

NEW MEXICO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES FROM THE FIRST-QUARTER 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 13, 2017

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Room 256, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, Socorro, NM

Attending: Bonnie Frey, Virginia McLemore, David Love, and Mary Dowse during the open meeting.
Executive Committee Members present: Shannon Williams, Daniel Koning, Susan Lucas-Kamat, Matt Heizler, and David Ennis.

Open Meeting

1. Meeting called to order 1:58pm by David Ennis
2. Outcome of elections
66 votes via email; 6 mail votes; a few people didn't vote for one person or another; there were suggestions for future officers – Matt has that email, some people include Alex Reinheart and Stacey Timmons

Dave Love left at 2pm

3. Installation of officers by David Ennis.
2017 NMGS Executive Committee is now:
David Ennis, Past President
Matt Heizler, President
Susan Lucas-Kamat, Vice President
Daniel Koning, Treasurer
Shannon Williams, Secretary
4. Webmaster's Report
Adam Read not able to make the meeting, Matt Heizler reported for Adam. Adam sent the report via email. There are no significant changes to report, Adam made some small tweaks to the website and reports being open to requests to change the website.
5. AAPG Delegate by Mary Dowse
Mary reports there is some income associated with our partnership with AAPG. NMGS is entitled to ¼ page ad in their newsletter called Explorer, though usually this ad space has been donated to the Rocky Mountain AAPG Section.

Mary will no longer serve as the AAPG Delegate. David motions to nominate Jolante VanWijk as the new delegate, Susan seconds; the motion passes.

Dan suggests looking at using the ¼ page ad, Ginger volunteers to help Dan look into that.

Dan asks Mary, "What do you do?" Mary explains the house is the governing body for AAPG and the NMGS AAPG Delegate serves as a member of the house. Mary served 9 years, Ron Broadhead served 18 years before that. Jolante van Wijk (of NM Tech Earth and Env Science Dep) is our present delegate.

6. 2016 Fall Field Conference wrap up by Shannon Williams

The final budget was presented.

Lessons learned – budget for 125 and watch deadlines

7. Publications Committee presented by Matt Heizler

A new potential chair was suggested, Andy Jochems (Bureau employee in Albuquerque) but said he wanted more info before committing. Ginger will continue to serve on the committee and can provide guidance. Geoff Rawling also offered if no one else would. Matt mentioned he likes having new young folks in the society and getting involved.

Ginger reports the price list is being evaluated and worked on with Gina and will be ready next week. Matt questions, “Why do we still print and mail?” Ginger and Mary both discussed value of still printing and mailing.

Newsletter is typically sent by email and need contents from us. Officially, it comes from the president with information about the Spring Meeting and Fall Field Conference. Usually, the Newsletter is issued around Christmas; currently it is a month late. Ginger suggests this be the first thing the new publications chair do and will be emailed to members when ready. David commits to writing the President’s blurb and will announce the honorary member. There should also be a blurb from the treasurer saying we’re solvent. There is a suggestion to have a blurb about scholarships explaining that students who have received a scholarship in the past will not be eligible to receive another scholarship, since the budget is tight. Mary expresses her desire to see students who got scholarships present their work at the Spring Meeting. Someone suggests Connie send out an email to these students for requesting abstracts. Matt commits to following up with Connie to get the email out.

Ginger reports that she has not heard from Greg Mack about his Permian book at all. Now that Nelia is director, hopefully the Bureau and Society can collaborate more readily on publications. Dave McGraw and Ginger are looking at doing a scenic trip on Lake Valley Parkway. Those kinds of publications are already being worked on by Bureau staff and should be considered by the Society as a collaborative effort. Virgil is still working on his minerals of NM book. There are no new publications immediately on the horizon and someone suggests starting a conversation with the Bureau and new director to bring back the publication efforts.

