46th Annual North-Central Section Meeting  
Minutes of the Management Board Meeting  
April 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m. on April 23, 2012 in Room 309 of the Dayton Convention Center in downtown Dayton Ohio.

1. Fourteen people were present and introduced themselves. They were Chuck Ciampaglio (outgoing North-Central Chair), Angie Clayton (Co-Chair of the Dayton Meeting), John Szabo (outgoing Vice-Chair and North-Central Travel Grant Coordinator), Alan Kehew (incoming North-Central Chair), Duane Hampton (incoming Vice-Chair); Jean Bahr (a former GSA President and Chair of the upcoming 2015 Madison Meeting), Doug Aden (Management Board Member, 2010–2013); Kirsten Nicholson (Management Board Member, 2011–2014); Paul Hanson (Management Board Member, 2012–2015); Bob Shuster (Management Board Member, 2009–2012), Mike Phillips (North-Central Representative, Committee on Geology and Public Policy), Christa Stratton (GSA director of communications and marketing), Anna Christensen (GSA Foundation), and Joe Hannibal (North-Central Section Executive Secretary).

2. The agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of the Management Board Meeting at the 45th Annual Meeting of the North-Central Section on March 20–22, 2011 in Pittsburgh were amended and approved.

4. Reports were made by the Secretary. Joe Hannibal distributed financial reports that showed that the Section had a total of $92,537 in its operating account at the end of December, 2011 and $136,784 at the end of March, 2012. He also noted that the December amount is more reflective of the funds in the operating account as the March figure included deferred meeting revenue. He noted that the continuing financial stability of the Section was due in great part to the fiscal prudence of the meeting organizers and the fiscal success of recent meetings. Reports on the North-Central Section endowment were also distributed. As of February 20, 2012, the Endowment stood at $151,781 and as of March 31, 2012 it stood at $154,047. The 2011 Annual Report of the Section to the GSA Council was distributed.

5. Chuck Ciampaglio and Angie Clayton reported on preliminary statistics. As of this morning $ 57,000 has been taken in as meeting income. There were 307 papers accepted. [Final attendance was 558, including 205 professionals and 272 students.]

6. The meeting of the North-Central GSA Campus Representatives; Meeting, Planning, and Technical Program Advisory Board; and Local Committees Meeting for the next day was discussed.

7. A proposal to have GSA Associated Societies and Sections establish a Congressional Fellowship was discussed (the idea died).
8. The consent agenda was adopted unanimously. In it: Up to $2,000 was allocated for student paper awards for the 2013 annual Section meeting. Up to a total of $6,000 of Section funds (not counting GSA Foundation matching funds) was approved for student travel to the fall 2012 Annual GSA meeting and spring 2013 North-Central Section Meeting. And a maximum of $2,100 was allocated for Undergraduate Student Grants. This is a total of $10,100. Also, up to $20,000 was allocated as a donation to the North-Central Section endowment fund if the Dayton meeting was sufficiently financially successful and the outlook for the stock market was suitable. Paul Hanson of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, was approved for a 2012–2015 term as a member-at-large on the Management Board. [All of these items were voted on and approved by voice vote of the membership of the Section at the Business meeting of the Section on the evening of 23 April, 2012.]

9. Mike Phillips made a Geology and Public Policy report, discussing GPPC position papers, etc.

10. Reminders were given to future meeting planners: about the General Trade Agreement between the North-Central Section and GSA.
   a. The General Trade Agreement between the North-Central Section and GSA was noted. Christa Stratton also noted that a flat fee of $2000 was being charged if GSA headquarters handles Section Meeting site selection and contracting if a third party contracting service is not being utilized.
   b. It was noted that if GSA Headquarters is the registration agent for your meeting (and this is highly recommended) attention be paid to the contract regarding your need to reserve a room for the GSA staff member who does on-site registration. It was noted that details on this and other aspects of Section Meetings could be found in the GSA Online Section Manual.

11. Other business:
   a. It was noted that the Section Secretary needs meeting statistics from Chuck Ciampaglio and GSA Headquarters after the meeting. These include a balance sheet and the list of student paper awards.
   b. It was noted that reports on the meeting and its components should be compiled by the local committee as soon as possible. The reports should include as much information as possible as to how things were done, for instance how the amount of food to order on opening night was determined. The 2006 Akron and 2010 Branson reports were noted as being good models.
   c. Poster boards were discussed. The Dayton meeting organizers used them for this meeting and plans were discussed for transporting them to Michigan for the Lansing meeting.
   d. Outsourcing of exhibit booths was discussed. Based on experience in Dayton, this was deemed unrealistic for section meetings as national companies doing this do not have the necessary local contacts.
   e. Planning was discussed. It was noted that it should not be assumed that people will
come to a meeting simply because a meeting is being held. The technical program
chairs and others need to contact and confirm participation of as many professionals
and students as possible well before the meeting. It is also critical to get organizers
named for a good number of technical sessions and invited symposia well before the
meeting, so that they can recruit suitable speakers. It was noted that the Section’s
document with suggestions on organizing sessions has been posted on the Online
Section Manual.
f. Alan Kehew discussed the upcoming 2013 meeting in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
g. A 2014 meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, was discussed.
h. Jean Bahr discussed the upcoming 2015 meeting in Wisconsin at Monona Terrace
   in Madison, Wisconsin. The mid-week time frame of the meeting (Tuesday–
   Wednesday) was also noted.
i. Subsequent meeting places, including a proposal by the NE Section to return jointly to
   Pittsburgh, were discussed.

12. Christa Stratton and Jean Bahr discussed GSA matters and concerns, including an
   upcoming GSA review of Sections and the encouragement of special events at the 2013
   section meeting in honor of the 125th anniversary of the society.

13. Anna Christensen of the GSA Foundation discussed the possibility of matching funds
   for Section Endowments and the necessity for spending a percentage of endowments.

14. The Secretary noted that the Section Secretary’s office is limited to 8 years and that his
   8 years will end at next year’s Management Board Meeting.

15. It was noted that the official Section business meeting would be at 5:45–6 p.m., and
   that members will vote on decisions, and that the present and future meeting organizers
   would be speaking.

16. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Minutes amended and approved 23 April, 2012; amended again and approved 13 June,
2013.

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