

## 4th QUARTER 2019 NMGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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**DAY/DATE:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019

**TIME:** 9:40 AM

**PLACE:** Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, 6020 Academy Road NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM, 87109

### OPEN MEETING.

1. Called to order at 9:40 AM by Dan Koning, President.
2. Fall Field Conference (FFC) 2020 (Bonnie Frey by phone).
  - a. Preparations for Mt. Taylor trip are proceeding with only usual minor glitches.
  - b. Pretrip site visit may be scheduled to Mount Taylor mine or Blue Water mill site.
  - c. Day 1: Icebreaker planned at Grants Mining Museum. Day 2: Barbeque scheduled at Grants Golf Course. Day 3: Banquet scheduled for New Mexico State University campus, Grants.
  - d. Donations to be solicited to pay for entertainment (Adobe Brothers). Expected cost ~\$400.
3. 2019 Raton Field Conference update (Frank Ramos, NMSU by phone).
  - a. Frank is “on budget.” He expects ca. 125-130 participants.
  - b. All social events except the barbeque will be at the Herzstein Memorial Museum; the Barbeque will be at Folsom Museum. Cash bar will be open at Herzstein every evening until 10:00 PM.
  - c. Frank has been walking trails at Capulin Volcano to assess conditions. Trails are okay, but road to top of the cone is still closed.
  - d. Portapotty is scheduled to be delivered for barbeque (Folsom Museum) and for lunch on field trip of Day 2 (at Boyd’s Ranch). Cost is \$105/each location.
4. 2021 Socorro FFC (Dan Koning, NM Bureau of Geology).
  - a. Trip will be focused on the Socorro area, likely with a pre-meeting field trip to the Fra Cristobals Mountains (run in conjunction with Turner Expeditions).
5. 2022 FFC (Dan Koning).
  - a. Possible venue to be Deming. Jeff Amato may be a leader, but nothing is agreed to at present. Beyond Deming area there are possibilities to include locations in southeastern Arizona. It is too far out for further information at this time.
  - b. Shannon suggested that it might be time to return the FFC to the Albuquerque area.
6. Webmaster’s report (Adam Read).
  - a. Adam has resolved the problem of premature timing out; login time has been lengthened to one hour.
  - b. Most minutes of Executive Committee meetings have now been posted on the EC file-sharing web site except for a few. Scott Baldridge will send minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2019. Need Shannon to post the 2017 minutes.
  - c. Online registration for FFC worked well. Online scholarship application window for the Spring scholarships will open Jan. 1 and close on Feb. 21, 2020.

<p><u>In attendance:</u> Dan Koning Susan Lucas Kamat Shannon Williams Dan Cadol Scott Baldridge Frank Ramos (via phone) Bonnie Frey (via phone) Adam Read</p>
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- d. Improvements were made to file-sharing via the NMGS website. Authenticated users can upload files in bulk and via drag-and-drop interfaces.
  - e. The NMGS website has automated News, Events, and Announcements functions.
  - f. Adam is working to develop process for uploading completed manuscripts for future FFCs but is still undecided about best method. An example is [www.openjournalsystems.com](http://www.openjournalsystems.com), a useful open-source software package allowing users to post papers to a website and editors and reviewers to download/upload papers. In this software, we would use the monograph option. Dan Koning will talk to Dana Ulmer-Scholle about whether electronic may be a useful approach for submitting to Guidebook.
8. Publications (Dan Koning reporting).
- a. Dana Ulmer-Scholle agreed to continue as managing editor and to undertake both layout and copy editing.
  - b. Fliers promoting the New Mexico Geological Society are printed and ready for appropriate distribution. The printing cost was \$36/200 copies.
  - c. General discussion regarding the benefits of moving the annual publication sale from January, as has been traditional, to coincide with the annual spring meeting. Benefits seem to be increased sales. General consensus that the sale, if moved, should begin the day before the Spring Meeting.
  - d. Adam Read asked about two-year embargo on NMGS publications: If we shorten it (to one year?) would it increase sales? Dan Koning suggested asking the Publication committee for their opinion.
  - e. Adam Read asked whether we should consider doing away with printing the Guidebook altogether and just distribute electronic copies. Discussion ensued but no consensus reached. Dan Koning stated that this is something for the new Publications Chair to consider.
9. Discussion of the 2020 Spring Meeting: Dan reminded committee that the date of the Spring Meeting is still uncertain. Macey Conference Center available *all day* only on Friday, March 27, or Friday, May 1. Susan Lucas Kamat says that March 27 date does not give students' advisors much time to get letters of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee, but might still work if the application deadline were changed to March 13. Executive Committee (EC) members think that May 1 is too far beyond the traditional meeting date. Macey Center is available on Thursday, April 16, but the auditorium must be free for Jungle Book play setup by 3:00 PM. The foyer, Copper, and Galena rooms will continue to be available for NMGS use all afternoon. Dan K. will verify this. Note: The EC thought that we should be reserving the Macey Center two years in advance and Dan volunteered to do this. He would like to keep the meetings on Fridays if possible. Thus Friday, April 9, or Friday, April 16, 2021 may be possibilities.
10. Regarding the 2020 Spring Meeting: Susan Lucas Kamat pointed out that the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Utility Authority under Diane Agnew has the lead on developing a 100-year water plan. Thus, the subject of water would be a compelling theme for the Spring Meeting.

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**Motion:** Susan Lucas Kamat moved to approve Diane Agnew's proposal to focus on effective risk management (i. e., reliability, robustness, and resiliency) of water resources in New Mexico for the Spring 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Dan Cadol and unanimously approved by the EC.

11. Dan Koning summarized results of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) business meeting attended by Jolante van Wijk. First, the AAPG committee suggested that the NMGS host a section meeting in Albuquerque in 2025. It might involve some 200 participants. Second, funds from the AAPG are distributed in proportion to the number of people who belong to each section.

**Motion:** At 11:11 AM Shannon Williams moved to end the open meeting. Seconded by Dan Koning. Unanimously approved.