

40th Annual Meeting
Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting
April 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on 20 April 2006 at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio.

1. Nineteen people were present and introduced themselves. They were: Carrie Jennings (past North-Central chair), John Szabo, (outgoing N-C chair), Greg Ludvigson (incoming N-C chair), Don Mikulic (management board member), Lynn Chyi (management board member), Mohammad Iqbal (incoming management board member), Paul Doss (who will be 2007-2008 chair), Kent Syverson (outgoing management board member), Joanne Kluessendorf (former management board member, now an undergraduate research grant reviewer), Cindy Carney (undergraduate research grant reviewer), Sandra Rutherford (Geoscience Education representative), Tom Evans (outgoing Geology and Public Policy Representative), Dick Berg (incoming G&PP representative), Robert Diffendal (former Executive Secretary), Joe Hannibal (Executive Secretary), Jack Hess (GSA CEO), Bill Thomas (GSA president), Dave Stephenson (GSA Foundation), and Karlon Blyth (GSA headquarters).
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 39th Annual Meeting on 19 May, 2005 were approved.
4. Reports were made. Executive Secretary Joe Hannibal reported that the section had a total of \$87,845 in its unrestricted accounts on 30 September 2005. [As of 30 December 2005 the amount was \$83,605.] He noted that this was due in great part to the success and fiscal prudence of the organizing committee for the Minneapolis meeting. In the past fiscal year (ending 30 June 2005) support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was about \$12,200, of which about \$7,700 came from the section account; the remainder (\$4,500) came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During the 2005 calendar year, students from over 50 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. John Szabo reported on the preliminary statistics and fiscal outlook (very good because of his prudent fiscal model) for the current 2006 Akron Meeting. Joe Hannibal congratulated the Akron team for their success in organizing the meeting.
6. Affiliates and the rest of the attendees were acknowledged.

7. A new section-wide program committee (the establishment of which was a recommendation of the Ad Hoc GSA Committee on Sections) was discussed. Carrie Jennings noted that it was important that the meeting program be broad, with items of interest to those in a wide geographic region. There was a consensus that the committee should be advisory. The concept of having such a committee as a section ad-hoc committee was approved with the intention that the committee be advisory in nature. The Ad Hoc Program Advisory Board was to [and did] meet the following day in Akron.
8. The consent agenda was adopted. In it: up to \$1,000 was allocated for student paper awards at the 2007 meeting; up to \$3,000 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 2007 section meeting; up to \$2,600 of section funds and a total of up to \$5,000 with GSAF match was allocated for the 2006 Annual Meeting; up to \$2,100 was allocated for undergraduate research grants in the fiscal year beginning in 2006. 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 depending on the financial condition of the section. [This amount was changed to \$5,000 by a vote of the Management Board completed on 7 July 2006.] Mohammed Z. Iqbal was nominated and voted to a position as Member-at-Large on the North-Central Section Board for a 2006-2009 term.
9. 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.

10. Other Business

- a. The Section Secretary noted that the Secretary needs meeting statistics from John Szabo ASAP after the Akron 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, and that there needs to be a detailed report on the meeting that can be passed onto future organizers.
- b. The transport of the Section poster boards that were made for the Kansas City meeting and purchased by the Section was discussed. It was suggested that the Lawrence meeting organizers locate these for possible use.
- 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.
 - e. Section Meetings from 2007 on were discussed. Greg Ludvigson discussed the upcoming 2007 meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, and Paul Doss discussed the upcoming 2008 meeting in Evansville, Indiana. A possible joint meeting with the northeast section in 2011 was discussed. Topics included the difference in meeting times for the sections, and differences in holding field trips. The two sites proposed for the meeting, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, were discussed. Pittsburgh was considered more highly desirable than Buffalo. The Board voted that it was OK for the secretary to continue discussions with the NE secretary on this matter.
11. GSA President William Thomas discussed licensure and certification and how accreditation should improve public recognition, 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.
12. Dave Stephenson discussed the GSA Foundation's successes and activities, including an increase in its board members.
13. Sandra Rutherford discussed education standards and accreditations, the need for us to be proactive in the K-12 system to promote teaching of our field, and other topics. Tom Evans and Dick Berg, incoming and outgoing Geology and Public Policy Representatives, reported on G&PP activities and discussed changes that GSA headquarters wanted to make in the committee. These included the election of representatives specifically from the section.
14. Karlon Blythe talked about her GSA student mentoring programs.
15. The meeting was adjourned.

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Joseph Hannibal
Executive Secretary