

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting**  
**April 1, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on 1 April 2004 in the Field Room, Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

1. Those present introduced themselves. Executive Secretary Diffendal thanked Al Schneider for his years of service as a member-at-large on the Management Board. He also thanked Ray Coveney and Sayed Hasan for their service on the Board. Board members in attendance were Diffendal, Dorsch, Kirschner, Kluessendorf, Syverson, Coveney, and Schneider. Including invited guests those in attendance numbered nineteen.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 37th Annual Meeting were approved.
4. Executive Secretary Diffendal reported that the section had a total of \$53,239.33 in its accounts on 31 December 2003. Over the past year support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was \$12,700.00, of which \$7,700.00 came from the section account; the remainder came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During 2003, 62 students from 33 schools received some kind of aid or award from the section.
5. Joachim Dorsch reported on the preliminary statistics and fiscal outlook for the meeting. Final meeting statistics were available later. The total number of people registered for the meeting was about 389 (227 were pre-registered). There were 216 papers presented in 22 sessions (including 4 symposia, 8 theme sessions and 6 poster sessions). Five field trips were run.
6. Student awards information. For the 2004 meeting at St. Louis, MO, a maximum of \$1,000 was allocated for Papers and Posters judged best by representatives of the local committee. Seven student senior authors of posters or papers were given awards after the meeting. The Management Board approved allocation of \$1,000 for the 2005 meeting at Minneapolis. For Student Travel Grants the GSA Foundation for the 2004-2005 fiscal year will match the section dollar for dollar up to \$4,500. The Management Board allocated \$3,000 for student travel to the 2005 meeting at Minneapolis, MN. With the Foundation match the total available for these student travel grants is \$5,100. The Management Board allocated \$2,600 of Section funds for student travel to the 2004 Annual Meeting in Denver. With the Foundation match the total available for this activity is \$5,000. Tom Lowell will review applications and select awardees for 2004. One of the students from the section asked that the Board consider allocating some money to every student applicant who will be presenting a poster or paper at the GSA Annual Meeting.

After considerable discussion the Management Board voted for 2004 to award equal shares of the \$5,000 to all student applicants for travel to the GSA Annual Meeting who are senior authors of posters or papers. Undergraduate Research Grants will be awarded again in 2004. The Executive Secretary asked the review team for these awards to serve another year. The Board approved an allocation of \$2,100 for research grants to be awarded in the fall of 2004.

7. The Management Board approved a donation of up to \$2,000 to the North-Central Section Fund at the GSA Foundation for 2004 depending on the financial condition of the section.
8. Future section meetings were discussed. Carrie Jennings, discussed plans for the Minnesota Geological Survey and University of Minnesota to host the 2005 meeting. John Szabo of the University of Akron updated us on plans for the 2006 meeting.
9. Later at the Section Annual Meeting the members present approved the actions of the Management Board noted above and elected Donald Mikulic of the Illinois Geological Survey to the Management Board for a term running from 2004-2007.
10. GSA President Rob Van der Voo and GSA Executive Director Jack Hess reported on GSA headquarters developments and on GSA programs and activities. Executive Director Hess reported on the upcoming Section Summit.
11. Maureen Muldoon, Hydrogeology Section Representative, reported on matters related to the GSA Hydrogeology Division.
12. Sherman Lundy presented a report of the Geoscience Education Committee.
13. Tom Evans sent a report on GSA G&PP Committee activities.
14. Karlon Blythe, GSA Headquarters Staff, told the Board about GSA Programs.
15. The future of the Section Poster Boards was discussed. Al Schneider moved and Joachim Dorsch seconded that the Section buy the poster boards manufactured last year by UMKC from UMKC for \$2,000.00. The motion was passed. Al Schneider then moved and Ray Coveney seconded that Tom Lowell be allowed to dispose of our old poster boards and hardware stored at the University of Cincinnati. The motion passed. Ray Coveney said that he will transport the boards after purchase from UMKC to Minneapolis in time for the 2005 Section Meeting there.
16. Bob Diffendal announced that he will not run for a third term as Section Executive Secretary. He asked the members of the Management Board and invited guests from the Section to submit names of nominees to replace him as soon as possible.

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Robert F. Diffendal, Jr.  
Executive Secretary