

# Approved Minutes

## Board Meeting of the Geological Society of Minnesota, 13-AUG-2020 (Compiled by Dave Kelso)

### I. **Opening and Welcome:** The meeting held by videoconference at 7:00 P.M.

Notes:

- A. Meeting held by videoconference due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- B. Minutes for the July 2020 special Board meeting were previously approved by e-mail and posted on the GSM website. FYI: Board members have 10 days to review the preliminary minutes after the Secretary sends them out. Please be sure to do so by the date set by the Secretary.
- C. Review and agree on the agenda for 13-AUG – All
  - 1. The Agenda was agreed upon.
- D. Future Board Meetings (check your calendars):
  - 1. 12-NOV-2020
  - 2. 11-FEB-2021
- E. Board Status – Dave W
  - 1. Current Board membership.

a) Patrick Pfundstein	2020 to 2023
b) John Westgaard	2020 to 2023
c) Wolf Bielefeld	2019 to 2022
d) Roxy Knuttila	2019 to 2022
e) Frank Janezich	2019 to 2022
f) Joe Newberg	2018 to 2021 began May, 2018
g) Dave Kelso	2018 to 2021
h) Deborah Naffziger	2017 to 2020
i) Dave Wilhelm	2017 to 2020

(1) Board members serve for a two-year term and are eligible to serve for two terms. Officers serve for a one-year term.
  - 2. Current Officers.
    - a) President – Dave Wilhelm
    - b) Vice President – Deborah Naffziger
    - c) Treasurer – Dave Kelso
    - d) Secretary – Dave Kelso
- F. Board Members present: Patrick Pfundstein, John Westgaard (via phone), Wolf Bielefeld, Roxy Knuttila, Frank Janezich, Joe Newberg, Dave Kelso, Dave Wilhelm.
- G. Non-Board Members present: Randy Strobel, Mary Helen Inskeep, Alan Smith, Steve Erickson, Joanie Furlong.

### II. **Agenda items for consideration by the Board.**

- A. Treasurer's report – Dave K/Deborah
  - 1. Financial Report (Dave K supplied written reports)
    - a) Dave W suggested filling in the blanks on the Cash Balances spreadsheets for the savings account balances.

2. Board member review of finances – Deborah
    - a) No action taken.
  3. Dave K statement detailing investment of \$5,000 with RBC Wealth Management, as directed by the Board at the August 2019 meeting
    - a) Dave K reported that we now have online access to the GSM account and will be receiving statements electronically.
    - b) RBC statements (summaries) will be included in the financial documents and will be included in the documents posted to the website.
  4. Dave K to report on retention and disposal of old financial records.
    - a) All historic appropriate financial documents have been scanned and retained on a hard drive. This project has been completed.
- B. GSM website – Alan
1. Joanie Furlong is backup webmaster for when Alan is unavailable.
    - a) Alan will be working with Joanie to keep things up to date.
  2. Alan to supply written report on website upkeep and usage.
    - a) Verbal update was provided.
  3. New document library for webmaster.
    - a) Procedural documents are available on the website.
  4. Need an overall update of GSM home page reflecting the new reality of Covid19.
    - a) Alan and Dave W will work on this along with any other home page adjustments that need to be made.
  5. Created a new form for requesting access to a virtual lecture. To whom should these requests be e-mailed? (Related to item E7).
    - a) There is a prototype now.
    - b) The requests will be mailed to the President (Dave W), the Program Chair (Steve), the Webmaster (Alan), and the webinar host (Randy). Dave W will respond to the requests, except when he has informed the others that he is not available.
  6. Editing of web site can be extremely slow – can that be improved?
    - a) Dave W will keep an eye on this as this does not appear to be happening all the time.
- C. Financial reports & other non-public info on the GSM website – Alan
1. Alan has developed a prototype of a password-protected area on the GSM website in which non-public documents (not including background checks) could be stored and to which Board members would have access. Alan has updated it based on feedback from Dave W, Dave K, and Joanie. See written report on usage supplied by Alan.
    - a) Alan will e-mail each Board member the user-id and password of the protected area so they can try it out.
  2. Status of storing financial reports on web site. – Dave K
    - a) Dave K reported that all current and historical financial documents have been posted to the website.

