

Atlanta Geological Society

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

Submitted by: Jane Lomas, Secretary

Attendees: Scott Harris, John Salvino, John Clarke, Pam Gore, Jane Lomas, Ralph Howard

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes from October 14, 2024 meeting were approved.

Old Business: 2024 election results: Scott Harris is new president, Jane Lomas is secretary, John Salvino Treasurer.

Membership Status and Treasurer's Report – \$7,654.97 in bank account and have dues for some members for 2025. Grace period from Jan 1 to banquet, then we lean on them for payment. John Salvino has contacted suspended members to determine if they are interested in continuing to participate in AGS activities. A list of those suspended members who have moved on from AGS will be provided to John Clarke in February so that he can edit the newsletter distribution list accordingly.

BoA UPDATE: 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 Pamale Gore assumed the AGS President's position, after Nils Thompson passed away on February 9, 2022. Bank of America records should be updated to add our new President and CEO Scott Harris to the account. Scott and John Savino will need to schedule a visit to a BoA branch to complete updated signature cards.

AGS committees: Hospitality – John Salvino; Newsletter & Webmaster- John Clarke; PG Workshops – Ben Black; Social Media Committee-Alex Ulrich; Membership – Burton Dixon; Field Trips – Will Dunn; Outreach – Debbie Gordon; Technical Presentations – Pamela Gore; Teacher Grants – Bill Waggener; Employment Coordinator – Allison Keefer.

Old Business: Bylaws not being looked at committee and Jennifer Cochran volunteered to chair the committee. Board Agreed.

New business: Scott asked about liability insurance question for field trips. Pam suggested we ask GA mineral society about their coverage and if we can come under their umbrella. Pam G will look into and report back.

Scott wants to find out schedule for field trips from Bill and Will because people are interested.

Question about FB and website: Lots of general discussion re: Who is administrator, etc. who can post.

Website managed by John Clarke, go daddy, with Google drive on John's personal account. General discussion about FB and what the structure is, due to another account being hacked after a member of the group account was hacked and account was almost shut down.

Also discussed posting meetings on FB Live and they are saved on FB, not needing our storage. John asked about FB set up. Need to restrict access but would like some folks to be able to share like a newsletter or about the banquet. Ralph Howard came on and mentioned about how to set up to all different folks, have a group page that is public or private. SH will look into the different possibilities.

SH wants permission to give Nils Thompson Memorial award to GA State Science & Engineering fair winners. Senior winners \$100, Junior Division Winners \$50 NTE \$500 with invitation to join banquet and 2 yr membership to AGS. Board agreed.

New Business: SH discussed combining AGS and GGS (Georgia Geological Society). Formally make GGS a standing committee in AGS responsible for Annual Field Trip (a big one). JC has thought about doing this for years. AGS better organized, has act together. SH – GGS archival records like field guides that go back to 1960 would come with them if they combine with us. Wants us to consider this, how and what would we bring to membership?, etc. JC suggested getting opinions from old timers.

Upcoming Speakers –

January: Scott Harris

February: TBD

JC: mentioned Debbie Gordon getting involved in SM? Let Alex know he's off the hook and Debbie is the new one. Board agreed. SH to address.

Quarterly Meeting dates: April 22, Aug 19, Nov 18 at 6p. Agreed by board

Meeting adjourned at 7:33p