

Approved August 15,2024

Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

Attendees: Pamela Gore, John Clarke, John Salvino, Will Dunn, Allison Keefer, Ben Black

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes for March 21, 2024 meeting were approved by a vote of 4-0. Members who did not participate in that meeting did not vote.

Membership Survey—Final results were published in the April newsletter based on 58 responses. Contact information was updated and possible volunteers and sponsors were identified. Comments and recommendations were also provided regarding general operations and the organization's bylaws. Officers and committee chairs were provided the full survey results.

Membership Status—John Salvino reports we have 70+ paid members to date. Expect an increase at the annual BBQ social in June. Suggestion to offer complimentary newsletter subscription to selected geoscience faculty, with pitch to join AGS.

Sponsorship Status—GEI and Vulcan Materials will sponsor upcoming meetings. The City of Atlanta provided \$50 to help support the annual BBQ social. It was decided to keep prior year sponsors on the website and in newsletter for now in the hope they will renew sponsorship by the July social.

Annual BBQ Social—Discussed plans for social. Need to get an emcee or Master of Ceremonies, acquire prizes including AGS t-shirts, gift certificates, donated items, and company promotional items. GeoLogic will donate a new rock hammer. We will likely use Shane's Rib Shack as caterer.

Financial--Pamela asked about the status of the AGS Bank of America account. Treasurer John Salvino reported that the account is set up to have the Treasurer as the CFO and the President as the CEO. Signatures for both are to be on the BoA account. However, no changes were made when Pamela Gore assumed the AGS President's position, after Nils Thompson passed away on February 9, 2022. Since that time, Pamela was elected twice as Atlanta Geological Society President in 2022 and 2023, and currently serves as AGS's CEO. Bank of America records should be updated to add Pamela to the account. Pamela and John Savino will need to schedule a visit to a BoA branch to complete updated signature cards.

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Committee Reports—Pam Gore began contacting committee chairs to determine interest in continuing in their position and review chairman’s duties.

- **PG Workshops (Ben Black)**—workshops have been scheduled for remainder of the year. Ben has been working with Steve Stokowski to plan future sessions including possible new topics—economic geology and environmental geology. Ben is interested in doing in-person sessions, possibly in hybrid format. Possible locations for in-person sessions include the Ga Mineral Society’s facility, or GeoLogic’s offices. Discussed possible “cram” session covering all topics the month before the PG exam.
- **Field Trips (Will Dunn)**—Will has been meeting with Bill Witherspoon to plan sites for future field trips.
- **Employment (Allison Keefer)**—Would like to work with colleges and universities to provide information to geoscience students regarding employment opportunities and how to apply for jobs. Allison has agreed to serve as election committee chair this year.
- **Technical Presentations (Pam Gore)**—we need to schedule two more presentations this year. Suggestions for possible sessions include a panel discussion on employment opportunities in the geoscience field and a poster session featuring presentations from students at local colleges and universities.

Other: discussed need for wireless microphone to facilitate broadcast of technical presentations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.