- D. Long range plan for utilizing GSM funds - Theresa
1. Nothing to report this quarter.
- E. Lectures and labs – Steve/Dave W
1. As decided at July meeting, all fall lectures are to be via online webinars. Fall banquet and winter lab will not occur. Format of winter/spring lectures is to be determined later.
  2. Dave W supplied written report (brochure) on lecture schedule for 2020-2021. (This brochure was originated by Dan.) This schedule has also been posted on the web site.
    - a) See “Lecture Brochure 2020-2021” attached to these minutes.
  3. Question: Should a physical brochure be mailed to active members, or just e-mailed? (In the past, these were available to State Fair volunteers and for pickup at lectures.)
  4. Question: How many brochures should be printed?
    - a) Dan J, via email, offered these comments:
      - (1) We discussed this at Thursday’s meeting. The consensus was that we need very few if any at this time.
      - (2) Be aware that members and other organizations who get printed August Newsletters will also get a printed schedule through the end of 2020. Those who get printed November Newsletters will get a full printed schedule.
      - (3) A PDF of the schedule will be made available online and will be included with the e-mailed August and November Newsletters, so members with printers have the option to print copies for themselves.
      - (4) Roger, I believe you wanted brochures for the Science Museum, but Mary Helen seemed to think that the Science Museum would not provide handouts to patrons until the pandemic eases.
      - (5) Patrick said that if we need only a few (<50), he could print them at home.
      - (6) Given all this, it seems we should not print any additional schedules at this time, especially since it is more subject to change than most years.
  5. On July 24, Randy hosted a test webinar to work out the details of how GSM webinars would work. The trial was a success and enabled us to better determine how these webinars will work.
  6. Randy plans to host a webinar on COVID-19 for GSM members only sometime prior to the regular lecture schedule. We see this as an opportunity for members to learn the details of participating in a GSM webinar. Tentatively scheduled for August 31.
    - a) Working on it.
  7. Prior to each webinar, active GSM members with e-mail addresses will be e-mailed instructions, the Zoom link, and related information needed to

participate in a GSM lecture. This link will not be included on the GSM web site; instead, interested persons will be asked to register to get that information (agenda item B5).

8. For those presenters who authorize, GSM lectures will be recorded and made available on YouTube.
  - a) Dave K asked if the recorded lectures should also be downloaded to a DVD and included in our Video Library for future member use. No action was taken but it appeared that some Board Members were not supportive of this.

F. Annual meeting – Dave W

1. As decided at July meeting, no in-person Annual Meeting.
2. Election of new Board members will be conducted by e-mail; Dave W will manage this in late September.
3. Do **Roxy & Frank** plan to run for re-election as Board members for 2021-2022?
  - a) They indicated their willingness to serve.
4. We need at least 2 nominees for Board to replace Dave W & Deborah, who have reached term limits. Dave W has put a request in the August Newsletter and will send one by e-mail. Board members are encouraged to reach out to GSM members who might be interested.

G. Status of lecture video recording and distribution – Joe W/Dave K

1. This section applies only to recording of in-person lectures.
2. Video team consists of Joe W (chair), Dick, & Deborah. Deborah received rudimentary instruction during 11-Nov-2019 lecture.
3. Status (Joe W to supply written report on which lectures (dates & titles) have been recorded, and which of those have completed editing).
4. Dave K offered months ago to process the recordings, but Joe W. has yet to deliver these to Dave, despite very many requests that he do so.
5. Availability & process for member access to recordings. (Dave W has received many requests for these; we need to make this resource available.)

H. Membership– Joanie

1. Joanie to supply written report.
  - a) Joanie, via email, supplied the following: One renewal since last report. September membership renewal time is here. I will send out email notifications to members if it is not time to renew their membership. (Those who renewed for two or three years).”
  - b) Joanie indicated during the meeting that she will also e-mail those whose membership is up for renewal. Thus, all active members will receive an e-mail of one kind or another.

