

New Mexico Geological Society, Inc.
Minutes – First Quarter 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

Date: January 17, 2014

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Mineral Museum, Socorro

Attending: Greg Mack, Virginia McLemore, Mary Dowse, David Ennis, Matt Heizler, Nelia Dunbar, Stacy Timmons, Adam Read, Dave Love

Open Meeting

- 1) Call to order, 3:06 PM, President Mack.
- 2) Outcome of elections – Dave Love reports 38 total votes – exhibit 1. Slate of officers approved. Motion to approve the membership report, Greg Mack, V. McLemore seconded. Approved.
- 3) Installation of officers. Officers installed by Virginia McLemore as such. Past President Greg Mack, President Virginia McLemore, Vice President Mary Dowse, Treasurer David Ennis, Secretary Matt Heizler.
- 4) Publications Report – Nelia Dunbar. Exhibits 2-5 provided as handouts. Publications sales have declined by about 30% from about \$27,000 in 2012 to \$20,000 in 2013. April Brunson will make an effort to distribute NMGS publications, especially along Route 66. Greg Mack offers to resurrect a draft on the Permian Basin as a geology publication for beginners as a possible new publication for NMGS. V. McLemore expressed concern that editors are not available for new publications. In this case G. Mack can do the editorial work. Additional news from N. Dunbar – Possibly scan and print out-of-print guidebooks and possibly sell as a CD and/or a PDF. Also, Gina D’Ambrosio has revamped the publications sales flyer. Committee expressed satisfaction with new design.
- 5) Webmaster report – A. Read. Online ballot was a functional success, however voting remains low. Online application for NMGS scholarships is now activated and report of the process from 1st year was favorable. Adam Read, Kate Zeigler and Mary Dowse will review the scholarship proposals. Webserver has been migrated to the Bureau site. Discussion of putting the NMGS Charter and Constitution on the webpage ensued and it was agreed to be a good idea as time permits. It was agreed to also post various lists such as past executive committee members, past Kottowski award winners and honorary members. It was generally recognized that lists should be kept to avoid confusion in the future and for overall better record keeping.
- 6) Agenda item 5.A. Stacy Timmons introduced UNM PhD. Student Magdalena Donahue. Magdalena presented a PowerPoint where she and NM Tech PhD student John Donahue are developing an App called “Fieldplay”. The App is designed along the lines of the NMGS road logs, but will replace the need to read a hardcopy while traveling. Magdalena proposed a pilot project to launch the App for Fall 2014 NMGS fieldtrip and requested NMGS financial support to develop the App. The audio road log was met with general enthusiasm and was taken up in closed session.
- 7) Agenda item 6. 2014 Fall Field Conference update - Stacy Timmons and Geoff Rawling (Geoff via phone). Exhibit 6 presented as tentative schedule for the conference. Details are

coming along, but several logistics remain somewhat up in the air. Discussion with G. Mack worked out some stop details and all expectations are that the 2014 FFC will be highly successful. Some concern that 16 papers are promised; however none are yet in hand.

- 8) Agenda item 7. 2015 Fall Field Conference. Greg Mack presented on behalf of Jennifer Lindline and Mike Petronis and present exhibit 7 for them. The planning is well along and a detailed provisional agenda was presented. No budget yet provided. V. McLemore again expressed concern about a guidebook editor. ACTION ITEM: G. Mack will e-mail Jennifer Lindline about the budget and will also seek to identify another editor. It was identified that guidelines for running the FFC be pulled together formally, and M. Dowse indicated that she had e-mailed a version of the guidelines to Jennifer.
- 9) Agenda item 8. Spring meeting, April 11. Nelia Dunbar reports that session is moving along on schedule and will be held at NMT Macey Center. She will soon e-mail members and get flyers to academic departments and to LANL. Abstract Deadline is March 20, 2014. Special session based on extensive oil and gas activity in the State and nationwide and also the recent importance of understanding fracking. Keynote will be given by Kate Giles of UTEP and will focus on Synergy of Academics and Industry. Lastly Nelia reported on an idea of April Brunson about preparing a volume of photographs of NMGS activities similar to what the fire academy does. This could be done on line or be printed on demand. Committee indecisive about the need of such a volume and wondered if an NMGS photographer would be a good idea.

Open session Adjourned at 4:44 PM