

# Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2022

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

**Attendees:** Pam Gore, John Salvino, John Clarke, Scott Harris, Bill Witherspoon, Ginnie Mauldin, Ben Bentkowski

**PG Workshops:** Discussion regarding possible “cram study session” in September featuring a variety of topics for the upcoming ASBOG exam in October. This is being developed by Steve Stokowski and Ben Black. This needs to be coordinated with PG workshop chair Ginny Mauldin. For future workshops, a schedule of topics to be presented will be developed based on the PG examination topics. Developing a secure library of videos showing past presentations will be worked on with access limited to current AGS members. Location of future in person PG workshops was discussed. Fernbank Science Center has new leadership who have restricted weekend and after-hours access to the facility. Possible alternative site would be the Ga Mineral Society lab in the Norcross area.

**Field trips:** Bill Witherspoon is working with Scott Harris to plan field trips. Not sure at this time if there will be a September trip.

**AGS incorporation:** Discussed whether AGS is incorporated and if it should become a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. We are registered with the State of Georgia as a “Domestic Profit Corporation.” Need to determine if this offers adequate liability protection for officers of the organization. Benefits and drawbacks for becoming a non-profit organization were discussed. *NOTE: this was also discussed at February 15, 2022 board meeting.*

**Earth Science Mini Grants** are being awarded in partnership with the Ga Mineral Society, who receives the applications. Application deadline is Sept 1. Plan is for GMS to work with AGS to review applications and decide who receives grants and for how much.

The **Nils Thompson Award** for the Georgia Science Fair was discussed. Scott Harris has contacted officials at UGA who are excited about our participation. The fair is held in April.

There is a **need for sponsors** for our monthly meetings. Discussed options for reaching out to membership such as newsletter, email, and social media advertisements, and a phone call campaign.

**Future AGS executive committee meetings** will be scheduled on a recurring basis on the third Monday of the month at 630pm. Goal will be to develop an agenda days before the meeting and attempt to keep meeting length at 1-1.5 hr.

The meeting was then adjourned.