



MINUTES OF Informal MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 2011

An informal meeting began at 6.05 p.m. with the President Christopher Parrish in the chair.

Present: Christopher Parrish (President), John Manzer (Vice-President), Barbara Eckstein (National Director) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer).

Noting that we did not have a quorum the board members decided to review the substantive issues on the agenda noting that items requiring formal approval of the board would be submitted to the full board for electronic vote as required.

The following Agenda was adopted:

1. President's Report
2. Status of HQ formal requirement that each year's lapsed members be contacted
3. Region Support of social or other event at Pecora
4. This year's Region elections
5. Annual Meeting and Dinner
6. GeoTech wrap-up

Agenda item 1: President's Report.

Chris reported that the email vote by the Board in favor of funding a request by the GMU ASPRS Chapter and Forum had been communicated to the Chapter President (Katarina Doctor) and that Allan would liaise with them to provide the funds (a total of \$443.60)

Agenda item 2: Status of HQ formal requirement that each year's lapsed members be contacted.

Josh Sisskind has reported to Chris that he intends to use a Survey Monkey follow-up to the initial contact with lapsed members and this should complete the requirement. Discussion of the costs of this and the possibility that HQ has an open contract that we can use will be referred to Josh. The alternative is to mail a post-card to all members whose subscription has lapsed this year. It was agreed that Barbara would reconfirm the process at the National Board Meeting (at the Pecora Conference). John noted that we could cross-check membership by using the Geotech 2011 mailing and retrieving the "RTS" mail received at HQ. That should assist with the definition of correct mailing addresses, including addresses for lapsed members.

Agenda item 3: Region Support of social or other event at Pecora.

There was general agreement that the Region was willing to sponsor an event at the Pecora Symposium in November and Chris agreed to follow up with HQ to determine what would be appropriate and the likely costs.

Agenda item 4: This year's Region elections.

Election time is here again! Members are invited to solicit nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and for one at large member of the PR Region Board. We are encouraged by our constitution to have at least two nominations for each vacancy.

Agenda item 5: Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Chris reported that Pete Doucette and Michelle had offered to organize our annual dinner, members welcomed this offer.

Agenda item 6: GeoTech wrap-up.

There were minor issues concerning reimbursement of registration fees for individuals who had to cancel because of sickness or other extenuating circumstances and these were resolved. John Manzer reported that we had 123 attendees and that he is preparing a full report and account for GeoTech 2011. John has received feedback forms and he will summarize these in his report. Also he will have photographs for our annual report for Chris. The meeting was unanimous in its appreciation of John's management of the meeting and expressed the Region's thanks to him. The meeting also expressed its thanks to Yogen Singh for his hard work in organizing the fifteenth anniversary celebration that honored those who originated GeoTech and have served to sustain it. The Region appreciates Yogen's initiative and is pleased with the successful outcome.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.