

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes of the Last Section & Management Board Meetings (April 4, 2002)**

Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on 4 April 2002 in the Atlanta Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington, KY.

1. Those present introduced themselves. Executive Secretary Diffendal thanked John Attig for his years of service as a member-at-large on the Management Board. He also thanked Skip Nelson and Robert Corbett for their service on the Board. Board members in attendance were Diffendal, Nelson, Lowell, Carney, Schneider and LoDuca.
2. The agenda was adopted
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 35th Annual Meeting were approved.
4. Executive Secretary Diffendal reported that the section had a total of \$64,278.14 in its accounts on 31 December 2001. Over the past year support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was \$12,700.00, of which \$8,200.00 came from the section account; the remainder came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During 2001, 76 students from 36 schools received some kind of aid or award from the section.
5. Tom Lowell 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 1163 (804 were pre-registered). There were 579 papers presented in 28 sessions (39 symposia/oral and 17 poster sessions). Ten field trips and six workshops were run.
6. Student awards information. For the 2002 meeting at Lexington, KY, a maximum of \$1,000 was allocated for Papers and Posters judged best by representatives of the local committee. Eight student senior authors of posters or papers were given awards after the meeting. The Management Board approved allocation of \$1,000 for the 2003 meeting at Kansas City. For Student Travel Grants the GSA Foundation for 2002 and 2003 will match the section dollar for dollar up to \$4,500 per year. The Management Board allocated \$3,000 for student travel to the 2003 meeting at Kansas City, MO. 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 2002 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 2002. Undergraduate Research Grants will be awarded again in 2002. 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 offered in the Fall of 2002.

7. The Management Board approved a donation of up to \$2,000 to the North-Central Section Fund at the GSA Foundation for 2002 depending on the financial condition of the section.
8. Future section meetings were discussed. Ray Coveney, University of Missouri-Kansas City, updated plans to host the 2003 meeting; David Kirschner for Joachim Dorsch, St. Louis University, discussed plans to host the 2004 meeting; and Carrie Jennings, discussed plans for the Minnesota Geological Survey and University of Minnesota to host the 2005 meeting.
9. Future meeting sites were discussed. John Szabo of the University of Akron proposed that his department host the 2006 meeting. Greg Ohlmacher of the Kansas Geological Survey proposed a joint meeting of the North-Central and South-Central Sections at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, in 2007.
10. Later at the Section Annual Meeting the members present approved the actions of the Management Board noted above and elected Joanne Kluessendorf of the University of Wisconsin Weiss Museum to the Management Board for a term running from 2002-2005.
11. GSA President Tony Naldrett 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 and the selection of nominees to represent sections on the GSA Council.
12. Lee Suttner reported on news from the GSA Foundation.
13. Sherman Lundy presented a report of the Geoscience Education Committee.
14. Tom Evans sent a report on GSA G&PP Committee activities. Some months later the Section Management Board voted to extend Dr. Evans service on this Committee for another term.
15. Karlon Blythe, GSA Headquarters Staff, told the Board about GSA Programs.
16. At this point the Board went into executive session. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposals for the sites of the 2006 and 2007 meetings. The Board instructed Executive Secretary Diffendal to ask the South-Central Section Representative to talk with the 2003 meeting organizers in Kansas City as soon as possible to insure that there would not be much overlap in meeting themes, field trips, etc. between the two meetings. The Board also voted unanimously that Robert F. Diffendal, Jr. be the nominee from the North-Central Section for the open position on GSA Council to represent sections.

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*Robert F. Diffendal, Jr.*  
*Executive Secretary*