I. Newsletter –Kate/Mark

1. Kate Clover, Mark Ryan, Harvey Thorleifson (MGS), and Rich Lively (MGS) continue as Newsletter editors. They are able to produce the

Newsletter in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, which allows at least one aspect of GSM activities to proceed as normal.

2. August 2020 Newsletter is in progress; all articles were sent to Harvey & Rich as of August 2.
3. Unlike previous years, due to pandemic uncertainty, the August Newsletter will include the lecture schedule for fall only; the winter/spring schedule will be included in the November Newsletter.
4. Our policy is to post a Newsletter to the website when the next Newsletter is released. It is a member perk to get the Newsletter immediately.
  - a) Ongoing.

#### J. State Fair

1. Dan resigned in October 2019 as State Fair Committee chair; we need a new person to fill that role. **Anyone, preferably someone currently on the committee, ready to step up?** This person need not be a member of the GSM Board. Dan will continue with the committee to advise the new chair. We also need a location to store the State Fair equipment, not necessarily the home of the State Fair chair.
2. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, State Fair is cancelled for 2020. (See related item Z.)

#### K. Conferences

1. Live geology conferences have been cancelled due to COVID-19.
2. Dave W, as GSM President, continues to inform the GSM membership of online conferences, webinars, and other opportunities that might interest them.

#### L. Field Trip plans and feedback – Dave W

1. Due to COVID-19, no field trips so far during 2020.
2. Very belatedly, Dave W has updated the 2019 and 2020 field trip summaries on the website.
3. Kate plans to lead a driving/hiking trip this September to explore Platteville limestone in the Twin Cities. She has a lead-up article in the August Newsletter.
4. Dave K: I have found a number of GSM Field Trip Info documents from 1995 to 2000. The documents were originally created in a very old version of Microsoft Word. Therefore, I "saved" them in the current Word version and attached them for your use. (Dave W has yet to sort through these.)

#### M. Social gatherings

1. Randy is hosting Zoom meeting weekly on Monday nights for interested GSM members. About 10-20 participate each week. Dave mentioned this opportunity in the May & August Newsletters.

#### N. Video Library – Dave W

1. No activity to report.

#### O. GSM Marker Survey project – Becky

1. Becky: GSM is at a turning point regarding the markers — try to install more of the monument style, Split Rock style, traffic sign style, or Historical Society style.
- P. Minnehaha marker replacement status – Kate/Patrick/Dick
1. Patrick supplied written report. See “GSM BrdMhahaRport” attached to these minutes.
  2. Patrick reported that this version of the panel is pretty much a final draft and ready for the Mpls Park Bd. See “Panel” jpeg attached to these minutes.
- Q. GSM scholarships and grants – Dave W
1. Nothing to report.
- R. GSM Rock Hammer awards – Dave W
1. Next rock hammer awards will be considered during 2021.
  2. In the past, approximate cost of the hammers is \$26 each.
- S. GSM baseball caps and t-shirts for members – Joe N
1. Joe supplied written report. See “T Shirt Report” attached to these minutes.
  2. Joe N indicated that we could, if we desire, order additional hats and/or T shirts at a reasonable cost depending on quantities.
  3. No recommendations were made at this time.
- T. “Ask GSM” activity – Theresa
1. Theresa supplied written report. See “GSM Questions Update” attached to these minutes.
- U. GSM Student Outreach – Joel Renner
1. No activity since the last report.
  2. I suggest that Student Outreach be suspended for at least the remainder of 2020. If the Board agrees I will notify Jeff Thole at Macalester. The Board verbally agreed.
  3. Earmarked contribution: GSM member Tom Schoenecker plans to do the following: a) arrange yearly school student outreach visits to a school in Excelsior, and b) make an earmarked contribution to GSM to pay for such for as long as the funds last. No update.
- V. PO Box Status
1. President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair have keys.
  2. Box is being checked infrequently (~ once/month) during summer. Very few non-junk items. Without live lectures and with an expectation of mailed renewals, keyholders should make a point of checking more frequently starting in September. Each keyholder should inform the others when they check the box, so we know how long it has been since it was checked.
- W. GSM Operations Guide update and review
1. Version 11.0, dated January 29, 2020 distributed by e-mail to Board members, chairpersons, and other members for whom it might be useful. No updates subsequent to that.

