

35th Annual Meeting
Draft Minutes of the Last Section & Management Board Meetings (April 23, 2001)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 a.m. on 23 April 2001 in Salons B and C, Holiday Inn, Normal, Illinois.

1. Those present introduced themselves. Executive Secretary Diffendal thanked Joanne Kluessendorf for her years of service as a member-at-large on the Management Board. Board members in attendance were Diffendal, Nelson, Corbett, Pachut, Attig, and LoDuca.
2. The agenda was adopted
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 34th Annual Meeting were approved.
4. Executive Secretary Diffendal reported that the section had a total of \$52,871.80 in its accounts on 31 December 2000. Over the past year support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was \$12,830.00, of which \$7,830.00 came from the section account; the remainder came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During 2000, 83 students from 42 schools received some kind of aid or award from the section.
5. Skip Nelson reported on the preliminary statistics and fiscal outlook for the meeting. Final meeting statistics were available. The total number of people registered for the meeting was 524 (339 were pre-registered). There were 236 papers presented in 28 sessions (22 symposia/oral and 4 poster sessions). Four field trips and four workshops were run.
6. Student awards information. For the 2001 meeting at Illinois State University, \$1,000 was allocated for Papers and Posters judged best by representatives of the local committee. Six student senior authors of posters or papers were given awards after the meeting. The Management Board approved allocation of \$1,000 for the 2002 joint NC/SE section meeting at Lexington, KY. For Student Travel Grants the GSA Foundation for 2001 and 2002 will match the section dollar for dollar up to \$4,500 per year. The Management Board allocated \$3,000 for student travel to the 2002 meeting at Lexington, KY. 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 2001 Annual Meeting in Boston. With the Foundation match the total available for this activity is \$5,000. Tom Lowell will review applications and select awardees for 2001. Undergraduate Research Grants will be awarded again in 2001. 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 2001.

7. The Management Board approved a donation of up to \$2,000 to the North-Central Section Fund at the GSA Foundation for 2001 depending on the financial condition of the section.
8. Future section meetings were discussed. Tom Lowell discussed plans for the 2002 combined section meeting with the Southeast Section at Lexington, Kentucky, on 3-5 April 2002. 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. At the Annual Meeting the members present approved the actions of the Management Board noted above and elected Allen Schneider of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to the Management Board for a term running from 2001-2004.
10. President Sharon Mosher reported on GSA headquarters developments and on GSA programs and activities. President Mosher asked if the Section would be interested in offering GSA-sponsored short courses at future section meetings. Those in attendance voted to explore this possibility for future section meetings. President Mosher told us that AEG wants to explore the idea of holding joint meetings with sections. Those in attendance voted to explore this possibility for future section meetings as well.
11. Bill Simpkins reported on the Hydrogeology Division activities. He told the Board that he would probably be resigning as Hydrogeology Division representative and would seek a replacement if that does happen.
12. Sherman Lundy presented a report of the Geoscience Education Committee.
13. Tom Evans reported on GSA G&PP Committee activities. All in attendance voted to recommend that our G&PP representative have a vote on the GSA G&PP Committee. Evans asked the Board to consider what it wants our G&PP representative to do.
14. Al Schneider reported that he is continuing to work on his tabulation of past section field trip guides.
15. Karlon Blythe, GSA Headquarters Staff, told the Board about GSA Programs.
16. The Board went into executive session. Bob Corbett moved and Robert (Skip) Nelson seconded the motion to elect Robert F. Diffendal, Jr., to a four-year term as North-Central Section Executive Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes revised on 27 June 2001.

Robert F. Diffendal, Jr.
Executive Secretary