

Preliminary Minutes

Board Meeting of the Geological Society of Minnesota, May 19, 2022

A. Opening and Welcome: The meeting was held at The Minnesota Geological Survey at 7:00 p.m. Frank Janezich acted as Secretary.

1. Minutes for the Feb 10, 2022, Board meeting were previously approved by email and posted to the GSM website. FYI: Board members have 10 days to review and/or approve the preliminary minutes after the Secretary sends them out. Please do so by August 8.
2. Review and agree on the agenda for the May 19 meeting
 - i. The agenda was agreed to.
3. Future Board Meetings:
Date tentatively set for August 18, 2022
4. Board Status – Info only

Current Board membership

with year of first election, and remaining consecutive eligibility:

Roger Benepe 2022-2025
Deborah Naffziger 2022-2025
Pete Hess 2021-2024
Nancy Jannik 2021-2024
Patrick Pfundstein 2020-2023
John Westgaard 2020-2023
Wolf Bielefeld 2019-2022
Roxy (Knuttila) Janezich 2019-2022
Frank Janezich 2019-2022

NOTE that current board members Wolf Bielefeld, Roxy (Knuttila) Janezich and Frank Janezich will be completing their terms of office on December 31, 2022. Three replacements need to be decided by August 18, 2022.

Current Officers:

President – Roger Benepe
Vice President – Patrick Pfundstein
Treasurer – Nancy Jannik
Secretary – Vacant

Board membership for 2022.

- First term for Roger and Deborah end December 31, 2023. FYI: Board members

serve for one two-year term and are eligible for reelection to one more term.

- First term for Pete and Nancy end December 31, 2022.
- Roger, Deborah, Nancy, Peter, are eligible for reelection to one more term.
- Due to term limits, Patrick and John are leaving the Board on December 31, 2023.

Board members present:

Roger B, presiding; Patrick P, Deborah N. Nancy J, Roxy J, Frank J

Non-Board members present: Randy Strobel, Joanie, Dave Wilhelm, Rebecca Galkiewicz, Kate Clover, Alan

B. Agenda Items for review and /or consideration by the Broad:

1. **Treasurers report** Nancy Jannik. Numbers have been stable with little activity. We discussed the status of the checking account; Huntington has been difficult to work with so far. They don't recognize non-profit status, and there are issues with getting Nancy set as account "owner". Dave Kelso will keep check signing function, and work with Nancy in the short run. We will stay with Huntington until Summer when we can get together for checking and savings account signatures. Report back at Board Meeting in August.

Nancy had previously submitted financial reports (through 4/30/22).

Discussion on "Income Tracking FY 2022 report" : Membership for 4/30/2022 is reported as \$540, which included four Video Library memberships at \$10 each = \$40. Going forward Nancy will include Video Library memberships dollar amounts on the separate video library line. Dave Wilhelm will provide video library membership dollar amounts to Nancy.

"Expense Tracking FY 2022": Patrick has paid for State Fair booth rental, which is not included on the Expense Tracking document.

Nancy noted that the 4/30/22 invoice for material space storage was increased to \$127.85, up from the \$76.55 budgeted per month for the same store space at the same storage facility.

"Cash Balances FY2022 report" : Notes and Comments for the 12/31/21 " \$545 was deposited to the wrong account by the bank during the move from TCF to HUNTINGTON" . Nancy reported that this error has been resolved.

2. **GSM Website** Alan

Alan is in process of moving us over to Wordpress. He expects to have examples he can show us within the "next month", including other organizations we've been working with (Oregon, Georgia, etc)

3. **Lectures & Labs** Steve Erickson

Dave reported lecture attendance

Steve issued a tentative list of lectures

A positive note: Our successful Zoom experience has enabled us to have lectures from around the nation.

No lectures set yet for Spring. We need to resolve communications set-up at U of MN lecture rooms. Steve will check with Justin R regarding obtaining an account at U of MN for our hybrid Zoom from the University of MN.

Depending on COVID we might be able to have a Macalaster Lab in Spring.

September 19 lecture by Mark Jursa (hopefully at U Garden).

Discussion of hybrid Zoom/live talks in the Fall.

4. **Membership** Joanie Furlong

A few new members have signed up; total membership now ~ 130
GSM mailing list now has 220 names.

5. **Newsletter** Kate Clover / Mark Ryan

May Newsletter issued May 19

6. **State Fair** Patrick Pfundstein

Patrick is investigating details using an available online platform Signup Genius which would allow GSM members to sign up for MN State Fair GSM booth shifts directly. Patrick will still accept request for the old option of reaching out to him for a time slot as well.

