

Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2022

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

Attendees: Pamela Gore, Scott Harris, John Clarke, John Salvino (part time)

Technical difficulties and poor attendance: This board meeting was plagued with poor internet connection and issues with sound on John Salvino's computer. As a result, JS could only participate in part of the meeting. For much of the meeting, only JC and Pam were on the call, so no quorum was established. Need to find ways to improve attendance.

PG Workshops: No more workshops for 2022. We need a new PG Workshop coordinator. Possible individuals include Steve Stokowski who has shown interest in organizing and making presentations at these events, and student members who have a vested interest in organizing workshops to prepare for the exam.

Earth Science Mini Grants: We are still waiting for a response from Bill Waggener of the Ga Mineral Society (GMS) regarding concerns (1) that the GMS appropriately recognizes AGS on the website, application forms, and award notifications for the teacher grants, and (2) the grant needs to be named for individuals recognized by the two organizations, i.e., the "Pottinger-Camp" award. Pam Gore needs to follow up with Bill Waggener to make sure our concerns are addressed and to determine how much funding AGS will provide.

Copyright issue: The AGS responded to the 2 letters from Higbee & Associates (HA) that alleged misuse of copyrighted photographs in 2019. To date, we have not received a response from HA. John Clarke investigated liability insurance for officers of the AGS to cover copyright issues and field trips. Quoted annual premiums from two companies ranged from \$500-\$600.

AGS Election: Ralph Howard, Election Committee Chair wasn't on the call, but was contacted afterwards. Ralph plans to attend the November 29 meeting and administer in-person voting. He will announce winners at the meeting. Ralph reports there have been 37 votes cast as of November 21.

Speakers: Continued discussion of how to obtain speakers for our meetings. Discussed use of webcast presentations for speakers outside of metro Atlanta. Consensus was to limit the number of remote webcast presentations at our regular monthly meetings in a given year, with the majority of meetings being held in person to enable socializing and networking among attendees. Additional webcast presentations could be conducted at other times during the month based on the availability of presenter.

Facebook Page: discussed expanding administrative access to enable officers to post and update information.