- X. In-memoriam contributions, if any – Theresa/Dave K
    - 1. No contributions during past quarter.
  - Y. Receiving, acknowledging, appraising, and disposing of material contributions (rocks, tools, etc.) – Dave W
    - 1. Dick B received materials from Doug Z that he has delivered to Dave W that need to be inventoried. – no progress (See related item Z.)
    - 2. Materials (field trip itineraries, notebooks, photos) were donated by the family of Judy Hamilton. I do not expect more material, as my contact has also passed away.
      - a) Dave W has made initial inventory November 2018. In May 2020, Dave W took another quick look. There is State Fair info back to 1998, field trip info to 1989, and membership directories to 1990.
      - b) Most newsletters to 1984, some of which we might be missing; need to compare with what is in Harvey’s archive; found at least one Newsletter (Winter 1988-89) not in our archive.
      - c) Theresa has volunteered to assist inventory.
    - 3. Possible donation of rock collection and/or chemistry glassware by family of deceased member Dave Broberg in early 2020 – no further contact as of August 2020.
    - 4. On May 9, Dave W received donation of rock specimens and old geology manuals by Amy Okaya (collected by her late husband); Dave is storing in garage for interim. In July, since GSM has no immediate plans for the specimens and since rock shops were reopening, Amy took the specimens back so she could take them around for evaluation.
  - Z. Consider rental of storage unit for rock supplies and State Fair materials
    - 1. Mary Helen supplied written reports. See Storage Area Data” attached to these minutes.
      - a) Mary Helen will continue to research possibilities including a 5x10 footprint, cost, and climate control capability.
      - b) Steve E expressed concern that we need to consider sustainability of the cost for storage rental. Perhaps we could rent for a year and see how it goes.
      - c) Dan J., via e-mail, indicated that “I would go with climate control, not only for the books and papers, but poster boards. The rug and backdrop will pick up any moldy or other smells. I suppose you could seal things in bags. Non air-conditioned places on cement pads usually have garage doors. I would never store this stuff in my detached garage.”
      - d) The Board will consider Mary Helen’s subsequent research by e-mail and plans to rent a unit by Oct 1, 2020, so that at least the State Fair materials can be removed from Dan’s house.
- AA.New topics
- 1. TBD
    - a) The election of officers, a one year term, will take place at the November 2020 Board meeting.
- BB.Goals – Dave W
- 1. Install new big-picture marker at Minnehaha Falls during 2020.

2. Develop a plan and prioritize marker installation/repair for Minnesota's geological markers based on the recent marker survey.
3. Continue developing a GSM marker database and survey the markers in 2020.
4. Develop video recording crew and optimize the equipment and processes; have first video recording of a lecture available to members in 2020. Note: for online lectures, recording will be done via Zoom and videos made available through YouTube for those presenters who consent.
5. Complete switchover to upgraded web site - DONE
6. Others goals we should add?

CC. Adjournment

**M/S/P (Joe N/Patrick P) to adjourn.**

(Minutes submitted by Dave Kelso)

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Attachments:

- A. Lecture Brochure
- B. GSM BrdMhaha Report
- C. T Shirt Report
- D. GSM Questions Update
- E. Storage Area Data

Attachment A  
Lecture Brochure  
Submitted by Steve Erickson

**2020:**

- Sep 21    How Ancient Iron-Rich Rocks Tell the Story of Minnesota's Oceans**  
Latisha Brengman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UMD
- Oct 5     Minerals are the Future**  
Brian Lentz, B.Sc., Vice-President, Big Rock Exploration
- Oct 19    Neotectonic Fault Reactivation and Landscape Rejuvenation on Norway's Post-glacial Margin**  
Jeni McDermott, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Geology Dept., Univ. of St. Thomas
- Nov 2     Geological and Tectonic Evolution of the Transantarctic Mountains**  
John Goodge, Ph.D., Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UMD
- Nov 16    Minnesota's Geologist: The Life of Newton Horace Winchell**  
Sue Leaf, Ph.D., Author