Ginger’s economic geology memoir is done, though there is still work being done on covers and final editing. The current timeline is for the publication to be out before summer (optimistically). The current estimate is \$30k for publishing of 800-1000 sets of books. The bid process will take about a month because they need 3 bids. Ginger suggests renegotiating the current 90% Bureau / 10% Society profit deal, especially since the Society has already paid \$10k in editing on this book. The current format is still intending to have 6 volumes in a box set.

Matt notes Berry Kues donated \$1k to support NMGS publications – Matt commits to writing a formal thank you.

Matt provides statistics on sales. NMGS publications are now sold on Amazon. Sales have decreased steadily. The problem is that we are giving away the publications online as e-content. The Publications Committee needs to look into recommendations. In the past, April has made sales calls to local book stores; no one is sure if she did that last year under the previous director.

As a reminder, the Publications Committee is Virginia McLemore, Kirt Kempter, Berry Kues, April Brunson, Steve Simpson (in NMT Technical Communications department), Greer Price, and Adam Read. Ginger suggests finding a co-chair; Ginger suggests either Geoff or herself. It is noted that a lot of Bureau support does go into the publications.

Dan suggests looking more into apps.

Bonnie suggests consulting Nancy Hoffman, a scientific editor, regarding potential editors for the future (either Nancy herself or someone in her professional circle). She's concerned about who will edit Bonnie and Kate's future guidebooks. Mary knows a professional editor in Silver City who might be interested - Mary Alice Murphy. Someone asks about the process for getting a new managing editor and someone explains that the Chair of Publications Committee recommends a person to the EC and then the EC decides on editor. Matt suggests looking into the Bureau as the main publications producer. It is suggested that a new publications chair needs to create a pool of vetted editors. Mary suggests putting a call out in the newsletter.

End of discussion. Action items for Matt: Discuss potential future editing with the Bureau and talk to the future Publications Committee Chair about beginning to find someone else for the Managing Editor position and begin by talking to Mary (Mary's contact) or Nancy (Bonnie's contact).

8. Future Fall Field Conferences

- a. 2017 in Ouray – Matt reports they are making good progress and trying their best to provide one Road Log to Dana by February 1. Matt will look at costing for more color photos especially for the pre-trip walking tour.

Mary left at 2:55pm

Ginger requested confirmation of doing the drink truck. Matt continued reporting that logistics are good, hotel is booked, venues are set, and they are still working on some catering. He also mentions they will push authors to follow guidelines.

- b. 2018 in Las Cruces – No one reports hearing any news on the 2018 FFC from Frank or Greg. Matt mentions he has received samples from Frank for dating, presuming the data is intended for the guidebook. Dan mentions he knows Brian Hampton and that he's been responsive in the past. The sentiment is that someone from the 2018 FFC Committee needs to be at the next EC meeting. Susan commits to reach out to Frank and Dan commits to reach out to Brian to see if one or both can come to the next EC meeting.

- c. 2019 in Raton – No official news, but the EC expresses no worries since Kate Zeigler is one of the primary organizers.
- d. 2020 proposal – Bonnie
The proposal is to have the 2020 FFC around the Mt. Taylor area. Intended leaders are: Bonnie Frey, Shari Kelley, Fraser Goff, Ginger McLemore, and Kate Zeigler. Potential schedule: Day 1 – Bill Chavez, Kate Zeigler, and Ginger McLemore to author road log NNW of Mt. Taylor (Ambrosia Lake, maybe Roca Honda); Day 2 – North of Mt. Taylor in National Forest; Day 3 – Uranium with Bonnie’s EPSCoR work.

The EC will vote on the proposal in the closed meeting.

9. 2017 Spring Meeting

The Call for Abstracts is online. The format of the meeting will be slightly different this year. Vendors will be invited and vendors will be mixed with posters to maximize traffic. Suggest charging \$50 for vendors, which will include 1 registration. The idea is to draw industry representatives this year and then potentially increase the cost next year if this year is successful. There will also be an industry/student mixer Friday night. The mixer will be free but they will be asking for donations.

David motions to close the open meeting, Shannon seconds; motion passes at 3:16pm.