

**Minutes of the 1998 Management Board Meeting
Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America**

Meeting convened at 12:05 p.m. at the Annual Meeting of GSA in Toronto, Canada

Attendance:

Vince Cronin, Chair

Scott Burns, Chair-Elect

Robert A. Larson, Secretary

Duane Eversoll, Member-at-Large

Helen Delano, Past Chair

Terry West, Jerry DeGraff, Dave Verado, Stacy Verado

Attendees that arrived during the meeting - Chuck Welby, Syed Hasan, Kerry Cato,

Chris Mathewson, Judy Ehlen, Rhea Graham

1) Review of minutes of the last Management Board Meeting held October 20, 1997
ACTION - APPROVED

2) Election Results - 95 members voted - the proposed slate of candidates were elected; there were no write in candidates; Management Board Members for 1998-99 are:

Scott Burns, Chair

Robert A. Larson, Chair-Elect

Duane Eversoll, Secretary

Dave Verado, Member-at-Large

Concerns of GSA expressed on elections results were discussed

3) Information provided by Division Chair Vince Cronin:

a) EGD is 5th largest Division; membership is up from 733 to 763

b) GSA has proposed change such that all members will be assigned to a Division; currently only 30% of members belong to a Division

c) Chris Mathewson and Don Davidson have signed a new memorandum of understanding concerning the joint publication of the journal Environmental and Engineering Geoscience

d) the Division necrology was read

e) The Tilford Scholarship of the Engineering Geology Foundation was discussed

4) Kerry Cato discussed the new four year agreement between GSA and AEG for the journal Environmental and Engineering Geoscience; Kerry discussed proposed improvements to the quality of the journal; a note concerning the journal should be placed in the next Division newsletter

5) GSA Division Chair's Breakfast - Vince Cronin and Rhea Graham attended

The following items were discussed: GSA Strategic Plan; bringing Division structure into command structure of GSA, i.e. onto the Council; a Council member will now represent

every Division; change in Division interaction with Annual Meeting, i.e., no guarantee of symposium anymore; GSA will pay for one Division member to attend meeting at HQ on January 15, 1999 to discuss Division matters; one purpose of meeting is to set agenda for next Division Chair's Breakfast; Scott Burns and Jerry DeGraff will attend; of concern is what will we be doing with Environmental abstracts?

6) The Division Award were announced:

Burwell Award will go to Roger Saucier, Lawson Smith and Whitney Autin for "Geology of the Lower Mississippi River Valley", Roy Shlemon will be citationist

Distinguish Practice Award will go to Roy Shlemon, Robert Larson will be citationist

Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer will go to Mavis Kent who will present "Geology Still Counts" - funding her lectureship was discussed

Engineering Geology Division Award will go to Stanley Galicki of Millsaps College for proposal entitled "Temporal equivalent geochemical and dendrochemical analysis and correlation of heavy metal loading in a wetland sediment profile"

Meritorious Service Award was not awarded this year

7) Division appointments for 1999 were announced:

JTPC representatives - Robert Larson and Duane Eversoll

Environmental Geology Representative to JTPC - Helen Delano

Burwell Award - new members - Dave Verado and Skip Watts

Jahns Lectureship - Scott Burns and Robert Larson

Nominating Committee - Vince Cronin

External Awards - Bill Haneberg

Newsletter editor - Jerry DeGraff

Publications - Chuck Welby

Web Site Master - Loyld Morris of Texas A & M will be asked - need to move site to new server

8) Division Reports were made as follows:

Secretary Report by Robert Larson - As of September 30, 1998 we had \$13,327.95 in our Division account; we collected \$2811.00 in dues; we spent \$1798.12 more than we received for a net loss; the last newsletter cost \$563.48; there is \$24,186.30 in the account of the EGD Award Fund maintained by GSA Foundation.

