

NMGS
1st QUARTER 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Jan. 12, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Bureau of Geology, Room 256, Socorro, NM

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to order (Heizler)

Matt opens the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Attendees: Matt Heizler, Susan LucasKamat, Dan Koning, Shannon Williams, Dan Cadol, Andy Jochems, Dave Love, Matt Zimmerer, Stacy Timmons

2. Outcome of election results (Love)

Dave Love presents election results (43 votes, all online)

3. Installation of Officers (Heizler)

Installation of officers: Past President Matt Heizler, President Susan LucasKamat, Vice President Dan Koning, Treasurer Shannon Williams, Secretary Dan Cadol.

Matt passes the gavel to Susan.

4. Fall Field Conference reports:

2017 Ouray (Heizler)- Profit: \$13,104. Foundation supported scholarship. Members handled the \$350 registration fee.

2018 Las Cruces (Susan reporting for Frank Ramos)- Expecting \$350 registration fee. 125 person hard cap on registration due to limits at some field sites. No need for flaggers; NMSU scholarship students will do that (no many required).

2019 Raton (Zimmerer)- Matt Z reports on field reconnaissance. Presents draft field schedule. Access depends on private property access, thus the trip may require bus transport to minimize impact. Tentatively planning for Oct 3-5th (GSA is in Phoenix in mid September that year). Some discussion of sites and outcrops. Looking like lots of driving on Day 1 (ideally bus that day) with BBQ half way back to Raton. Discussion of Vermejo Park as a possibility for optional 3rd day field trip.

2020 Mt Taylor (Matt H reporting for Bonnie Frey)- Presents the initial scouting report.

5. 2018 Spring Meeting Report (S. Timmons)

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13th. Abstracts acceptance will close March 30th. Registration starts February 5th. The plan (voted on last meeting) was to produce both paper and flash drive copies of abstracts this year, so attendees can experience both and develop a preference for the

future. Frank has supplied credit-card-sized flash drives. Stacy proposes, and the committee agrees, to have a check box on the registration form to allow registrants to forego the printed copy (default is to get both). Stacy will put together budget and estimate of registration cost. The committee will vote on registration cost via email by Jan 24th.

Plans discussed for a student-industry mixer luncheon (similar to the dinner last year, but during lunch). Dennis McQuillin is the conference key note speaker and prefers a morning, kickoff talk. Discussion of building in time for scholarship announcements (~5 mins), Earth Science Achievement award, and business meeting (~5 mins). Discussion of some way to recognize John Hawley if he can attend.

6. Webmaster report (Lucas Kamat for Adam Read):

Susan, Dan K, and Adam will all send out a scholarship announcement email.

Moved (Dan K), seconded (Matt), and passed to post donor names, though not amounts, annually to the webpage, starting with 2017.

7. NMGS database support (Heizler):

The NMGS member database has in the past been maintained by Gretchen Hoffman (now retired). Matt is talking with Gretchen about possible help keeping it rolling. If it turns into a big job, it may require financial support for her.

8. Publications committee (Andy Jochems):

Greg's Permian book (Special Pub 14) is moving forward. Two science reviews are now back to the committee. Andy is investigating the potential for editing, drafting, and layout help from NMBGMR publications staff. Need to determine possible cost, and if we move in this direction to work it into any new MOU.

Discussion of FFC guidebook editing. Dana Ulmer-Scholle edited in 2017, and is willing to edit in 2018. Committee suggests alternating guidebook editors, to maintain redundancy of experience in case of a departure. Kate Zeigler is a possible person for this. Andy will reach out to her to discuss what it might entail.

Future publications:

Shari Kelley's book (Cumbres and Toltec) will be a Bureau publication, not NMGS.

Suggestion being considered: Map of NMGS field guides & road logs. Possibly as a downloadable kmz file. This would be a successor of an effort from the 1960s to compile and consolidate FFC guides.

Dan K proposed the idea of a Geology of Hot Springs publication.

Future vision: making topics accessible and of interest to a broader audience.

Discussion of whether publications, moving into the future, should be viewed as a money-making branch of the society or a service part of the society. On-demand printing brought up; Andy briefly explored this with April Brunson, and there may be some roadblocks. Discussion of the large backlog of guidebooks in storage. Suggestion to give some away in raffles, door prizes. Or give nearly complete sets to libraries/universities.

Open meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm

Next meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm, April 12, 2018 (the Thursday before the Spring Meeting)

SUMMARY

Motions:

1. Motion to post donor names, though not amounts, annually to the webpage, starting with 2017. (passed)

Notable decisions:

1. Stacy proposes, and the committee agrees, to have a check box on the Spring Meeting registration form to allow registrants to forego the printed copy of abstracts (default is to get printed & flash drive versions).
2. Elimination of the 1-time award limit for student grants-in-aid.
3. NMGS will sponsor a \$100 award for the state science fair.

Action items.

1. Spring Meeting budget and estimation of registration cost. (Stacy) The committee will vote on registration cost via email by Jan 24th.
2. Include a check box on the Spring Meeting registration form to allow registrants to forego the printed copy of abstracts. (Webmaster)
3. Post names of 2017 Society donors to website. (Webmaster)
4. Send out a scholarship announcement email, including information regarding the elimination of the 1-time award limit for students. (Susan, Dan K, and Adam)
5. Communicate with Gretchen about keeping the database functioning. (Matt)
6. Discussion with Kate Zeigler about possibility of editing guidebooks. (Andy)
7. Communicate Finance Committee responsibilities to Dave, and discuss. (Susan?)
8. Finalize Google Drive setup and share access. (Shannon)