- Nov 30**    **Mesozoic Vertebrates of Antarctica**  
Peter Makovicky, Ph.D., Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, U. of MN
- Dec 14**    **Presenter & title TBD**
- 2021:**
- Feb 1**      **Minerals and Microbes and Mining...Oh My!**  
Cara M. Santelli, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, U. of MN
- Feb 15**    **The Dawn of the Dinosaurs**  
Kristi Curry Rogers, Ph.D., Professor, Vertebrate Paleobiology Dept., Macalester College
- Mar 1**      **Remediation of the Saint Paul Ford Plant**  
Amy Hadiaris, M.Sc., Supervisor, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Mar 15**    **Craton to Coast: National Park Paleontology from the Grand Canyon to the Channel Islands**  
Justin Tweet, M.Sc., Owner of Tweet Paleo-Consulting
- Mar 29**    **Agate Hunting**  
Jim Magnuson, Author, Owner of Minnesota Rocks
- Apr 12**    **Geo 3M: Mountains, Melting, and Metamorphism**  
Donna Whitney, Ph.D., Professor, Earth and Environmental Sciences, U. of MN
- Apr 26**    **How Modern Geochronology is Transforming Our Understanding of Geological Rates: An Example from Alaska**  
Cameron Davidson, Ph.D., Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology, Carlton College
- May 10**    **Minnesota Underground: A Guide Book to Exploring the Minnesota Underworld**  
Greg Brick, Ph.D., MN Department of Natural Resources

Attachment B  
GSM BrdmhahaReport  
Submitted by Patrick

### **Minnehaha Panel Report 8/13/20**

The gist is that we've made a lot of progress, though less than I'd hoped in May. The bulk of that delay lies with me (a lot of turbulence since May on many fronts).

At any rate there has been a lot of refinement to the panel's text; both more of Kate Clover's excellent editing, some minor revisions toward clarity, and more substantial changes incorporating feedback from a couple of outside groups of experts (more on those below).

Outside of the quarter-sized prototype up in the dropbox folder, I've also continued a lot of clean up/refinement on the larger river images, so they will come together easily when the Park designer gets to work.

The panel was sent out for review to MGS (Drs Jennings and Thorleifson), and to some of my former colleagues at Mill City Museum.

The MNHS peeps were pretty unanimous that the panel needed Dakota names included (Kate and I had talked about that last winter and it had sort of dropped out of mind), so I dug into that a bit and we've added several to the various maps of the panel, and a key defining those names. I do think it adds a good bit of cultural depth and appeal, and the names (which include our state's name) are nicely descriptive (ex: Háhà Wapka, "River of the Falls" aka Mississippi).

Our friends at MGS also gave us a slew of constructive criticisms (and a ton of supportive comments), and Kate and I have done our best to incorporate that feedback. We are ready to send the new work back to MGS for another look (maybe tomorrow before the board meeting; I will update any changes during my verbal report). The MGS edits include replacing the image for Warren Falls with one that stretches across the Warren Gorge and faces the correct direction (east), several edits involving the dating on the "boxes" that surround the Rivers image, and some tweaks to the geologic descriptions in the "Rock layers erode" section.

FYI, getting a 5 page note from Harvey Thorleifson that included a section on the Warren Falls' inception and thoughts on the timing (date-wise) is one of the major GSM highlights of this amateur local waterfall enthusiast's life!

Kate and I Zoomed today (Wed, 8/12), and I'm going to work on new edits and upload a new version of the panel tomorrow morning; I'll email out a link to that (though you should all have access to the folder).

Assuming no major changes come back from MGS (or any one else including you!), I do think we are ready to turn this over to the park board. MaryLynn also has access to the Dropbox, but I'll check in with her to see how things are working at the Board (the turbulence mentioned at the top has definitely reached the parks).

Patrick

Attachment C  
T Shirt Report  
Submitted by Joe N

T-Shirt Report for GSM Board  
August 2020  
Joe Newberg

At this point all people who had undelivered T-shirts have been notified, and all but one have been delivered.

