

New Mexico Geological Society, Inc.
Minutes – 2nd Quarter 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

Date: April 10, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Bureau conference room, Socorro

Attending: Virginia McLemore, Mary Dowse, David Ennis (via phone), Matt Heizler, Nelia Dunbar, Shari Kelley, Stacy Timmons, Mike Petronis, Jennifer Lindline, Shannon Miller.

Open Meeting

- 1) Call to order, 6:30 PM, President McLemore.
- 2) Agenda item 2. Publications Report – Nelia Dunbar/Shari Kelley. Exhibit 1 – Sales report provided as a handout. Nelia presented publication highlights that are listed on exhibit 1. Sales 1/1/14-3/31/14 is \$5981 and running 5% lower than same time previous year. Barry Kues' publication on "A Brief History of Geological Studies in New Mexico, with Biographical Profiles of Notable New Mexico Geologists" continues to be delayed and will not be ready for NMGS Spring meeting. Editor Virgil Lueth reported via e-mail that it should be ready May or June 2014 and Nelia and Shari will follow up to see where Virgil is at. They may offer him help though Bridgette Felix-Kludt. Discussion of Greg Mack's Permian Geology of the SW for Beginners was again discussed and will likely move forward. Discussion of a new roadside geology pub with perhaps collaboration between the Bureau and NMGS. This could follow the model of the Parks and Monuments publication. ACTION ITEM: Ginger, Nelia, Shari will meet with Greer Price to discuss joint effort on this pub. Ginger reports "Mineral Resources" pub is moving along. Gretchen Hoffman has completed Coal. Industrial Minerals ready in a couple of weeks. Uranium is complete. Petroleum out for review. Geothermal remains a problem with evidently some troubles between Jim Witcher and Frazier Goff. If this is written, Stacy Timmons will edit this chapter. ACTION ITEM: Shari will meet with Jim Witcher to see if a resolution can be found. Everything to Stacy by July 1. Discussion of NMGS FFC guidebook papers ensued with main topic regarding whether or not authors should receive layout versions as PDF's. Currently authors do not receive the edited version to prevent dissemination. Also, it was suggested to not disseminate electron versions of mini-papers or road logs as it could impact sales. Following from 1st Quarter meeting, discussion of the App "Fieldplay" came up with the idea to restrict access, but perhaps provide a word document for FFC attendees to read. Dave Ennis thought the App could work with any future put of a roadside geology log. Evidently there have been requests for FFC road logs that are out of print. They are currently available on CD and the consensus was that the CD's should be made available for sale. Shari Kelley discussed a publication to coincide with the Cumbres & Toltec railroad trip. Shari has written a guidebook "Geology Train" for this already and suggested a joint pub between NMGS and Colorado. EC requested a copy to review. With new facilities at the Bureau it was suggested that April Brunson could print and bind the road logs. Also guidebook scanning and archiving is progressing. Lastly, discussion that instructions for FFC authors needs to be pulled together. Ginger has put something together that is geared to manuscripts, but not mini-papers. Stacy is putting together a set of guidelines for road logs. Stacy would like road logs to be constructed in Word rather than Excel, as it is easier to manage columns.

- 3) Agenda item 3. Guidebook issues: Stacy Timmons: Exhibit 2 was presented that is a spreadsheet budget for 2014 FFC. Based on a 150 total attendance, the projected cost per person is \$316.85. Last year 500 road logs were ordered and this requires large physical storage and Stacy suggested to print only 250. Shari suggests 300. It was decided to see how many have sold and based on this make a discussion in the near future. Cost of guidebook based on total printing cost divided by 2. Considering printing in full color and this was investigated for the Rt. 66 guidebook and the additional cost would have been \$3500-5000. This was deemed to be reasonable with thought it could help sales. Stacy will be rotating out as editor and Kate Zeigler has expressed interest in the editor position. Stacy could help with transition and Bridgette could continue doing the layout. Contacting Phil Miller to help with layout was also discussed.
- 4) Agenda item 4. NMGS special publications were discussed under agenda item 2.
- 5) Webmaster report – Adam Read presented his report via e-mail to the EC. It is provided as exhibit 3. Highlights. Minor problems with online abstract submission for spring meeting have been fixed and for next year a check box to track student presentations will be added. Abstracts are searchable back to 2012. Minor problems with online scholarship application are fixed. System is now automated to send e-mail award letters with cc'd to advisor. Mentorship funding requests has been clarified. Online application system allows the awards committee to meet remotely and is a great benefit of the system. Student memberships can now be tracked through the ability of students uploading a copy of their ID for verification. The SSL certificate will expire about April 2015. Adam and Greer agreed it would be simpler not to bill NMGS directly and this issue can be discussed in the future.
- 6) Agenda item 6. Spring meeting update (Nelia Dunbar). Sixty presentations are on the schedule and current registration is 164 with 61 students. Everything is a go for a successful conference.
- 7) Agenda item 7. 2014 Fall Field Conference update - Stacy Timmons. Several logistical items were discussed. Getting vendors paid will hopefully be done more easily by having invoices sent to David for direct check payment and David will also be at the conference and hopefully make payments on the spot to various vendors. Two drink tickets will be provided and the vendor will collect the tickets and then charge NMGS. The EC will discuss the FFC budget and set the rate in their June 2014 meeting.
- 8) Agenda item 8. 2015 Fall Field Conference. Jennifer Lindline, Mike Petronis. Jennifer gave and overview. Exhibit 4. Day 1 Las Vegas Mts., Day 2 Great Plains, Day 3 Water Management issues. Kate Ziegler is road log chair and wants information soon. Within the next two weeks the 4 co-leaders will do a run through of the route. Mike and Jennifer have requested teaching release time from Highlands. ACTION ITEM: Ginger and perhaps Greer can write a letter to help them obtain release time to plan and run the FFC. Other info. Plaza Hotel booked with blocked out rooms. Lunches taken care of. Barbeque will be either Cowgirl or Whole hog. Stacy will edit FFC 2015 unless someone else requests it. Discussion of splitting the flagging duties because students often miss parts of the outcrop presentations. ACTION ITEM: Ginger and Mike will write guidelines for the flaggers and Mike requested more radios.
- 9) Agenda item 9. 2016 Fall Field Conference. Shannon Williams. Exhibits 5&6. Other trip leaders are Bonnie Frey and Phil Miller. Belen Holiday Inn will be conference hotel. The Ice Breaker will be held at the Harvey House. There are some concerns about road conditions for Carrizo Canyon and Shannon will look to see if the county can improve them. It was suggested that Shannon attend the Business Meeting to announce the FFC 2016.

Open session adjourned at 8:27 PM