

37th Annual Meeting
Preliminary Minutes of the Management Board Meeting
March 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. 24 March 2003 in the Osage C Room, Kansas City Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, KS.

1. Those present introduced themselves. Executive Secretary Diffendal thanked Steve LoDuca for his years of service as a member-at-large on the Management Board. He also thanked Tom Lowell and Cindy Carney for their service on the Board. Board members in attendance were Diffendal, Coveney, Lowell, Hasan, and Schneider. Including invited guests those in attendance numbered eighteen.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 36th Annual Meeting were approved.
4. Executive Secretary Diffendal reported that the section had a total of \$65,169.88 in its accounts on 31 December 2002. Over the past year support for students for travel grants, research grants and best paper awards was \$12,120.00, of which \$7,620.00 came from the section account; the remainder came from matching funds from the GSA Foundation. During 2002, 118 students from 46 schools received some kind of aid or award from the section.
5. Ray Coveney 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 405 (296 were pre-registered). There were 225 papers presented in 23 sessions (11 symposia/oral and 6 poster sessions). Eight field trips were run.
6. Student awards information. For the 2003 meeting at Kansas City, MO, 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 2004 meeting at St. Louis. For Student Travel Grants the GSA Foundation for 2003 and 2004 will match the section dollar for dollar up to \$4,500 per year. The Management Board allocated \$3,000 for student travel to the 2004 meeting at St. Louis, 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 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle. With the Foundation match the total available for this activity is \$5,000. Tom Lowell will review applications and select awardees for 2003. Undergraduate Research Grants will be awarded again in 2003. 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 2003.

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. 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. John Szabo of the University of Akron and Greg Ohlmacher of the Kansas Geological Survey updated us on plans for the 2006 and 2007 meetings, respectively.
9. Diffendal told the attendees about the illness of Joanne Kluessendorf. A card was circulated amongst the attendees for signatures and get well wishes. Diffendal will send the card out later today.
10. Later at the Section Annual Meeting the members present approved the actions of the Management Board noted above and elected Kent Syverson of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to the Management Board for a term running from 2003-2006.
11. GSA President Clark Burchfiel 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.
12. Maureen Muldoon, Hydrogeology Section Representative, reported on matters related to the GSA Hydrogeology Division and on other matters.
13. Sherman Lundy presented a report of the Geoscience Education Committee.
14. Tom Evans sent a report on GSA G&PP Committee activities.
15. Karlon Blythe, GSA Headquarters Staff, told the Board about GSA Programs.
16. The future of the Section Poster Boards was discussed. Tom Lowell still has them, but they are not in very good shape and are not the size to fit the present size of computer generated posters. Ray Coveney had new ones constructed for this meeting and said that he would lend them to Joachim Dorsch for use at next year's meeting in St. Louis. He also suggested that he might be willing to sell them to the Section so that we could use them in the future and could surplus the old boards. Subsequently Coveney told Diffendal that he would sell them to the Section for \$2,000. Diffendal said that he would poll the Board on this offer.

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Robert F. Diffendal, Jr.
Executive Secretary