

41th Annual Meeting
Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting
April 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on 12 April 2007 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

1. Fourteen people were present and introduced themselves. They were: John Szabo (past North-Central Chair and Annual Meeting Travel Grant Coordinator), Gregory Ludvigson (outgoing N-C Chair), Paul Doss (incoming N-C Chair), Danita Brandt (incoming management board member), Lynn Chyi (management board member and undergraduate research-grant reviewer), Mohammad Iqbal (management board member), Dick Berg (Geology & Public Policy representative), Joe Hannibal (Executive Secretary), Jack Hess (GSA CEO), Jack Sharp (GSA vice-president), Dave Stephenson (GSA Foundation), Gary Lewis (GSA headquarters), Eugene Perry (invited guest) and Bill Hammer (invited guest).
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 40th Annual Meeting on 20 April 2006 were approved.
4. Reports were made by the Executive Secretary. Joe Hannibal reported that the Section had a total of \$106,871 in its unrestricted accounts on 31 December 2006. He noted that this was due in great part to the success and fiscal prudence of the organizers of the Akron meeting. In the past fiscal year (ending 30 June 2006) support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was about \$12,560, of which about \$8,060 came from the section account; the remainder (\$4,500) came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. He also noted that the Section Endowment as of 31 December 2006 was \$30,204, up from \$17,508 at the end of fiscal year 2006. The Annual Report to GSA Council (downloaded from the Section web site) was distributed.
5. The Secretary reported on the preliminary statistics and fiscal outlook (good) for the current 2007 Lawrence Meeting.
6. The Memo-of-Understanding governing the split of gains/loses between the North-Central and the South-Central Sections for the Lawrence meeting was noted.
7. Affiliates were acknowledged.
8. The Section-wide program committee (the establishment of which was a recommendation of the Ad Hoc GSA Committee on Sections) was discussed. It was noted that the Ad Hoc Program Advisory Board was to meet the following

day in Lawrence.

9. The coordination of GSA Divisions and Sections was discussed and a letter from the Academic and Applied Geosciences Relations Committee was distributed. Paul Doss noted that it would be good to provide free booths for Divisions at the meeting.
10. The need for official recognition of meeting organizers was discussed. Jack Hess and Jack Sharp offered to work with the Section on this.
11. Problems related to student grants were discussed and changes to the system were suggested. It was decided to continue funding student travel to both the Section and the Annual GSA Meetings.
12. The signing of contracts for meeting sites and hotels was discussed.
13. The online Section manual was discussed. It was suggested that the timelines in it need to be more realistic.
14. The North-Central Section endowment was discussed and material related to the endowment, including the endowment-fund announcement of the Northeastern Section, was distributed.
15. The consent agenda was adopted. In it: up to \$1,000 was allocated for student paper awards at the 2008 North-Central Section meeting; up to \$5,800 of Section funds and a total of up to \$10,300 with GSA Foundation match, was allocated for student travel to the 2009 Section and National meetings; up to \$2,100 was allocated for undergraduate research grants in the fiscal year beginning in 2007. The Management Board approved a donation of up to \$10,000 to the North-Central Section Fund at the GSA Foundation, if funds were available. Danita Brandt was nominated and voted to a position as Member-at-Large on the North-Central Section Board for a 2007-2010 term.
16. The Secretary made some important reminders to Future Meeting Planners:
 - a. A General Trade Agreement between North-Central Section and GSA provides two comp registrations, 2 exhibit booths for the GSA Bookstore, 3 nights lodging for the Bookstore person, and 2 nights lodging for a GSA official.
 - b. If GSA is the registration agent for your meeting (and we recommend this), pay attention to the contract regarding your need to reserve a room for the GSA staff member who does on-site registration.
17. Other Business
 - a. The Secretary noted that he needs meeting statistics and a written report on the meeting that can be passed onto future organizers from Greg Ludvigson ASAP after the Lawrence Meeting. These include balance

sheet, lists of names of students, their schools, and award amounts for travel to the meeting, and for student paper/poster awards. The excellent report done by organizers of the Akron meeting was noted as a good example to follow.

- b. It was noted that the poster boards made for the Kansas City meeting and purchased by the Section were being used in Lawrence. Their use in Evansville in 2008 was discussed.
 - c. The Secretary warned that it should not be assumed that people will come to a meeting simply because it is being hosted. He noted that the program people should contact and confirm participation of as many professionals and students as possible well before the meeting, and that it is critical to get organizers named for a substantial number of technical sessions and invited sessions well before the meeting so that they can recruit suitable speakers.
 - d. The Secretary noted the perennial need for archives for the Section records. Jack Hess noted that GSA headquarters is interested in a records-retention policy.
 - e. Paul Doss outlined plans for the 2008 Section meeting. He mentioned his booth at the present (Lawrence) meeting and noted that a poster for the Evansville meeting would be distributed at the National GSA meeting and that the posters would also be sent to geology departments in the section.
 - f. Complications regarding the 2009 Section meeting scheduled for Ypsilanti were discussed.
 - g. The proposed 2011 combined meeting with the Northeastern Section in Pittsburgh was discussed.
 - h. Possible venues for the 2010 meeting were discussed. Eugene Perry and Bill Hammer discussed possible locations in Illinois.
18. GSA Executive Director Jack Hess reported that the total number of Section-meeting attendees nationwide seemed to be on track. He also noted that the GSA can use the International Year of the Planet Earth logo as branding.
19. Dave Stephenson discussed the GSA Foundation's capital campaign and requested suggestions of new trustees.
20. Dick Berg, Geology and Public Policy Representative, reported on the G&PP.
21. Gary Lewis talked about the GSA student mentoring programs.
22. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Joseph Hannibal
Executive Secretary