#### 3rd OUARTER 2020 NMGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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**DAY/DATE:** Friday, July 2, 2020

**TIME: 2:00 PM** 

**PLACE:** Online Video Conference Call (via *Zoom*)

#### OPEN MEETING.

1. Called to order at 2:03 PM by Shannon Williams, President

#### 2. Fall Field Conference

- a. 2021 Mt. Taylor (Bonnie Frey and Shari Kelley)
  - Bonnie and Shari confirmed that conference will be postponed until 2021 and proposed that technical papers that have been submitted in 2020 go into a special online publication (i.e., "Special Publication"); Bonnie and Shari like the idea of road logs being published in the same year as the papers
  - The tentative plan is that the guidebook gets added to guidebook website in one PDF (i.e., published in 2020), then next year, when the
  - guidebook is published (with road logs) it will be a 2021 publication (i.e., "2 for the price of one"); it will be a free online special publication (Special Publication 13) that never gets printed; it will be publish this fall near/around the date that the field conference was originally planned to take place; additional papers will be welcomed (but not that many expected); the final, printed guidebook could look a little different than what will go online in the fall
  - The guidebook special publication will be posted this year with other special pubs with a note on the guidebook page about special pub/COVID-19 issue; next year, the guidebook will be posted on the standard guidebook website;
  - It will need to be determined if there will be additional costs and how they will be covered (e.g., Dana's stipend? possibly invoice 2/3 this year and 1/3 next year?; Adam's time allotment?); Dana's charge should just be extra page charges
- b. 2022 Socorro (Dan Koning)
  - Road logs are underway and moving forward; DAY 1 will take place in/around the Quebradas Backcountry; DAY 2 will likely be focused around San Marcial (rather than originally planned Bosque); DAY 3 will take place in/around the San Lorenzo area
  - Logistics for the trip are being arranged and moving forward (see minutes from the April 17, 2020, EC meeting for more detail)

## <u>IN (VIRTUAL)</u> ATTENDANCE:

- -Dan Koning
- -Shannon Williams
- -Dan Cadol
- -Scott Baldridge
- -Brian Hampton
- -Bonnie Frey
- -Lewis Land
- -David Lemke
- -Shari Kelley
- -Susan LucasKamat
- -Adam Read
- -Dana Ulmer-Scholle
- -Kate Ziegler

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- c. 2023 Carlsbad region (Lewis Land and Kate Ziegler)
  - Lewis Lamb discussed a preliminary three-day field plan that might work for the 2023 field conference; DAY 1 could include the regional geology and stratigraphy and take place in/around Dark Canyon and the road to Sitting Bull Falls; DAY 2 might include a focus on karst and the timing/history of karst development in the region; DAY 3 could focus on the regional hydrologic system and might include field time in the Roswell region (Bitter Lake Wildlife Preserve, Bottomless Lake State Park); pre-conference field trip could include a visit to Carlsbad Caverns and/or a hike up Guadalupe Peak
  - We will want to determine dates sooner rather than later in order to lock in a hotel contract (before oil prices go back up); the GSA Annual Meeting will take place over October 15-18, 2023; The first week of November might be ideal given that it is after GSA and the early fall heat won't be a factor

#### 3. Webmaster Report (Adam Read)

- The portal for submitting Spring Meeting abstracts is still open and N=21 have been received to date; the portal will remain open until 12/31/20 and will then roll-over into 2021; at some point we will need to change all 2020 dates to 2021 dates; at present, no abstracts have been formally accepted but could accept as early as January, 2021)
- Susan and Dianne will be in contact with abstract authors and let them know they can make changes to the abstracts if need be through late 2020; The plan is to roll everything over to 2021 from 2020
- Adam will begin working on getting the FFC Special Publication up on the website which should take few days to a week to complete/finalize

### 4. 2020 Membership Meeting (Shannon Williams)

- We are required to have an annual meeting (bylaws) to give a "state of the society" summary address to the membership; this was originally going to happen at the spring meeting; it might be worth trying to schedule for the same time as when the 2020 FFC was originally scheduled (September 24, 2020 Thursday at 4pm) and plan on publishing the guidebook special publication the week prior
- Shannon would plan to give a 10-15 minute summary of the society including scholarship winners and a summary from the Foundation); Phoebe Saweena (professional engineer and member of the state COVID-19 team) could be available to give a 20 keynote address
- Possibly (online) avenues for the meeting might include using Microsoft Screen or WEB-EX (140+ people) or a WEB-CAST version of ZOOM

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### 5. 2021 Spring Meeting Report (Susan Lucas Kamat)

- The Macy Center is now reserved and everything will be rolled to 2021; Susan and Dianne are working to figure out how best to host the meeting virtually; some ideas might include hosting a webpage with PDF of all posters and have people film their talks or have a YouTube Channel with time set aside for questions; WEB-EX is likely the best option for interacting with presenters (e.g., Q&A in a chat format led by a convener)

## 6. Scholarship Committee Report (Susan Lukas Kamat)

- Awards granted this year totaled \$33,200.83 and announcements were sent to awardees in late April/early May; The Wellnitz will be awarded despite not meeting for the Fall Field Conference this year; there will be \$1400 that will be rolled over until next year (Dan will communicate to the Foundation that we did not use all of the budget this year); the Cearley Geochronology was completed awarded during this application round
- Susan conducted an audit for schools that meet major requirements for awards and added SIPI and Navajo Tech to the list
- Susan will email Adam about glitches some have encountered on the awards webpage

### 7. Publication Committee Report (Dan Lemke)

- Publication sales have been down (as expected) this year with total sales coming in around ~\$5400 (much of which took place when the bookstore was open in January and February); It will likely be a bad year for sales given that the bookstore is closed and there will be no sales from the spring meeting or FFC (i.e., the sooner the bookstore is open, the sooner sales will likely start heading up)
- David discussed possibly moving Greg Mack's Permian-themed book to publication; we would need to find an editor for the volume and get in contact with Greg about any progress he has made on original comments from reviewers
- David has been data mining sales info for the last decade to provide a broader context on publication sales; there has been a recent uptick in sales of 2006 Carlsbad guidebook
- Ideas for publications for general public were discussed (e.g., simplified electronic road logs with lots of photos, few words, etc. aimed at a general audience might be of appeal; other included geology-themed hiking guides, audio road logs, and phone apps
- The EBSCO embargo is now lifted

Meeting closed at 3:41pm (<u>Motion</u> to adjourn from Shannon; seconded by Scott) Break

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