g., 1995 Santa Fe FFC has no digital); He noted that we probably won't recover the cost but update for people that are interested might be worth the effort

Meeting closed at 10:49 AM (**Motion** to adjourn from Shannon; seconded by Scott)
Break

CLOSED MEETING.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:55 AM (Shannon Williams, President) and approval of the minutes

Motion: Scott moved to approve the minutes (with Dan Koning's changes) of the previous (July 2, 2020) Executive Committee meeting; **seconded** by Dan Koning; **(unanimously) approved** by Dan Cadol and Scott Baldridge, with Brian Hampton (Secretary) abstaining

2. Secretary's report (Brian Hampton)
 - Nothing to report

3. Treasurer's report (Scott Baldridge)
 - Scott emailed summary of sales (from Connie Apache) on 07/02/20 but there were no sales figures from April so Connie is double-checking this but it is possibly there were no sales for that month
 - Scott still does not have access to the Nusenda account so budget numbers are coming from Dan Cadol); **Motion:** Add Brian Hampton to the Nusenda account (Shannon Williams); **seconded** by Dan Koning; **(unanimously) approved** by Dan Cadol, Scott Baldridge, and Brian Hampton

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- Scott reported budget numbers (from Dan) noting that \$43,047.41 is currently in our checking account and \$31405.15 is in savings; it was noted that the checking account seems a little low so Dan will re-check with the Foundation; Dan and Scott noted that this could be related to a recent insurance expense (~\$2800)
- Scott spent some time reading through the Liberty Mutual (general) insurance policy and while it sound standard, he was curious who vets/reviews the policy from year to year (to ensure are we getting exactly than we need from it); He brought up that it might be worth a periodic review since what was good in 2010 may not be good for us now (and we've had the same policy/group for at least the past 10 years); Susan and Kate might be the best to contact (Susan has great institutional memory) and maybe James Cearly might be available able to take a review the policy; Scott mentioned that at first glance, it is looks like a very comprehensive and solid policy but it would be nice to get external review; Dan Cadol agreed to contact our agent and get this conversation started

4. Vice President's Report (Dan Cadol)

- Dan emailed Brandon Schmandt and Frank Ramos for a list of the Wellnitz Memorial Scholarship awardees and hopes to have a list in the next 10 days
- Dan will hand off a the scholarship budget to Scott so he is prepare for the January, 2021 Foundation meeting (date of meeting TOD); the Foundation still has yet to meet for this quarter

5. President's Report (Shannon Williams)

- Shannon brought up that we need to start the search to find our next EC Secretary since elections will be in November and mentioned that we will likely want to rotate in someone from Socorro either this year or next year

6. Past President Report (Dan Koning)

- Dan brought up that it the papers in FFC could go through a more rigorous review (e.g., FFC leader/editor chooses reviewers rather than authors); He mentioned that this was done for the Rio Grande 1984 FFC but it did raised some objections by some authors (e.g., one person withdrew and a lot of complaints); Dan mentioned one option might include making a database of possible reviewers to help editors and asking authors for input on this

7. Schedule first-quarter (2021) meeting and Adjourn

Announcement: Next quarterly EC meeting will take place Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 9-noon

- Meeting adjourned at 11:38pm; **motion** by Shannon Williams; **seconded** by Scott Baldridge; **(unanimously) approved** by Dan Koning, Dan Cadol, and Brian Hampton

FOURTH-QUARTER E-MAIL BUSINESS.

