

39th Annual Meeting
Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting
May 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 a.m. on 19 May 2005 at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

1. Eighteen people were present and introduced themselves or were introduced. This included the outgoing Executive Secretary, Bob Diffendal, and the new Executive Secretary, Joe Hannibal. Diffendal expressed his thanks to Joachim Dorsch, David Kirshner, and Joanne Klussendorf, who were going off the Board; Paul Garvin who was going off the undergrad research grant review committee; and Sherman Lundy who was going off the GSA Education Committee. Board members in attendance were Diffendal, Carrie Jennings, Barbara Lusardi, Don Mikulic, and Kent Syverson.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 38th Annual Meeting were approved.
4. Executive Secretary Diffendal reported that the section had a total of \$72,063 in its accounts on 31 December 2004. He noted that this was due in great part to the St. Louis meeting organizing committee. Over the past year support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was about \$13,200, of which about \$8,700 came from the section account; the remainder came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During 2004, students from 46 schools received some kind of aid or award from the section. It was noted that the Annual Report to GSA council was on the Section Web Site.
5. Carrie Jennings reported on the preliminary statistics (770 preregistered and more than 40 on-site registrations) and fiscal outlook (good) for the current 2005 Minneapolis Meeting. Bob Diffendal congratulated Carrie Jennings and Barbara Lusardi for their success in organizing the meeting.
6. Affiliates were acknowledged.
7. The consent agenda was adopted. In it: up to \$1,000 was allocated for student paper awards at the 2006 meeting; up to \$3000 of section funds with a GSAF match of \$2,100, for a total of up to \$5,100 was allocated for student travel to the 2006 section meeting; up to \$2,600 of section funds and a total of up to \$5,000 with GSAF match was allocated for the 2005 Annual Meeting; \$2,100 was allocated for undergraduate research grants in the fiscal year beginning in 2005. Apportionment of student travel grants was discussed. The Management Board approved a donation of up to \$2,000 to the North-Central Section Fund at the GSA Foundation for 2005 depending on the financial condition of the section.

Lynn Chyi was nominated and voted to a position as Member-at-Large on the North-Central Section Board for a 2005-2008 term.

8. The Secretary made some important reminders to Future Meeting Planners:
 - a. A General Trade Agreement between NC 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, pay attention to the contract regarding your need to reserve a room for the GSA staff member who does on-site registration.

9. Other Business
 - a. The Section Secretary noted that the Secretary needs meeting statistics from Carrie Jennings ASAP after the Minnesota 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. He also noted that any funds remaining unspent after the meeting should be returned by check to the Section Secretary ASAP.
 - b. The transport of the Section poster boards that were made for the Kansas City meeting and purchased by the Section 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.
 - d. The secretary noted the need for archives for the section records.
 - e. Section Meetings from 2007 on were discussed.

10. GSA President William Thomas and GSA Executive Director Jack Hess reported on GSA headquarters developments and on GSA programs and activities. Hess discussed the changes that were going to be made by the headquarters Meetings Department in response to the March 2005 Ad Hoc Committee on Sections Report to the President. He also discussed the finances and membership retention.

11. Dave Stephenson discussed the GSA Foundation and noted that one-third of GSA members donated to it.

12. Sherman Lundy, the Geoscience Education invited representative, discussed Earth Science Week and noted that his replacement needed to be secured. He also noted that the Akron 2006 meeting should have something for K-12 teachers. Tom Evans, Geology and Public Policy Representative, reported on G&PP activities and discussed support for more active geologic mapping.

13. Karlon Blythe talked about her GSA student mentoring programs.

14. The meeting was adjourned.

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Joseph Hannibal.
Executive Secretary