

**Buffalo Association  
Of Professional Geologists, Inc.  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, 21 January 2004**

**PRESENT**

2004 Board 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  
**Directors:** Jonathan Rizzo, Dino Zack, Christopher Boron, and David Steiner  
**GEOGRAM Editor:** Rick Watt

**ABSENT**

**Past President:** Lea Cervi  
**Webmaster:** Pat Concannon

**1700 Call to Order**

Meeting minutes from December 2003 approved.

**1. Secretary's Report**

- A. Current Member Tally/Renewals  
As of 20 January 2004, nine renewals and two new member applications were received. Based on the Access database, the total member count is 168. Of which, 83 are Active 2003 (last renewals), 44 are Active 2004 (last renewals), 3 are Active 2005 (last renewals), 10 are Associate 2003 (last renewal), 8 are Associate 2004 (last renewal), 6 are Student 2003 (last renewals), and 14 are Student 2004 (last renewals). Two new member applications from Michelle Reay (Haley & Aldrich of New York) and Bill Marrow (Parratt Wolff, Inc.) were reviewed by the board.
- B. Vote on new members-  
Both new member applicants were unanimously approved and welcome letters were signed by the board.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Checking Balance-  
Checking Account- \$3,370.04
- B. Saving Balance  
CD- \$2,749.81
- C. Cash-  
Approximately \$43

The treasurer suggested moving \$1,000 from checking account to the saving account. Currently, the CD is earning approximately \$2 per month. The suggestion was approved by the President with no vote by the board. The treasurer will provide a printout of the budget at the next meeting.

**3. Executive Vice President's Report**

- A. Upcoming Meetings/Speakers

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A list of speakers provided to the board by the Executive VP. Spring 2004 BAPG speakers include: William Frederick, USACE on 18 February ("An Evaluation of Sand Lens Connectivity in a Glacial Till at the Niagara Falls Storage Site"), Matthew Dingens, DBI Remediation Products, LLC on 17 March ("CAP18 from DBI: a new product for enhanced anaerobic bioremediation of chlorinated solvents, nitrate, perchlorate, and explosives"), Dr. Richard Laub, Buffalo Museum of Science on 21 April ("The Top Discoveries at the Hitchcock Site"), and Dr. Jeffrey Over, SUNY Geneseo on 19 May ("Conodonts in time and space: the form, function, and utility of an amazing microfossil").

- B. Spring Meeting Venue  
Due to a fire on 20 January 2004 at Eddie Ryan's, a new meeting venue needs to be decided on. Based on the price per diner cost, Four Points is the forerunner of the location search. Trend in attendance was questioned on Eddie Ryan's versus other locations. Decided on Four Points for the February meeting.

**4. Associate Vice President's Report**

A list of associate members is to be e-mailed to the Associate VP from the Secretary

**5. Student Vice President's Report/ Student Involvement Committee**

- A. Award Letters and Awards  
Student awards given to University of Buffalo Undergraduate Geology Club and the Geneseo Geology Club.
- B. Presentations at BAPG Meeting  
Letters were signed by the board and the letter to UB was presented at the meeting. A request for presentations was added the Award Letters and will try to have the student presentations at the April meeting.

A schedule was requested to be forward to schools providing meeting information.

**6. President's Report**

- A. January Meeting Logistics-  
90 people including SAME/ASCE, 58 BAPG, and 7 non-members RSVP'ed for the meeting. This includes 29 active, 6 associates, 11 students, 2 speakers plus guests, 7 non-members. Dean Goodison (ASCE) will bring audio/video equipment.
- B. Start thinking about 2005 conference  
The President suggested bringing ideas for the conference, as committees will be formed in the spring. President suggested thinking about a new logo items (T-shirt?) for conference and/or 20th anniversary.

**7. TSC Delegate's Report**

Dino Zack attended the meeting and provided notes on the meeting. The President will attend the TSC President luncheon with Dino Zack. **A PDF copy is attached.**

**8. GEOGRAM Editor's Report**

- A. Deadline for February **GEOGRAM**

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Deadline for next month's issue is 31 January 2004. It was requested that board members send a biography or update their biography to be published. The total of advertisements received by the Editor as of 21 January consists of 5 paid and 3 committed for a total of \$1,200 in advertising revenue. The Editor asked the board to think of potential advertisers for the **GEOGRAM**.