- 1) September 28, 2020: Shannon emailed that she has received several copyright requests to use materials published in the NMGS Guidebooks and would like to develop a policy for similar future requests.
- 2) October 2, 2020 (11:00 AM) – **NMGS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** (and invited presentation by Phoebe Suina entitled *Indigenous Lens Enhancing Understanding of Local NM Geology*). Dan Koning presided over the EC meeting summaries and informed membership that the Spring Meeting has been rescheduled for April 15–16, 2021. The FFC is scheduled for September 15–18, 2021 (and will be accompanied by the release of NMGS Special Publication 14 which will include all technical papers that were slated to be in the guidebook). Dan pointed that the society had relatively lower income than in previous year which is partially the results of a decrease in publication. A summary of donations (\$15,165) as well the current checking (\$43,552) and savings (\$31,409) balances. Frank Ramos (NMGS Foundation) provided a summary of investments (~1.31 million) and pointed out that 3% is extracted annually to fund the society which provides about half of the society’s operating income. Frank pointed out the volatility in the market this past year (~\$100k swing in investments in 2020) and mentioned that much of the drop can be attributed to decreased royalties from our oil and gas wells since 2011 (these royalties have provided \$20-24k/year over the past 3 years). Hillcorp has recently purchased our wells and royalties have since increased to ~\$30k. Frank also gave a brief summary on donations to the society over the past 3 years that total \$55k. This year, the fundraising target was \$20k and at present, the society has received \$7200. Susan Lucas Kamat provided a summary of the 2020 NMGS Scholarship awardees. She also announced that the Spring Meeting will take place April 15–16 and abstract submission opens in January, 2021.
- 3) October 6, 2020 (N=1): Shannon Williams emailed and made a **motion** that we purchase a gift (Smithsonite mineral specimen!) for Phoebe Suina (NMGS Annual Meeting invited speaker) for just under \$50; Brian Hampton **seconded** and the motion was **approved** by Dan Koning and Dan Cadol
- 4) October 27–28, 2020: David Lemke initially emailed a request that we file (add to our fileshare) a permission letter for John Hawley’s NM Water Resources Institute (WRRI) Technical Completion Report (TCR 363); Adam Read noted that only EC members have access to the fileshare but suggested we could either (1) give David permission to access the EC share or (2) convert and existing FFC share into a more general publications share and provide him access to that.

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- 5) November 30–December 10, 2020: Adam Read initially emailed to remind the EC that that the time has come to get the NMGS ballot organized; Shannon and Dan (Koning) agreed to narrow down the shortlist for the Secretary position
- 6) December 3–10, 2020: Dan Cadol initially emailed to request we reschedule the January 14, 2021, EC meeting from 9 AM to afternoon on the same day; all agreed that moving to the meeting to the afternoon would be no problem
- 7) December 10, 2020: Shannon Williams forwarded an informational email from the Chair of the AAPG House of Delegates (Steve Brachman) that summarized that Jolante van Wijk is the current NMGS AAPG delegate and her term will expire on June 30, 2023, thus no election is required at this time.
- 8) December 14–18, 2020: Dan Koning initially emailed a shortlist for the EC Secretary position that included Kathy Goff, Kevin Hobbs, and Adam Read. Shannon emailed to announce that Kevin Hobbs agreed to accept the nomination for EC Secretary for 2021.
- 9) December 18, 2020 (N=1): Adam Read initially emailed that the NMGS ballot is ready to go on the NMGS website but was not sure about the deadline to vote. He mentioned that the membership has dropped this year so one strategy to get more votes is to send the ballot announcement to both current and recent members (current last year). Adam also pointed out that the ballot does have a field for nominating future officers for both EC and Foundation positions. Shannon suggested that we set the deadline for voting to either January 11, or January 13, 2021.
- 10) December 21–22, 2020: Bonnie Frey initially emailed to begin a discussion about whether holding the 2021 Fall Field Conference over September 15–18 is a realistic plan. If we move forward with the FFC, Bonnie expressed the need to begin discussing COVID ground rules and requirements for attendees (e.g., proof of vaccination, testing) and other possible changes in the field logistics associated with COVID (e.g., liability, use of vans, and other possible precautions). She proposed we make a FFC subcommittee to start discussing and deciding on these issues. Ginger Mclemore, Kate Zeigler, and Dan Cadol agreed to serve on the subcommittee and they plan to meet sometime in late December or early January (prior to the 2021 EC Q1 meeting).
- 11) December 23–24, 2020: Susan Lucas Kamat initially emailed that the NMGS Grants-in-Aid/research grant proposal portal will open on January 1, 2021. She noted that the Scholarship Committee (Susan with Gina Rone and Scott Baldrige) decided to propos no changes to the maximum award amounts for 2021. Adam Read will send out the application announcement in early January.
- 12) December 30–January 3, 2021: Shannon Williams initially forwarded an email to the EC from Michael Conway of the Arizona Geological Society (AZGS) asking whether NMGS membership might be interested in details on the AZGS joining a

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western regional carbon capture partnership (led by Brian Gootee). Shannon, Dan Koning, and Scott discussed the option of emailing this to NMGS membership or posting to the website rather than posting as “news” (and decided on the latter).

- 13) January 8, 2021: Adam Read emailed that we received 51 votes through the online ballot. Kevin Hobbs was elected and will join the EC as Secretary in January, 2021.