Newsletter Editor Report by Jerry DeGraff - the deadlines for next years news will be February 1 and August 1; a short newsletter issued just prior to the Abstract Submittal Date was discussed; each member of the Division Management Board should send in item for publication [Chris Mathewson suggested trading items of interest with the AEG News; Chuck Welby expressed concern about too close an affiliation with AEG such that EGD loses identity.

Student Task Force Report by Jerry DeGraff - Student membership in Division is going down while general membership is going up; letter sent to 23 Universities, including those with AEG Student Chapters, in effort to attract more students; Student membership in Division should be \$2/year; task force still have agenda items that need to be done [Chris Mathewson suggested we build ties with AEG Student Chapters to increase student members in EGD].

Publications Report by Chuck Welby - Military Geology Volume in the print; Judy Ehlen proposes 2nd volume on Military Geology practice, ACTION - APPROVED; [Kerry Cato discussed special issues of Environmental and Engineering Geoscience to handle topical issues, i.e., this is probably not an acceptable idea at this time; Chris Mathewson discussed joint special publications between EGD and AEG].

Division Restructuring Report by Vince Cronin - voted last year to pull Secretary position from normal rotation of officers and make it a longer term office; this year we need to restructure our by-laws to address this change.

[Note: Vince Cronin and Terry West left meeting to attend technical sessions; Scott Burns took over leadership of meeting]

9) Proposed ideas for 1999 Annual Meeting

Robert Larson is Division's Program Chair and proposes symposium on dams; Jerry DeGraff proposed topical session on urbanization encroachment on watersheds; Dave Verado proposed session on transportation facilities; Syed Hasan proposed session on reclaimed mine land; Chris Mathewson proposed short course on restoration of wetlands; it was suggested the Cathleen May with IEE be contacted for joint sponsorship of a session as well as other Divisions.

[Rhea Graham left meeting and Vince Cronin returned to meeting]

10) Proposed ideas for 2000 meeting in Reno, Nevada

Duane Eversoll will be Division's Program Chair; this will be last meeting of millennium so topics should be appropriate.

11) Other matters

a) Larger, more active publication committee needed to encouraged more publications

b) More items for newsletter need to be submitted

c) Management Board needs to be more active in planning events for Annual Meeting

d) Web page - Vince Cronin will work with Chris Mathewson to achieve better results

e) Need closer cooperation with AEG

f) Jerry DeGraff expressed concern that many AEG members are not interested in EGD; care must be taken to not duplicate some things so people will not feel left out

g) Division dues will remain the same (\$5.00)

h) Discussed having Division representative for each Sectional Meeting - Vince Cronin will write item for newsletter; EGD needs to get structure and aims for whatever meetings we can

12) Student Research Award - Discussion led by Jerry DeGraff

a) We should have our own award separate from GSA's award system

b) Division needs to advertise awards and review applications internally;

applications should be sent to Division committee for decision

c) a proposed name of the award was the "Tilford-Stout Research Award for Environmental and Engineering Geology"

d) another proposed name of the award was the "EGD Award for Environmental and Engineering Geology"

e) ACTION - There was no consensus, nor majority vote for either name of the award.

f) Research award will be taken over by Division and applications will be due February 19, 1999. There will be an award for best Masters and PhD candidates, both of which must be a member of GSA; ACTION - APPROVED; Management Board to review applications this year and next year a committee will be set up.

g) Discussed potential donation of approximately \$100,000 from anonymous member; if this occurs we want to set up awards as follows: PhD research, 1st place \$1000, 2nd place \$500; Masters research, 1st place \$1000, 2nd place \$500; remaining money to support students attending field trips and short courses

h) change Division Award to support attending field trips and short courses

13) Division luncheon

a) Discussed agenda for lunch

b) Note Owen White as recipient of IAEG Hans Cloos Award

14) Miscellany

a) Scott Burns led discussion concerning increasing Jahns Award; need to double award and change honorarium to travel reimbursement (which it really is) for tax purposes

b) Chris Mathewson introduced proposed changes to North American section of IAEG constitution

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by



Robert A. Larson
1997-98 EGD Secretary