- B. New editor search  
The Editor would like to have a new Editor by March.

Paper copies versus e-mail **GEOGRAM** circulation was discussed. It was also suggested that a reminder about switching to the e-mail version of the **GEOGRAM** be given at future meetings. It was suggested that next membership application is revised such that the **GEOGRAM** will be received only through e-mail or through the Members Only section of the BAPG Webpage unless it is requested to be mailed via post on the renewal/application form.

**9. Webmaster's Report**

- A. Annual Statistics (1 January 2004 thru 20 January 2004)  
So far this month, www.bapg.org has been accessed:
  - 1) By 308 unique visitors, during a total of 441 total visits.
  - 2) 1574 pages have been viewed, with a hit total of 8013.
- B. Most Popular Pages
  - 1) Calendar
  - 2) January 2004 **GEOGRAM** (Members-only access)
  - 3) January 2004 Meeting Information
  - 4) BAPG Speakers
  - 5) GeoNews

Comments From Pat Concannon (Webmaster):

The new webhost makes comparing statistics to past years' somewhat difficult. But traffic is down from last year; (although it is comparable to January 2002). Part of that is likely due to the fact that, last year, things were gearing-up for the BAPG Symposium, and much of the information was on the site. But also, to be blunt, the site just doesn't get updated as often as it used to. Part of that is time constraints regarding accumulating such things as GeoNews items. Another likelihood is "Email Updates" don't occur anymore, rather the energy is put in E-**GEOGRAM** efforts. And frankly, I have pared-down the site to rather minimal content, as the extra stuff wasn't generally getting viewed enough to justify the effort. Suggestions? Otherwise, 2 members have renewed via the online-PayPal method, and I will do the same later tonight. The money is still in the BAPG's PayPal account. I will move it over the BAPG checking account soon. I would like to get started on the Officer Page updates. Please submit, to website@bapg.org, a bio, and a digital picture if you have one you prefer. Refer to the 2003 page for ideas.

It was suggested that links be set up for advertisers.

**10. Other New Business**

No new business

**1750 Adjournment**

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**TSC Involvement Report**

**TSC Delegate Meeting**

Meeting Date: January 12, 2004

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location: 414 Bonner Hall, SUNY @ Buffalo

Number of attendees: 24 (representing approximately 12 member societies)  
BAPG Delegate attendee: Dino L. Zack

Topics of discussion:

- **Approval of November 10, 2003 TSC Meeting Minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - TSC in the black
  - 16 of 27 member societies paid dues (I'm not sure if BAPG paid yet) *YES*
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Publication and Publicity**
    - TSC looking for newsletter editor.
    - Get BAPG announcements to TSC for February newsletter.
  - **Constitution and Membership**
    - Revisions to the TSC Regulations have been published in the 2003-2004 TSC Directory
    - BAPG delegate voted YES to approve Western New York Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers application for TSC membership.
  - **Public Affairs**
  - **TSC Joint Meeting**
    - March 25, 2004 will be next TSC Joint Meeting at Harry's Harbor Place.
    - BAPG will not hold the monthly meeting at this event but will urge BAPG members to attend.
  - **Mail Day Event and Presidents' Luncheon (National Engineers Week)**

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Mall Day is scheduled during National Engineering Week on February 21, 2004, between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM at the Walden Galleria Mall.

Presidents' Luncheon will be held at TGI Friday's, Cheektowaga location at 12:00 Noon on February 21, 2004.

- o **Inventor of the Year Awards Banquet**
  - Event will be held on April 6, 2003; guest speaker Vinton Cerf (founder of the internet). Tickets \$50 single, \$75 couple.
- o **Buffalo Regional Future City Competition**
  - Event will be held January 31, 2004 at UB Student Activity Center.
  - Organizers looking for volunteers and award sponsors.
- o **Engineering Opportunities**
  - Event will be held March 3, 2004 at UB Student Union.
- **New Business**
  - o **TSC Dues, etc.**
    - TSC distributed the 2003-2004 TSC Directory.
    - BAPG delegate voted YES to increase the 1947 established \$25 per year due to \$50 per year.
  - o **Nominations for TSC Officers 2004-05**
- **Next TSC Meeting for Delegates Scheduled for March 15, 2004**