

# Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*November 20, 2023*

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

Attendees: Pamela Gore, Scott Harris, John Clarke, John Salvino, Bill Waggener, Bill Witherspoon

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Bylaws:

- Due to poor attendance at the meeting, John Clarke made a motion to withdraw the proposed amendment to the association's bylaws dealing with voting procedures. The motion was carried on a vote of 5-0 with one abstention.
- The need for review of the entire bylaws was discussed. It was agreed that there would be a call for volunteers to serve on a working group to evaluate the bylaws and come up with any needed proposed amendments. This would include, but not be limited to: voting procedures, use of electronic media for voting, determination of which committees to retain or create, determination of which committee chairs should be designated in the bylaws as having board voting privileges, and evaluation of the past-president position, including term length.

Other Business

- Committee chairs will be contacted by Pam to determine their interest in continuing to serve in their position. The importance of attendance at quarterly board meetings will be emphasized.
- Membership chair Burton Dixon will be charged with contacting the ~75 members who have yet to renew/pay their dues for 2023. After this initiative, those who still haven't renewed, will be dropped from membership and mailing lists.
- The need for regularly scheduled board meetings was discussed. Plan to schedule all quarterly meetings for 2024 in January. President has option to schedule additional meetings as needed.
- Discussed PG workshops. Scott Harris will work with Ben Black to ensure sessions are regularly scheduled and cover pertinent topics for the ASBOG exam.

## **Attachment—Withdrawn Proposed revision to bylaws (new article addition)**

### **Article XI – Executive Committee Voting**

1. Each officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President) will have one vote. Other members of the Executive Committee shall be designated *ex officio* members, entitled to attend its meetings and participate in its discussions; he or she shall not, however, be entitled to vote on any issues.
2. Once quorum is established, all matters put to a vote will require the affirmative vote of a majority of officers voting on the matter, in the presence of a quorum, unless a greater majority is required by these Bylaws or the Articles. The participation of a majority of the officers, whether present in person or through a contemporaneous communications system, constitutes a quorum of the Executive Committee in order to conduct business.
3. The President may periodically call for a vote outside of regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings using contemporaneous communications systems such as email, zoom, or text.