

1st QUARTER 2020 NMGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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DAY/DATE: Friday, January 10, 2020

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Room 256, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM, 87801

OPEN MEETING.

1. Called to order at 2:00 PM by Dan Koning, Outgoing President; additions to agenda – NMGS Scholarship Committee Report
2. Review of election results (Dan Koning and Dave Love)
3. Installation of officers (Dan Koning)
4. Fall Field Conference (Part 1/initial discussion)

a. 2021 Socorro (Dan Koning)

- Preparations are moving forward and road logs have been started; the need for added safety measures (e.g., traffic approval plan and/or working with NM Highway Patrol/State Police) was discussed for stops planned along I-25 corridor.
- The field schedule is taking shape with a possible pre-meeting trip to the Fra Cristobal Mtns; DAY 1 will likely include stops along the Quebradas Backcountry Byway and Bursum Springs area (e.g., Pennsylvanian bioherm, red-bed Cu mines, Terrace Newberry Gravel Pit); DAY 2 will likely include stops at La Gente Tuff and Bosque de Apache; DAY 3 will likely include stops near the Lemitar Mtns. and San Lorenzo Canyon (possibly working with Richard Chamberlin for some of these stops).

b. 2020 Mt. Taylor (Bonnie Frey and Shari Kelley)

- Bonnie and Shari confirmed that the FFC is on budget with road logs moving forward and some guidebook papers starting to arrive and others lined up.
- The Wednesday ice breaker will be held at the Grants Mining Museum with a venue expense of ~\$2000; a quote for tables, chairs, and lighting expenses is pending.
- All lunches will be catered by Tena Catering with an estimated expense of \$1560+tax/day (based on N=130 participants).
- The BBQ will be held at the city golf course and banquet in the NMSU Grants gym. The golf course will be reserved for both evenings in case that is required and they charge a \$40 fee per night and require that we use their full cash bar rather than bringing in our own alcohol. The banquet will be catered by WOW diner.
- The field schedule is nearly confirmed with a possible pre-meeting trip to the Bluewater Mill site and Mt. Taylor Mine (the group will be small; N=~25); DAY 1 will include stops along Haystack Road, at Poison Canyon, San Mateo Mesa, and Chavez Canyon; DAY 2 will take place primarily in Water Canyon area; DAY 3 will focus on uranium mine reclamation sites in and around the Laguna Pueblo (e.g., St. Anthony Mine-south pit, L-Bar Mill site, and the Jackpile Mine).

IN ATTENDANCE:

-Dan Koning
-Shannon Williams
-Dan Cadol
-Scott Baldrige
-Brian Hampton
-Bonnie Frey
(via phone)
-Dave Love
-Shari Kelley
-Adam Read
-Diane Agnew
-Susan Lucas Kamat
(via phone)

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- Van numbers and rentals still need to be worked out (Shannon Williams has a corporate account with Hertz that might be available); conveners are looking into having students from NMSU Grants help with flagging, etc.
- Conveners plan to use online abstract and paper submission for organizing/reviewing/managing drafts, etc.
- c. 2022 – Need to arrange and track down location/leaders/etc.
 - Possible venues discussed include the Deming region, parts of southeastern Arizona, or possibly the Albuquerque area.
- 5. Webmaster Report (Adam Read)
 - a. Adam has modified and updated the online scholarship application to accommodate the new Cearley Geochronology Award. It has been tested and seems to work well at present.
 - b. The online application window for all scholarship applications will be open from January 1, 2020 and will close on February 21, 2020. The 2020 committee consists of Susan Lucas Kamat, Dan Cadol, and Regina Rone.
 - c. Adam noted that despite several reminders to NMGS membership, only 64 votes were cast for the 2020 officer election. Despite the low voter turnout, the online ballot process worked as intended.
 - d. Adam has set the online system to accept NMGS Spring Meeting Abstracts from January 1, 2020 and will close on May 27, 2020. As abstracts are submitted, the technical chair will receive automated notification emails and it is likely best to accept and copyedit abstracts as they come in.
 - e. Adam has looked into open-source software to update and expedite the current Manuscript Management System for the Fall Field Conference; this is a direction we will likely be headed toward in the near future.
 - f. The Share-Drive is available for uploading NMGS minutes, etc.
- 6. 2020 Spring Meeting Report (Susan Lucas Kamat)
 - a. Susan mentioned that the Call-for-Abstracts will go out next week (i.e., third week of January); registration has been set at \$35(on time)/\$45 (late); there was discussion on raising the registration to \$50 for industry professionals per Connie Apache's request and all Executive Committee members were in agreement (**decision**); Susan mentioned that 2019 expenses are being used for the 2020 budget.
 - b. The Keynote Speaker will be Deb Green that will give a career-focused talk ("What is a geoscientist?") and will include a panel discussion followed by a student-focused luncheon.
 - c. Some discussion focused around whether meeting proceedings should be printed for everyone, by request, or put up on the NMGS webpage. The **decision** was made to not print abstracts but instead providing a link on the webpage where they can be found.
- 7. Publication Report (Dan Koning)
 - a. NMGS is in need of a new Publication Chair; NMGS member Dave Lemke has responded with interest and volunteered; committee members agreed that we should reach out to Dave and possibly invite to discuss at a future EC meeting.
 - b. Dan discuss moving toward using www.openjournalsystems.com for future FFC guidebooks as a way to update and expedite future guidebook logistics.

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8. Scholarship report (Susan Lukas Kamat)

- a. Susan reported that James and Susan Cearley have funded the new Cearley Geochronology Award for undergraduate and graduate students for the years 2020–2024; Their total pledge is \$5,000/year with a \$25,000 total amount; 2020 will be the first year the new award will be available for students.
- b. The 2020 Grants-In-Aid and Research Awards On-Line Application is updated and ready to receive submission from eligible students
- c. Susan reported that all university/college scholarship chairs/contacts have been contacted with information on the 2020 Grants-In-Aid Program.

Meeting closed at 3:18pm