

USUCGER Annual Meeting

Geo-Congress 2014, Atlanta, GA

February 23rd, 2014

Minutes

Attending Board Members: Amy Cerato, Jeffrey Evans (JE), Edward Kavazanjian (EK), Tong Qiu (TQ), Christopher Meehan (CM), Ken Stokoe II

Webmaster: Matthew Evans (ME)

Invited Guests: Patricia Culligan (G-I representative)

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.

Board members presented the following items:

1. Welcome & introduction of board members (JE)
2. Treasurers report (CM)
3. Secretary's report (TQ)
4. By-Laws update on voting and adoption (ME)
5. Current Board Elections nominees (TQ)
6. Statements from Board Candidates (JE)
7. Future Board Election announcement (JE)
8. Small grants initiative (EK)
9. GeoCoalition (EK, TQ)
10. USUCGER Early Career Conference (JE)
11. USUCGER Research Conference (JE)

Comments from the audience:

Comment: I don't like the nomination process, which is not transparent.

A: The Board formed an independent nominating committee, which has come up with two candidates at the assistant professor level and two candidates at the associate professor level. These are just baseline candidates and additional nominees will be solicited from the membership.

Questions: Several questions are asked about the small grant initiatives (e.g., awarded to institution or individual, duration of project, overhead allowance).

A: Award is to institution not individual; duration of project is one year; no PI salary and overhead. The award will be a gift without reinforcement mechanism (failure to deliver will result in no future funding from USUCGER).

Thank you for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

USUCGER Annual Meeting

February 23, 2014

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & introduction of board members: je
2. Treasurers report: cm
3. Secretary's report: tq
4. By-Laws update on voting and adoption: me
5. Current Board Elections nominees: tq
6. Statements from Board Candidates je
7. Future Board Election announcement: je
8. Small grants initiative: ek
9. GeoCoalition: ek tq
9. USUCGER Early Career Conference: je
10. USUCGER Research Conference: je
11. Items from the Floor: je

Board Members

<http://www.usucger.org/board.htm>

Treasurer's report

Current Membership Numbers

(as of 2/5/14)

- Total Institutional Members: 126
- Total Institutional Membership: 343
- Associate Members: 33

Current Financial Resources

(as of 2/5/14)

- Rabobank Checking: \$34,062.65
- Rabobank CD: \$10,828.11
- Paypal: \$8,049.45
- TOTAL ASSETS = \$52,940.21

2013 Income

- University Member Dues: \$15,850.00
- Associate Member Dues: \$1,250.00
- Interest Income: \$16.87
- TOTAL INCOME = \$17,116.87
- Average Annual Income = \$8,500

2013 Expenses

- Credit card processing fees: \$964.75
- GeoCoalition travel: \$2,400.24
- IT expenses: \$111.45
- Student travel grants: \$3,446.86
- Treasurer Honorarium (2013): \$1,500.00
- Webmaster Honorarium (2012/13): \$3,000.00
- TOTAL EXPENSES = \$11,423.30
- Average Annual Expenses = \$8,250

New By-Laws

- Expanded Board size
- Longer membership terms
- New Board position: Comptroller
- Treasurer position: longer term appointment (*Ex-officio* Board member)
- Housekeeping revisions

Secretary's Report

Nominating Committee Members:

Deborah Goodings – George Mason University
 Ben Mason – Oregon State University
 Paola Bandini – New Mexico State University
 Melissa Maynard – University of Maine
 Tong Qiu – Penn State University

Diversity Considerations:

public vs private, research intensive vs research lite
 vs principally teaching, location, research areas,
 male vs female, racial, immigrant vs home grown

Current Board Elections Nominees

1. Assistant Professor Candidates

Shideh Dashti: University of Colorado – Boulder

Melissa Maynard: University of Maine

2. Associate Professor Candidates

Margaret Darrow: University of Alaska – Fairbanks

Tanya Kunberger: Florida Gulf Coast University

Small Grant Initiative

- Projects that support USUCGER mission
 - To further geotechnical education and research
- Up to \$5000
 - Student salaries, materials and supplies, other direct expenses
 - No faculty or PI salaries or overhead

Potential Projects

- Examples of potential projects include:
 - CD ROM or on-line library of videos
 - Library of comprehensive design examples
 - Library of exam and homework problems with solutions
 - Virtual field exploration exercise
 - Self-paced learning module
 - Exploratory research
 - Undergraduate research funding

Additional Details

- Proposals entertained on a rolling basis
 - Two page (max) description of project, including deliverable and schedule, plus detailed budget
 - Proposals evaluated by the Board
- Worthy proposals to be funded as long as funds are available
- Institutional award

GeoCoalition

- Discussions in progress on Geo-Professional Foundation

- Early Career Conference
- Research Conference
- Items from the floor