

Meeting minutes 12/08/03, UW-Madison, Weeks Hall, Cline Lounge

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, as scheduled.

Those who were in attendance:

1. Kuwanna Dyer
2. Chris Gordon
3. Marwan Wartes
4. Skylar Primm
5. Steve Beyer
6. Colin Walling
7. Leo Piccoli
8. Liz Leslie
9. Essam Sharaf
10. Amy Garbowicz\*
11. Tim Oleson\*
12. Tina Johnson\*
13. Simon Masters\*
14. Brad Sleeth\*
15. Erik Hoffman\*
16. Alan Kobussen\*
17. Preeya Jirutthitjaroen\*
18. Stuart Schmitt\*
19. Erik Olson\*

\*denotes new member as of today's meeting.

The advisor, Alan Carroll, was absent due to his attendance of the AGU Conference.

Attendees were welcomed and the executive committee was introduced.

Items discussed during the meeting:

1. what AAPG is
2. MBGS as society sponsor
3. requirements for joining student chapter
4. benefits of joining both AAPG and student chapter
5. chapter website
6. chapter email address (officer email addresses to be used)
7. attendance of next national conference (presenters, funding logistics)
8. books we have and what books we might ask for from the gift fund next September
9. inviting guest speakers (AAPG lecturers already come here, but we should also get speakers from MBGS, as well as local geologists, to come and give a talk)

10. community outreach ideas (science fair judging might be a possibility)
11. field trip in the next year (perhaps in the Fall when next year's new grad students are in-house)
12. acquisition of funds and fundraising ideas (t-shirts, stickers, oil company donations, auction/raffle tickets for unwanted holiday gifts—proceeds to benefit chapter)
13. appointment of committee heads
14. announcement of next meeting time (January 26, 2004 @ 1:00 pm in the Cline Lounge)
15. how to join for those who were interested in joining (applications distributed to new members)

Executive Committee:

Past president: ---  
President: Kuwana Dyer  
Vice president: Chris Gordon  
Secretary: Marwan Wartes  
Treasurer: Skylar Primm  
Faculty sponsor: Alan Carroll

Committee heads:

Program/Publicity: Erik Hoffman  
Field Trip: Liz Leslie  
Membership: Brad Sleeth

One of our main goals:

I am very excited at the idea of as many of us attending the next national conference as possible. However, being that we are a new chapter, at the present we have no funds, though I am working diligently to change that. At least half our numbers have expressed interest in attending the conference, but the fact of the matter is that graduate students just don't have a whole lot of money! It does appear that, unfortunately, no one will be presenting this year. With these facts in mind, one of my main goals is to acquire funds, via fundraising and donations from oil companies, to assist in travel costs for chapter members who would like to attend. I feel that the attendance of such conferences can potentially lead to valuable career contacts, as well as the attainment of valuable knowledge through the attendance of talks, short courses, and poster sessions. If at all possible, I would also like chapter attendees to work at the General Store as a means of raising more funds for the chapter.

Our goals for the next year:

1. acquiring funds and sending as many chapter members to the national conference as possible
2. website construction

3. community outreach
4. field trip
5. continue to recruit new members, also targeting prospective students during the application process

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Meeting minutes taken by: Kuwanna Dyer