

## Final Minutes

### Board Meeting of the Geological Society of Minnesota, Aug 18, 2022

A. Opening and Welcome: The meeting was held at The Minnesota Geological Survey at 7:00 p.m. Frank Janezich acted as Secretary.

Moved by Roxy (Knuttila) Janezich and Seconded by John Westgaard that the meeting be started. Approved: Unanimous Meeting started at 7:00 PM

1. Minutes for the May 19, 2022, Board meeting were approved.
2. Review and agree on the agenda for the Aug 18 meeting  
The agenda was agreed to.
3. Future Board Meetings:  
Date tentatively set for November 10, 2022 (**Revised to Nov 17, 2022** by Roger Benepe on November 4)
4. Board Status – Info only

Current Board membership  
with year of first election, and remaining consecutive eligibility:

Roger Benepe 2022-2025  
Deborah Naffziger 2022-2025  
Pete Hesse 2021-2024  
Nancy Jannik 2021-2024  
Patrick Pfundstein 2020-2023  
John Westgaard 2020-2023  
Wolf Bielefeld 2019-2022  
Roxy (Knuttila) Janezich 2019-2022  
Frank Janezich 2019-2022

NOTE that current board members Wolf Bielefeld, Roxy (Knuttila) Janezich and Frank Janezich will be completing their terms of office on December 31, 2022. Three replacements need to be decided by August 18, 2022.

Two nominees were named:

Kate Clover  
Steve Willging (prelim)

Roger Benepe will “get the word out” that we need several more nominees for the board.

Current Officers:

President – Roger Benepe  
Vice President – Patrick Pfundstein  
Treasurer – Nancy Jannik  
Secretary – Vacant

Board membership for 2022.

- First term for Roger and Deborah end December 31, 2023. FYI: Board members serve for one two-year term and are eligible for reelection to one more term.
- First term for Pete and Nancy end December 31, 2022.
- Roger, Deborah, Nancy, Peter, are eligible for reelection to one more term.
- Due to term limits, Patrick and John are leaving the Board on December 31, 2023.

Board members present:

Roger B, presiding; Patrick P, Deborah N. Nancy J (phone), Roxy J, Frank J, John Westgaard, Wolf Bielefeld (phone)

Non-Board members present: Steve Erickson, Kate Clover, Alan Smith

B. Agenda Items for review and/or consideration by the Board:

1. **Treasurers report** Nancy Jannik.

Nancy had previously submitted financial reports .

Discussion on "Income Tracking FY 2022 report" : Nancy shared Income Tracking through 7/31/2022. Not included on this report is income of \$3,000 for membership dues which Joanie Furlong deposited on August 18, 2022 (the day of this board meeting).

"Expense Tracking FY 2022":

Nancy Shared Expense Tracking through 7/31/2022. Included in the report is an expense of \$1,100 in the month ending 5/31 which Patrick paid for State Fair booth rental.

Steve questioned an expense for \$285 in the month ending 7/31 for Lecture/Lab honorarium. Nancy verified this expenditure was for the GSM Morton field trip.

"Cash Balances FY2022 report" :

Nancy shared Cash Balances through 7/31/2022. No discussion.

2. **GSM Website** Alan Smith

Alan displayed the new GSM website based on Wordpress. It is a "work in progress". When completed, it will be more user friendly. He has the calendar partially populated; when completed, the site will display the next two meetings in the sidebar. Alan is continuing to make refinements.

3. **Lectures & Labs** Steve Erickson

Steve distributed a handout for the Fall 2022 GSM Lecture Series - through the December 12 Lecture "Hunting for Dinosaurs: The Search for Ancient Giants".

Lectures during Winter and Spring of 2023 will occur every other Monday from January 30 until May 8. Titles, presenters, and locations will be posted on the GSM website when they are determined. Partially arranged for February 18, 2023 at Macalester Lab.

Steve will speak with Harvey about feasibility of a connection at the U of MN for Zoom.

Steve will check with Justin R regarding obtaining an account at U of MN for our hybrid Zoom from the U of MN. We would like to add at least one Zoom lecture per quarter.

Classroom for GSM Lectures at the U of MN is still not assigned; we're hoping for 3210, as it is closest to the Metro Transit LRT and to the parking ramp.

September 19 lecture by Mark Jursa (hopefully at U Garden).

Discussion of hybrid talks in the Fall.

4. **Membership** Joanie Furlong

A few new members have signed up; total membership now ~ 130

GSM mailing list now has 220 names.

5. **Newsletter** Kate Clover

Next Newsletter date not set; desire November

Kate looking for an easier way to do newsletter; plans to contact Harvey and \_\_\_\_\_?