I looked into future orders and, due to our having artwork already done, if we place a further order, prices could be as follows:

- \$27 each for orders of 8 or less.
- \$14 each if we order 24 or more.

May be worthy of consideration if there is suitable demand when we are back to meeting in person.

Attachment D  
GSM Questions Update  
Submitted by Theresa

GSM Questions Update 2/6/2020 – 8/6/2020  
Questions do not include multiple replies:

Submitted by Theresa Tweet

We have also received our copy of the “Minnesota Mineral Club’s Newsletter” through this site.

1. Waterfalls on the Mississippi River: 7/27/2020: E.H. I am a volunteer for the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area researching waterfalls on the Mississippi River. In particular, we are questioning how best to describe the St. Anthony Falls. (Both Kate C. and Patrick P. answered and offered their expert opinions on this one).

2. Stone vs. fossilized skull (reptile?) 6/25/20: P.C. was wondering where she could take a rock that she strongly suspects is a fossilized skull to have it properly identified. (This was sent by Steve E. to Harvey T., and Harvey offered to assist).

3. Rock Identification: 4/9/2020: A.T. has a boulder in a rock pile located in Sherburne County that has some very interesting marks on its surface. (Again, the email came up as possible phishing or spam, and I could not verify the email address or person as legit).

4. Possible meteorite found: 4/1/2020: J.M., her husband found a possible meteorite and wanted to have it checked out. We usually send these things to Macalester / Jeff Thole, but Macalester was closed.

5. Information from a prior seminar: 3/6/2020: S.G. Wanted information on a talk from 1/28/2020, The Nitrate Contamination Problem in Southeastern Minnesota: The Importance of Geologic Controls. (Came up as possible phishing or spam, and I could not verify the email address or person as legit).

6. Looking for a volunteer to visit preschool: 3/2/220: M.B. Director of a Preschool Program in St. Paul was looking for a GSM Volunteer or educator to talk to her preschool classroom. (Did not pursue because COVID-19 caused the cancellation of the school).

Attachment E  
Storage Area Data  
Submitted by Mary Helen I

Storage Site Data

**REQUIRED DIMENSIONS:**

**State Fair Stuff @ Dan J.'s place:**

- 2 plas shelves w/rox, tables, chairs: 8'x2' footprint = 16sq.ft.
  - rear specimen table, disassembled: 7'x1' footprint max = 7sq.ft.
  - backdrop frame: 8'x0.5' footprint = 4sq.ft.
  - rug: 10'x1.5' footprint, if not balanced atop something else = 15sq.ft.
- TOTAL MAX NEEDED: 42sq.ft.; need dimensions of at least 10' length & 3' wide for this portion.

**Rox etc. @ Dave W.'s place:**

- rox pictured in Dave's email: 3'2"x8' footprint as currently stacked = 25 1/3 sq.ft.

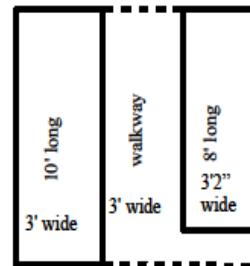
**Accessway needed:**

- it's been decided we need a 3' wide pathway down the storage unit for access to the items.

**Total minimum length & width dimensions needed:**

- longest single item is 10' long (and an 8' and a 7' also exist); widest item is 3'2".
- Thus, we need space >10'+ long and at least 9'2" wide.

most efficient use of space:



if we subtract 2" from the walkway,  
we need a 9'x10' = 90sq.ft. space.

Storage Site Data

Public Storage	651-968-8585 AND 651-359-9779  <a href="http://www.publicstorage.com">www.publicstorage.com</a>	2516 Wabash Avenue Saint Paul, zip 55114 AND 631 Transfer Road Saint Paul, zip 55114	@ Wabash site: A 10' x 10' unit is \$73.00/mo. OR \$84.00/mo. if on 1 <sup>st</sup> floor (there's a 9' x 10' unit, but it costs more).  @ Transfer site: A 9' x 10' unit is \$94.00/mo. & a 10' x 10' unit is \$99.00/mo.; a 10' x 15' unit is \$118.00/mo., all climate controlled.  1 <sup>st</sup> month's rent is \$1.00.
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7 days/week access (incl. early evenings only, & ends @ 5pm on weekends).

