

**Buffalo Association
Of Professional Geologists, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 18 February 2004**

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT- Francine Cohen
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT- Stephanie Reynolds Smith
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT- John Kuhn
STUDENT VICE PRESIDENT- Eileen Ballersteen
SECRETARY- Mike Alfieri
TREASURER- Brian Cervi
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT- Lea Cervi
DIRECTORS- Christopher Boron, Jonathan Rizzo, and David Steiner

WEBMASTER- Patrick Concannon
MEMBER- Dennis Sutton

ABSENT:

DIRECTOR- Dino Zack
GEOGRAM EDITOR- Rick Watt

1705 CALL TO ORDER

January 2004 minutes accepted

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Current Member Tally/Renewals

Active 2003-	79	Associates 2003-	11	Student 2003-	6
2004-	51	2004-	8	2004-	15
2005-	3				

B. Vote on New Members

1. Matthew Becker, PhD- University of Buffalo- Accepted For Active Membership
2. Mr. David Walker- Student Alfred University- Accepted For Student Membership
3. Mr. Jason Kam- Student University of Buffalo- Accepted For Student Membership

C. 2004 Directory- Will wait until end of March 2004 before starting

- Advertiser information to be coordinated with Rick Watt
- Advertiser budget provided by Rick Watt

D. Corporate Membership-

- Will test corporate sponsorship of monthly diner meetings (opportunity to market);
- Sponsors will get five minutes before monthly presentation to discuss their company and will have a table in the back of the meeting room for literature;
- Cost for meeting sponsorship is \$100 per meeting to off-set Student dinner costs;
- Will mention in **GEOGRAM**;
- Rick Watt will add a box for corporate sponsorship per meeting to advertising options;
- Lea Cervi will head this initiative; and
- SLC Environmental will sponsor first meeting;

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

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A. Checking and Savings Balance

1. Checking Balance- \$4,988.87 (approximately \$2,000 from advertisements)
2. Savings Balance- \$2,751.68
3. Petty Cash- \$46
 - Brought January 2004 Budget to meeting
 - Lost \$121 last meeting, due to Student member dinners

3. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Upcoming Meetings and Speakers

1. February 2004- 40 people RSVP'ed for Bill Fredrick's presentation
2. March 2004- at Marinaccio's (formerly the Little White House) - will be charged for use of screen (\$30)- Matthew Dingens, DBI Remediation Products, LLC ("CAP18 from DBI: a new product for enhanced anaerobic bioremediation of chlorinated solvents, nitrate, perchlorate, and explosives")
3. April 2004- at Eddie Ryan's- speaker will need table for specimens- Dr. Richard Laub, Buffalo Museum of Science ("The Top Discoveries at the Hitchcock Site")
4. May 2004- at Eddie Ryan's- Dr. Jeffrey Over, SUNY Geneseo ("Conodonts in time and space: the form, function, and utility of an amazing microfossil")

B. Upcoming Meeting Venues

- Fall presentation venue- considering several locations for the Fall meetings in addition to the Four Points (usual Fall meeting venue)

4. ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Secretary will forward e-mail addresses to allow Associate VP to contact Associate Members

5. STUDENT VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Sent scholarship letter to SUNY Geneseo

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. 2005 Conference

- Ask membership for next symposium ideas for Spring 2005- put in the *GEOGRAM* or put something on the website
- Have a committee by March 2004
- Need a chairperson of the committee (Lea Cervi and Francine Cohen volunteered to be on the committee)

B. BAPG 20th Anniversary in 2005 Planning

- Will be separate from the symposium
- In Fall 2005
- Need ideas
- Dave Steiner will initiate the process

C. New Grant award (Student/University/Researcher)

- For one individual research project
- Will need to present
- Should be more competitive with applied criteria
- David Steiner will take lead in tweaking the mechanisms of the grant

Received letter from Buffalo Engineering in Minorities Association requesting donation-

- Will not donate at this time

7. TSC DELEGATE'S REPORT-

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- Do not have any new news to report on from the Student Involvement Committee front or from TSC
- The next TSC meeting is scheduled for March 15 (planning on attending)

8. GEOGRAM EDITOR'S REPORT

- A. Deadline for March *GEOGRAM*- articles needed by 28 February 2004
- B. TSC Meeting needs to be posted in March *GEOGRAM*
- C. New editor is still needed (volunteered?)

9. WEBMASTER'S REPORT

- A. January Statistics (1 January 2004 thru 31 January 2004)
 - For the month of January, bapg.org had:
 - 1) 456 unique visitors, with a total of 683 site visits.
 - 2) 2345 pages were viewed, with a hit total of 12160.
 - Most Popular (Content) Pages
 - 1) Calendar - 137 views
 - 2) January 2004 *GEOGRAM* (Members-only access) - 77 views
 - 3) January 2004 Meeting Information - 60 views
 - 4) BAPG Speakers - 56 views
 - 5) FUSRAP Abstract (Jan 2004) - 38
 - In February (thru 18 February 2004):
 - 1) The February 2004 *GEOGRAM* was viewed 61 times in the "members-only" area, and 17 times after release to the "*GEOGRAM*" section.
 - 2) Feb 2004 Meeting info has been viewed 24 times, and the Feb. abstract 16 times.
- B. Comments

BAPG.ORG Factoid: In March of 2002, Dr. Rick Batt of Buffalo St. gave a talk entitled "Eurypterids From The 'Buffalo Pool': An Examination of their Occurrence and an Exercise in Population Studies" to the BAPG. At that meeting, he brought a rather large contingent of students with him. They were required, if I recall, to use his talk in their study efforts. Well, guess what? Dr. Batt must be teaching the course again, as 42 visitors viewed the still-available abstract in the last month and a half on bapg.org.

10 OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Additional Website Advertising- Cost per Link, will be own entity not a sponsorship page

1800 ADJOURNMENT