6. **State Fair** Patrick Pfundstein

Roger estimates that 2,000 copies of the GSM brochure should be sufficient.

7. **Geology Markers** Rebecca Galkiewicz Geology Marker report was issued. Becky has redone the text for the poster and brochure to make it easier to locate the markers; she is going through the markers page to eliminate errors.

Becky reported of a new resource person (with geography background) regarding markers and marker location. Becky will invite her to the Fall meeting.

8. **Conferences & Resources** Dave Wilhelm

- Dave W, Theresa, and Mark Ryan continue to post lecture announcements, lecture recordings, and geologically related items on [GSM's Facebook page](#).

9. **Field Trips/ trip ideas** Dave Wilhelm / Joe Newberg / Nancy Jannik

- September 9 Mississippi River - Nature Center
- Nancy suggests a trip to Southeastern MN - Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park
- Contact Tony Runkel

- Minnesota's Most Notorious - Podcast on Greg Brick

10. **Zoom Socials** Randy Strobel / Dave Wilhelm

-Dave W continues to host Monday evenings at 7 PM on non-lecture nights. A core of about 12 people attend.

11. **Video Library** Dave Wilhelm

12. **GSM Marker Project** Becky Galkiewicz

Patrick updated us regarding the Minnehaha Marker Project - see #19

13. **GSM Scholarships & grants** Dave Wilhelm

ILSG student travel award.

14. **Rock Hammer awards** Theresa Tweet

Dave to refresh board with list of recipients.

Roger will check with Theresa; ~ 2 yrs since last award

15. **Ask GSM activity** Theresa Tweet

Used mostly for non-member to obtain Zoom links ~ 5 or 6 for each lecture

16. **Student Outreach**

Joel Renner has resigned. We have placed this club function "on hold" for one year, but keep it on our planning horizon.

Try to recruit Macalester students; Steve Erickson will contact Jeff Thole.

Person from Carleton?

17. **GSM Operations Guide** Patrick Pfundstein

Ops Guide was updated last year. Now is completely digital.

Patrick says the State Fair section of the Guide needs extensive revision.

No progress this Summer.

18. **Geological materials** Dave Wilhelm

- Dave W continues to keep all the materials for building rock boxes in his garage. Theresa has indicated she might want to make some "modified" rock boxes.

- Dave W continues to keep materials donated by Judy Hamilton; no further activity. Inventory: two binders of field trip information (1989-2003), two binders of newsletters ('84-'13), a binder of State Fair information '97-'11, and GSM Directories '90 to '13.  
-Doug Z materials

No discussion of this topic at May 19 meeting.

#### **19. Minnehaha Marker**

I wish I had something better to report, but I haven't heard of any updates from MaryLynn Pulscher at the Park Board for quite a while.

GSM's work on this (or as much as we can do until there is a file to do final approval for) is done. The next step is the Park Board's to put the work we've done into their template, and standardize it with their brand (fonts, font sizes, unifying colors, etc).

I did drop a USB drive with all of the raw graphics files at the Park Board offices (Bryant and 38th St) in person possibly before the last board meeting, and haven't heard back. I'm assuming we are in some design queue, but don't really know.

I also offered to take a swing at building a publisher level file to start that ball rolling, letting the Park's designer just do final tweaking, and thereby lowering the bar for what they need to do... but I haven't heard back on that either.

And without information like what their brand standards are (not top secret stuff; the Historical Society used to post it on the website in the Press area), I can't really start that on my own.

I'll keep trying MaryLynn (I've been pretty dormant on that this summer) to see if we can roll this forward. At some point.

#### **20. Nominations for 3 new board members**

We had some discussion about how to recruit younger people to GSM.

- advertise?
- How can we connect with science teachers around town? Science teachers in general
- Minnesota Mineral Club - a sister organization
- American Institute of Professional Geologists - mid-day business meetings plus some social contact
- MMEW
- U of MN rock club
- St Cloud rock group
- Mesabi Range rock group
- Zoom board meetings for viewers outside the metro region
- Steve will ask other groups we Zoom with: How do you recruit members?

#### **21. Goals for the next few years**

- i. Install new big-picture marker at Minnehaha Falls during 2022.
- ii. Develop a plan and prioritize marker installation/repair for Minnesota's geological markers based on the recent marker survey.
- iii. Continue developing a GSM marker database and survey the markers in 2022.
- iv. Develop video recording

#### **Adjournment**

Deborah moved to adjourn the meeting; Roger seconded, vote was unanimous.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM