

Approved October 14, 2024

Atlanta Geological Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024

Submitted by John Clarke, Secretary

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

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes for May 2, 2024 meeting were approved.

Membership Status—John Salvino reports we have 117 paid members to date. This includes 20 who renewed or joined at the annual BBQ event in June.

Annual BBQ Social was a big success, with what may have been the largest crowd ever to attend an AGS event (108). Poster sessions were a nice addition. Suggestion to possibly invite winners of the annual teacher mini-grants in addition to winners of the Thompson Science Fair Award.

Upcoming Speakers—

- **August:** Bill Witherspoon agreed to a last-minute request to fill in for Paulo Hidalgo, Ga State University who was to speak on Igneous and volcanic petrology. Bill's talk is titled, "Along the Divide – What Shapes Our Mountains"
- **September:** speaker not confirmed. Possibly Rob McDowell speaking on summer field trip to Scotland, Association of Engineering Geologists 2023 - 2024 Jahns Distinguished Lecturer Cynthia Palomares, or winners of the 2023-24 earth science mini grants.
- **October:** Tom Schmidt, presenting something about Earthquakes and AI.

2024 Elections—Discussed upcoming elections. Need Alison Keefer to begin looking for possible nominees which are due by October meeting. Discussed need for younger members to become involved in governance of the organization.

Memorial funds for recently passed AGS officers—discussed possibility of establishing fund to recognize recently passed members, Rob White and Ben Bentkowski. It was decided that since families had already designated charities suitable for donations, establishment of an AGS fund was unnecessary.

Bylaws Committee—No progress due to lack of input from committee chairs. John Clarke pointed out that meetings should be convened as there were other issues to be addressed, especially need to be sure that voting procedures are clearly defined in light of 21st century technology and the fact that our membership is now statewide.

Teacher Mini Grants—Deadline is September 1. Discussed need to advertise to teacher groups via social media (Scott Harris did this before the meeting was adjourned).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.