Patrick renewed the GSM license and issued the check for our booth at the MN State Fair 2022.

Roger will be available to haul GSM booth display materials with his truck; he will arrange date/time with Patrick.

QR code will be displayed on the wall or easel in the booth.
NEW brochure on Geologic Markers... refer to topic 7 below

7. **Geology Markers** Rebecca Galkiewicz Geology Marker report was issued. Becky has redone the text for the poster and brochure to make it easier to locate the markers. It was decided to add QR codes to the brochures directing scans to the GSM Marker website page. Patrick to generate the QR code and make it available to Becky in time for her to have brochures printed for the fair. Quantity of brochures to print must be

decided by August 1. Patrick has a laser printer, which is one of the options for getting the brochures printed.

Becky is going through the markers page to eliminate errors.

Becky reported of a new resource person (with geography background) regarding markers and marker location. Becky will invite her to the Fall meeting.

8. **Conferences & Resources** Dave Wilhelm

- Dave reminded us that he'll be unavailable mid-July until the end of August.
- Dave W continues to report Conferences & resources of interest to members.
- METSA – I believe Theresa attended.
- Dave W, Theresa, and Mark Ryan continue to post lecture announcements, lecture recordings, and geologically related items on [GSM's Facebook page](#).

9. **Field Trips** Dave Wilhelm / Joe Newberg / Nancy Jannik

- Joe Newberg organized another outing to Wildlife Science Center for Saturday, Feb 26
- Kate Clover may do another iteration of her 2020 field trip “The Platteville Formation as Building Stone”, as the first 2 filled.
- Roger will lead another fossil hunting trip to Rockford, IA, similar to Sept 2018
- Joanie Furlong will be organizing a trip to southwestern MN. Now planned for June 2022.
- Dave will be organizing a trip to Cedar Creek this Fall

10. **Zoom Socials** Randy Strobel / Dave Wilhelm

-Dave W continues to host these Monday evenings at 7 PM on non-lecture nights. A core of about 12 people attend.

11. **Video Library** Dave Wilhelm

Dave issued a summary of video library activities.

Five new rental DVDs were announced at the Spring Banquet - and signed out

12. **GSM Marker Project** Becky Galkiewicz

- Reworked Fair poster and is redesigning the brochure
- Make sure the information is available to all (and not concentrated in Becky).
- Brief discussion of future of markers and format possibilities including the old monument style, interpretive panels, and/or “digital” markers.
- Work with organizations (rangers, Explore MN, etc) to increase participation.

13. **GSM Scholarships & grants** Dave Wilhelm

ILSG student travel award.

14. **Rock Hammer awards** Theresa Tweet

Dave to refresh board with list of recipients.

Roger will check with Theresa; ~ 2 yrs since last award

15. **Ask GSM activity** Theresa Tweet

Used mostly for non-member to obtain Zoom links ~ 5 or 6 for each lecture

16. **Student Outreach** Joel Renner

Joel has resigned; we need to be thinking about naming a new individual.

Kit at Macalaster? Person from Carlton? Steve will check status at Macalaster (Thole).

17. **GSM Operations Guide** Patrick Pfundstein

Ops Guide was updated last year. now mostly digital.

Patrick will send out a reminder/request to gather needs for revision.

Becky to send Marker document to Patrick for inclusion in the GSM Guide.

18. **Geological materials** Dave Wilhelm

- Dave W continues to keep all the materials for building rock boxes in his garage.

Theresa has indicated she might want to make some "modified" rock boxes.

- Dave W continues to keep materials donated by Judy Hamilton; no further activity.

Inventory: two binders of field trip information (1989-2003), two binders of newsletters ('84-'13), a binder of State Fair information '97-'11, and GSM Directories '90 to '13.

-Doug Z materials

No discussion of this topic at May 19 meeting.

19. **Minnehaha Marker**

Patrick had previously reported (2/10/22 board meeting notes), regarding his discussion with MaryLynn Pulsher about the frankensteined draft (real pieces roughly assembled by me in a photo editor), and she likes it. So hopefully we can get design finalized and sent out for manufacturing/installation for this season.

No follow-up by Park Board as of the May 19 board meeting: Patrick will contact MaryLynn again and submit any Park Board status to the board.

20. **Goals for the next few years**

- i. Install new big-picture marker at Minnehaha Falls during 2022.
- ii. Develop a plan and prioritize marker installation/repair for Minnesota's geological markers based on the recent marker survey.
- iii. Continue developing a GSM marker database and survey the markers in 2022.
- iv. Develop video recording

Adjournment

Frank moved to adjourn the meeting; Roxy seconded, vote was unanimous.