

**Buffalo Association  
Of Professional Geologists, Inc.  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, 19 October, 2005**

**PRESENT**

2005 Board Present:

**Immediate Past President:** Francine Cohen  
**Executive Vice President:** Michael Alfieri  
**Student Vice President:** Nick Terech  
**Secretary:** Jane Pietraszek-Polovich  
**Directors:** Jack Krajewski, Dave Steiner, Chuck Guzetta, Chris Boron  
**GEOGRAM Editor:** John Hoffman

**ABSENT**

**President:** Stephanie Reynolds-Smith  
**Associate Vice President:** Stan Blas  
**Treasurer:** Jonathan Rizzo  
**Webmaster:** Pat Concannon  
**Symposium Chair:** Rick Watt

**17:09 Call to Order**

**1. Secretary's Report**

1. Current Member Tally/Renewals  
As of 19 October 2005, based on the Access database, the total 2005 member count is 99. Of which, 74 are Active, 10 are Associate, and 15 are Student.
2. Vote on new applicant Dave Nostrant of Haley Aldrich. Applicant accepted.

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

1. 24 reserved for the evening meeting.
2. 2005/2006 Schedule:
  - November 2005: [Dr. Richelle M. Allen-King](#) (UB) speaker
  - December 2005: Welcome New Board meeting
  - January 2006: Brewster Conant – Stream Aquifer Relationships
3. Need to submit literature with a program submittal for the PDH's.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

1. Emailed to everyone.
2. The totals need to be updated with the remaining 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsorship checks.
3. Why does it look like a deficit of ~\$1500?

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

1. Student VP Report
  - A. Student Awards
    1. General discussion:
      - a. Need to set dates for the award submission, and determine how much money will be awarded.

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- b. Last year there were 2 x \$300 awards.
- c. The award(s) will be given in Spring 2006. The submission date should be sometime early next year.
- d. Possibly have the winners present in April 2006.
- 2. Changes to award structure discussion:
  - a. Due to a lack of interest in the past few years, maybe there should be just one “grand” prize, instead of several smaller prizes. This may promote more competition amongst the universities.
  - b. Approximately \$1600 has been saved by making the Geogram electronic. Can some of this be used to supplement the award? Possibly to \$1000?
  - c. Possibly the award could be opened up to individuals, not just organizations. This would also promote competition.
  - d. Request that the winner present at a 2006 meeting.
- 3. Results:
  - a. Vote on \$1000 grand prize – vote passed.
  - b. Need to aggressively advertise this contest.
  - c. Send information to all local universities/colleges.
  - d. Make an application available on-line to students, listing the rules/requirements of the contest.
  - e. Make it open to grads and undergrads.
  - f. Get sponsors and donations to add to the final prize. Make this contest very public.

**5. President's Report**

- 1. BAPG Ballot
  - A. The ballot has been filled and sent out.
  - B. The bylaw change has also been submitted:
    - 1. Up to 5 consecutive years in different elected officer positions on the board to be allowable.
    - 2. A maximum of two consecutive years in the same position to be allowable.
  - C. The ballot and bylaw changes are to be voted on at the November meeting.

**6. Symposium Committee Report**

The Symposium has been postponed until next Spring. The Symposium committee will meet sometime early November 2005.

**7. TSC Delegate's Report**

Jack will attend the next TSC meeting and report on that at the November board meeting.

**8. Corporation Sponsorship**

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1. CRA will sponsor the November meeting.
2. Need a sponsor for January. Dave S. will write up something for sponsorship of the January joint meeting (and future meetings). A possible enticement would be to put the sponsors' logo, name, etc on the BAPG home web page.

**9. GEOGRAM Editor's Report**

1. Friday October 28 is the deadline for the October Geogram.
2. Ideas for the renewing interest in BAPG through the Geogram:
  - a. Since dues are no longer going towards mailing the Geogram, we could send the electronic Geogram to everyone in the database. This would renew interest from our expired members, and promote new membership.
  - b. We could make the Geogram accessible to anyone on the website. Get rid of the password system.
  - c. Anyone could submit to the Geogram. Businesses could submit articles about their work, etc. Since it's electronic, it's easy to add content.
  - d. Any changes would require that we send out an email to everyone in the database to notify of these changes.

**10. Webmaster's Report**

Email Report had been previously distributed via email.

**Adjournment: 18:05**