Storage Site Data

Name of Storage Co.	ph# / website	Address	Avail. Sizes & prices
North Star Mini Storage	651-917-0707 <a href="http://www.northstarministorage.com">www.northstarministorage.com</a>	2356 University Avenue W. Saint Paul, MN 55114 (near Raymond/Univ. intersection; car, bus & LRT access.)	Unit sizes range from 20-216 sq.ft. A 9'x10' unit costs \$145.00/mo.; a 10'x10' unit costs \$150.00/mo.; & a 10'x11' space costs \$165.00/mo.  Offers pre-pay discount: pay 6 mos. at once, get 5% off; pay 12 mos. at once, get 8% off.
Climate controlled, indiv. unit access codes, video cameras, each space alarmed, 7 days/week access (incl. evenings). Got price list in person; mgr. stated that rocks should be put in a 1st-floor storage area. Also owns sites in Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Shoreview, Burnsville, Oakdale & Vadnais Heights, and the prices @ other sites ARE NOT same as for this one. Full Disclosure: This is where I currently rent space, and I'm quite happy w/the hours & service.			
7 <sup>th</sup> Street Storage	651-698-5777 <a href="http://www.7thstreetstorage.com">www.7thstreetstorage.com</a>	2060 West 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Saint Paul, MN 55116 (on 7 <sup>th</sup> St. b/tw Montreal & St. Paul Ave.'s; car & a 10' x 15' unit ranges from \$199.00-219.00/mo. bus access.)	Unit sizes range from 25-400sq.ft. & price depends on floor level. A 10' x 10' unit ranges from \$167.00-174.00/mo.; & a 10' x 15' unit ranges from \$199.00-219.00/mo.  Offers pre-pay discount: prepay 11 mos., get 12 <sup>th</sup> month free.
Temperature controlled, indiv. access codes, video security system. Shelving rentable (but buying our own may be cheaper in the long run). 7 days/week access (incl. evenings). Only has the one location.			
Plato Storage (a div. of All Inc., an appliance retailer)	direct: 651-234-0122 (Chris) (can be xferred from 651-234-0153 also.) <a href="http://www.platostorage.com">www.platostorage.com</a>	75 Plato Blvd. West Saint Paul, MN 55107 (slightly west of Wabasha/Plato intersection; bus not far, but route not immediately adjacent.)	10' x 10' unit is \$99.00/mo.; also has 5' x 10' for \$60 & 10' x 15' for \$155.00, but only the 10x10 is close to our needs. Offers pre-pay discount: get 1 month free on 12-mo. commitment.
Climate controlled, secure & monitored w/digital surveillance; appts needed to deliver & retrieve stuff, ~ 24h in advance; in appliance warehouse, so staff must help & escort you to unload & move your stuff; they have electric pallet jacks & forklifts. Access hrs are M-F 8:30a-5:00p, Sat 9:00a-12:00n; only has the one location.			
Acorn Mini Storage	651-401-7294; 612-314-3111; 612-314-3244. <a href="http://www.acornministorage.com">www.acornministorage.com</a>	St. Paul site: 275 N. Sibley Street, zip 55101; Mpls North/I-94 site: 4652 Lyndale, zip 55412; Mpls NE/ Lowry site: 2547 5 <sup>th</sup> St. NE, zip 55418	@ StP site : a 10' x 10' unit is \$137.00/mo., but a 10' x 12' unit is \$132.00/mo.;  @ Mpls I-94 site: a 10' x 10' unit is \$71.00/mo, w/o AC, and a 10' x 15' unit is \$111.00/mo.;  @ Mpls Lowry site: a 10' x 10' unit is \$102.00/mo w/climate control OR \$56.00/mo. w/o AC; a 10' x 12' unit is \$77.00/mo. (probably w/o AC).  EACH comes w/25% off the 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 rent charges BUT a move-in admin fee of \$20.00.
Temperature controlled; security cameras, individual codes. 7 days/week access (incl. evenings). They have 15 total sites in Twin Cities area, each w/different pricing.			