

**MINUTES OF USUCGER BOARD MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL  
JANUARY 29, 2010**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ali Maher-President, Marte Gutierrez-Treasurer, Chris Baxter-Secretary, Amy Cerato, Jim Hanson, Anand Puppala-Past President, Ken Stokoe

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS:** Matt Evans-Webmaster

**MEETING COMMENCED AT 3:30 P.M. EDT.**

**AGENDA:**

1. Board Membership
2. Update on student awards
3. Education Comm. Chair nomination
4. Financial report
5. GeoFlorida 2010
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

**1. BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Anand Puppala's term on the UBoard has expired and elections need to be held to elect a junior and senior member. As per the by-laws, a USUCGER member will be asked to set up an election nominating committee and solicit nominations for candidates. Once candidates have been selected, the UBoard secretary (Chris Baxter) will run the elections. President Ali Maher requests that names of persons to form a nominating committee be sent to him directly.

**2. UPDATE ON STUDENT AWARDS**

Webmaster Matt Evans provided an update on the Student Awards program. Twenty one applications were submitted and there were several excellent candidates. Matt, Ali, and Chris reviewed the applications and selected two students to receive the awards. Each student will be reimbursed up to \$1,400 for travel expenses and receive free registration to the GeoFlorida 2010 conference.

Everyone agreed that the award process went well and should be repeated next year. Matt agreed to lead the selection committee again. Jim Hanson suggested that the process be started earlier next time so that interested students can send an abstract of the paper they intend to present. Jim also suggested that session moderators at GeoFlorida be asked to introduce the two awardees of the USUCGER student award.

### **3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATION**

Andrea Welker has stepped down as Chair of the Education Committee. Jim Hanson expressed interest in the position, and the UBoard voted and approved Jim to be the new Chair of the Education Committee.

### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Marte Gutierrez became Treasurer in February 2010, and Jim Hanson has been helping Marte transfer the USUCGER bank accounts to Colorado. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$37,711 in the USUCGER checking account and \$10,712 in a certificate of deposit.

It was proposed to switch to a web-based system for managing payment of bi-annual dues, checking the status of membership, etc. Ali will work with Jim to identify a potential vendor/web developer that could help with this.

### **5. GEOFLORIDA 2010**

Not all UBoard members will be attending GeoFlorida 2010, however there is a possibility that some members could meet informally.

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Anand suggested that the UBoard should begin planning for another USUCGER workshop.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M. E.D.T.**