

Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

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

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Approval of minutes for November 20, 2023 meeting was postponed because some members did not complete review of document. Approval will be completed via email. *Note, in subsequent email correspondence, the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.*

Meeting dates for coming year were set. These will be announced in newsletter and on website with the goal of improving attendance by committee members who are part of the committee. The following dates were set for executive committee meetings at 6pm via zoom:

- March 21 2024
- May 2, 2024
- August 15, 2024
- October 3, 2024
- January 16, 2025

Field Trip Chairman—Bill Witherspoon nominated Will Dunn of Jacobs Engineering to replace him as chair of the field trip committee. This was approved 6-0 by the board. Bill will continue to offer assistance to this committee.

Liability Insurance—Discussed need to have liability insurance to protect organization in case of mishaps during field trips. Bill Waggener described the insurance program that the Ga Mineral Society uses—The [Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#), Inc. offers an optional Liability Insurance Program to its member clubs covering field trips, shows, club meetings, etc. Cost is estimated to be \$500 or less per year. A motion to apply for membership into the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies and acquire liability insurance was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Bylaws Committee—To date, there are 3 members of the committee—Bill Waggener, Ralph Howard, and Jennifer Conklin. The committee is waiting for results of a poll of committee chairs before convening first meeting. Committee chairs will be contacted by President Pamela Gore to discuss duties and determine their interest in continuing to serve in their position.

Approved 4/21/24

Teacher Mini-Grants—Mini grants will be advertised at the upcoming Ga Science Teachers Association meeting in Columbus on February 22-23. The Ga Mineral Society (GMS), partners in the grant program, will organize a display to advertise and provide applications at the meeting. The AGS webpage will provide a link to the GMS webpage for information and application. Note: the GMS application and webpage need to be updated to reflect AGS cooperation in the award program.

Sponsors—Discussed importance of sponsors to maintain activities of organization. To date, only GeoLogic has renewed sponsorship for 2024. Need to contact current sponsors to remind them of renewal for 2024.

Participation in AIPG annual meeting—AGS participation in the upcoming Georgia Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) annual conference at Kennesaw State University (KSU) on February 8 & 9, 2024 was discussed. The AIPG will provide free registration to AGS members. To promote the AGS to a potential large pool of members, we will setup a display table at a cost of \$300. Motion to provide funding for this initiative was approved by a vote of 5-0. John Salvino is coordinating participation of our membership and the setup of the display table at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.