

January 2005 BAPG Meeting Minutes

January 19th, 2005

PRESENT

2005 Board Present:

President: Stephanie Reynolds-Smith
Immediate Past President: Francine Cohen
Executive Vice President: Michael Alfieri
Associate Vice President: Stan Blas
Student Vice President: Jordana Bey
Secretary: Jane Pietraszek-Polovich
Directors: Dave Steiner, Jack Krajewski

GEOGRAM Editor: John Hoffman

ABSENT

Treasurer: Jonathan Rizzo
Webmaster: Pat Concannon

17:15 Call to Order

Meeting minutes from November 2004 not approved. No meeting minutes have been seen by the board.

1. Secretary's Report

A. Current Member Tally/Renewals

As of 18 January 2005, 6 renewals and 2 new member applications were received. Based on the Access database, the total member count is 132. Of which, 60 are Active 2004 (last renewals), 33 are Active 2005 (last renewals), 10 are Associate 2004 (last renewal), 5 are Associate 2005 (last renewal), 11 are Student 2004 (last renewals), 13 are Student 2005 (last renewals), and 8 are "Others" 2004 (last renewals). Two new member applications from Scott King (King Groundwater, Inc) and Steven Currie (Earth Dimensions, Inc) were reviewed by the board.

B. Vote on new members-

Scott King was unanimously approved as an Active member and a welcome letter was signed by the board.

Steven Currie was unanimously approved as an Associate member (he applied for Active membership, but does not qualify as per the education requirements of the by-laws). An email was sent to Steven after the January meeting informing him of his acceptance as an Associate rather than Active member, with a request for him to contact the Secretary if he disputed this acceptance. After receiving no disputation, the signed acceptance letter was sent.

2. Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report this month.

3. 2004 Executive Vice President's Report

A. 107 being served for tonight's meeting.

4. 2005 Executive Vice President's Report

B. February meeting
Location: Sheraton

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Speaker: Richard Cartwright
Subject: Remediation in Tight Soils
(Possibility of Mike A. not being present).

- C. March meeting:
Location: Harry's Harbor Place Grill
Speaker: TBA
Subject: TBA
(Mike A. not present.)
- D. April meeting:
Location: TBA
Speaker: US Corp of Eng.
Subject : Amherst Subsidence
- E. May meeting:
Location: TBA
Speaker: TBA
Subject: Mine Collapse

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

- A. Student VP Report: No Student VP report this month.
- B. Student Involvement: Get out letter soliciting proposals for grant.
Committee: Jordana, Francine, Jack.

6. President's Report

- A. Need to set up committees.
 - 1. Meeting Sponsorship:
Lea Cevri is stepping down for 2005.
Entails soliciting companies for \$100 donation, with an advert in the Geogram and a table for marketing.
Volunteers: Dave Steiner with assistance from Stan Blas.
 - 2. Earth Science Day 2005
Volunteers: Stephanie Reynolds-Smith and Jane Pietraszek-Polovich.
- A. NYSCPG
 - 1. NYSCPG requesting more money as corporate sponser.
 - 2. BAPG opinion: possibly contribute some, but not alot. Remind NYSCPG that BAPG gave \$1000 recently, and that BAPG is a not for profit organization.
- A. LeRoy Quarry
 - 1. There is a 100-acre quarry site in LeRoy which is in danger of being sold. A local group wants to keep it from being sold, but needs \$70,000 to buy and preserve it. They are requesting funds.

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2. BAPG opinion: BAPG cannot help financially, but can spread the need by word of mouth and a write-up in the Geogram.

A. Symposium Committee

1. Planning is going well.
Will include short course workshops.
Short courses (1 to 2 hours): HASP, Bioremediation, etc.
Continuing education units may be available.
NYSSPE and ACEC co-sponsorship is needed for education units.
2. Goal to have the courses set up by March, and then work on advertising after that.
3. PEI will review the courses for continuing education credits for a cost of a \$200 per year membership.
Vote on joining PEI – motion passed.

7. **TSC Delegate's Report**

A. March Joint Meeting:

Date: March 17, 2005
Subject: Olmstead Parks

B. Engineering Week: Mall Event

Date: ?
Location: Walden Galleria Mall
Time: 10 – 4 pm
Description: Set up booths for general public. An informational gathering, more geared towards public interest than specific organizations. ASC, APWA, universities, etc involved.
Does BAPG want to set up a booth?

C. Engineering Opportunities

Date: March 12, 2005
Location: University at Buffalo, North Campus
Time: ?
Description: Set up informational booth. More geared towards professional organizations and academia.
Interest in staffing March 12 event?

8. **GEOGRAM Editor's Report**

- A. Save money by emailing Geograms vs. postal mailing.
\$560 per year for postal.
\$128 per issue for printing (8 issues per year).
Try to get people to opt for email distribution instead of postal distribution. Possible to change the membership form to give priority to email distribution. Also possible to call and get everyone's email, then send out a mass emailing requesting those that are able to receive the Geogram via email.

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9. Webmaster's Report
5846 visitors in 2004.

10. Other New Business

NA

Adjournment: 18:10