

# Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2021

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

Attendees: Nils Thompson, Pam Gore, John Salvino, John Clarke, Abigail Knapp, Ben Bentkowski

President--Nils asks that officers and committee chairs cc him on all correspondences. Everyone needs to encourage participation from membership to serve on committees or as officers. The board will now meet 15-30 minutes prior to the start of each monthly meeting.

Discussed membership chair responsibilities. Current chair has been focusing on jobs and career networking. Need to focus on recruiting new members by outreach to other geoscience organizations, companies, academia. Needs to help track status of active members (have they paid their dues?)

Treasurer—Have \$3,866 in bank. Need to make donation to Fernbank Museum and Science Center. Will begin to make financial reports in the Newsletter (new members by member category, bank balance, names of new members). Discussed changing fiscal year to July to match when most dues are submitted (on hold). Also discussed possible assignment/use of a member number to help organization of databases. Consensus “no”.

Secretary—Minutes will be prepared for each board meeting, submitted for review and approval, and then posted on web site. Much discussion on how to document CE credits for workshops, lectures, and field trips. Decided to discontinue certificates and rather prepare attendance lists for each activity. List to include name, PG#, email, signature. The list will include details on the activity, date and number of hours. This will be put into a searchable database managed by the secretary. The originals shall be stored in the AGS dropbox. A standard template will be prepared so each chair—field trip, workshops, and meetings—can prepare a list to be provided to the secretary. Web page needs to be modified to eliminate certificates. NOTE: participants via zoom will need to send a private text to moderator/speaker in order to receive appropriate credit.

Vice President—Speakers lined up through February 2022. Need to find more speakers. Ideas: USGS, EPA, EPD, remote academia.

Monthly meetings—Schedule for year was developed. Meetings will be on the last Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and December. Annual social will be held in June. Student presentations at November meeting. We plan to have 1 meeting per year at Fernbank Science Center. Pam will discuss this with Scott Harris. Goal is August meeting. Discussed what to do if main auditorium not available at the museum: 1. Use conference room, 2. Go to Fernbank Science Center.

PG Workshops—meeting attendance has been low, which may discourage speakers from wanting to participate. Discussed ways to improve attendance. Discussion regarding offering classes without

requiring membership. It was decided to pursue more rigorous advertisement via social media will be attempted, including use of twitter. Abbie Knapp will contact Alex Ullrich, to discuss ways to improve outreach via social media.

Teacher grants—current application is too rigorous for such a small amount of award. Likely not worth the effort for teachers. Form group to explore changing application process/requirements and to reach out to schools and teacher organizations to publicize the program. Pam will contact others to explore options. Possible participants: Bill Witherspoon, Allison Keffer, Dan Bulger.