



**52nd North-Central Section Meeting
Minutes of the Management Board Meeting
Ames, Iowa
16 April 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. on Monday 16 April 2018 in the Board Room, Scheman Center, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, with 17 in attendance.

1. Fifteen people were present in the room and introduced themselves: **Bill Simpkins** (Chair of this 52nd Annual Meeting and Section Chair); **Tim Fisher** (Co-Chair of the 51st Annual Meeting with the Northeastern Section in Pittsburgh, 2017, and Section Past Chair); **Steve Brown** (Chair of the 50th Annual Meeting in Champaign, Illinois, 2016, and North-Central Representative to the Geology and Public Policy Committee, 2017-2020); **Jean Bahr** (Chair of the 49th Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, 2015); **Alan Wanamaker** (Vice-Chair of this 52nd Annual Meeting); **DeAnn Frisk** (Organizing Committee member of this 52nd Annual Meeting); **Tina Niemi** (Management Board member at large, 2016-2018, Co-Chair of the 53rd Annual Meeting joint with South-Central and Rocky Mountain sections in Manhattan, Kansas, 2019, and incoming Section Chair); **B. Brandon Curry** (Management Board member at large, 2017-2020); **Melinda Higley** (Section Representative on the GSA Student Advisory Council, 2017-2019); **Doug Gouzie** (Co-Chair of the 55th Annual Meeting joint with South-Central in Springfield, Missouri, 2021); **Isabel Montanez** (GSA President); **Melissa Cummiskey** (GSA Senior Director of Meetings); **Jack Hess** (GSA Foundation President); **Kasey White** (GSA Director for Geoscience Policy); **Luke Zoet** (to be voted incoming Management Board member at large, 2018-2021); and **Nancy Williams** (North-Central Section Executive Secretary).

Attending by phone were **C. Renee Sparks** (Management Board member at large, 2015-2018); and **Amy Myrbo** (Chair of the 54th Annual Meeting in Duluth, Minnesota in 2020).

2. **Meeting Agenda -**
It was moved and seconded that the meeting agenda be accepted, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes from 2017 -**
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Management Board Meeting for the 51st Annual Meeting of the North-Central Section on 19 March 2017 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.
4. **Current Meeting Update -**
Chair Bill Simpkins reported on preliminary statistics (with 582 registrants as of 8:00 pm yesterday) and fiscal outlook for the Ames meeting. 393 papers and posters are being presented in 44 sessions (24 oral and 20 poster sessions). There have been some issues with Image AV regarding audio in some rooms. And some of the pull-down screen provided by the venue are too small. Three of the five proposed workshops ran. [Note: Final registration was 592 per meeting report or 607 per GSA; of the eight proposed field, two met registration, and ultimately one was able to run.]
5. **Meeting/Event reminders -**
Attendees were reminded of the All Member Business meeting Monday evening from 5:30-5:45 in the Benton Room preceding the President's Presentation, and of the North-Central GSA Meeting Planning and Technical Program Advisory Board Meeting and Campus Representatives recognition breakfast to be held on Tuesday here in the Board Room at 7:00 am. All present were invited.

6. Approval of incoming Management Board Member at Large for the term 2018-2019.

Karen Gran was nominated to serve as member at large to replace Tina Niemi (2016-2018) who will move after this meeting into the Section Chair and 2019 Meeting Co-Chair positions.

It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination; the motion passed unanimously. [This item was voted on and approved by voice vote of the membership of the Section at the Business meeting of the Section on the evening of 17 May 2018.]

7. Approval of incoming Management Board Member at Large for the term 2018-2021.

Lucas Zoet was nominated to serve as member at large to replace C. Renee Sparks (2015-2018).

It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination; the motion passed unanimously. [This item was voted on and approved by voice vote of the membership of the Section at the Business meeting of the Section on the evening of 17 May 2018.]

8. Section Reports -

a. Financials - Nancy Williams distributed financial reports that showed the Section had a total of \$99,587.74 at the end of December 2017 (compared to \$82,314 in its operating account at the end of December 2016). The transfer to GSAF was made after the end of the calendar year. The Financial Activity Summary for the North Central Section Endowment in the GSA Foundation was also distributed. Funds in the endowment at the end of December 2017 were \$364,296, up from \$321,230 at the end of December 2016

b. Travel grants – Williams reported the following distribution of funding.

2017 Seattle Annual Meeting -

- \$1,350 in available for Annual meeting donations in addition to \$8000 available from the North-Central operating budget and \$4,500 in GSAF match.
- 140 applications – 112 funded, 12 ineligible, 16 rejected (almost \$106K requested).
- \$8,960 awarded
- \$8,240 signed for
- \$8,240 minus the \$1,350 = \$6,890 available for GSAF match of \$3,445

2018 Ames Section Meeting -

- \$7,065 remaining to award
- 36 applications – 34 funded, 2 ineligible
- \$6,400 awarded – 27@\$200, 6@\$150, 1@\$100
- \$1,782.50 still available in GSAF match

c. Undergraduate Research grants – Nancy Williams reported for Ashley Burkett, the new Undergraduate Research Grants administrator, that six grant applications were funded after being reviewed by five volunteers, but one student became aware that she would not be able to utilize the funds. The remaining five were funded at levels of \$100 to \$500 using the full \$2,100 earmarked.

Undergraduate Research Grants were awarded to:

- Vanessa Bump, University of Indianapolis
- Sara Schreder-Gomes, St. Norbert College
- David Rogers, Missouri University of Science & Technology
- Geoffrey Montour, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Nancy Alejandra Duque, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Duncan Charles Glasford, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- d. Student Advisory Council (SAC) – Melinda Higley the North-Central Section representative for 2017-2019 reported on SAC activities and on the lightning talks that she organized for this meeting. She had seven students sign up for the three-minute lightning talks near the end of the Welcoming Reception on Sunday night, and they were well received. SAC in general is evolving and considering what their roles are. They are promoting ideas to increase student engagement at meetings, such as setting up student lounges and an orientation for first time attendees.
 - e. Geosciences Congressional Visits Day – Robert Goldman provided a written report detailing his experience and the value that he saw in the event, both for legislators and himself.
 - f. The 2017 Annual Report of the Section to the GSA Council was distributed and it was noted that both the Annual Reports to Council and the Minutes of the Meeting are posted on the North-Central Section website which is a part of the Geological Society of America site.
9. **Geology and Public Policy Committee Report** – Steve Brown reported that the position statement on *Managing U.S. Coastal Hazards* is being revised and that he, Tim Fisher, and Luke Zoet will be working on a section to include the Great Lakes. Kasey White thanked the section for its continued support in sending a student to the Geosciences Congressional Visits Day.

10. Continuation of Student Funding and Transfer to GSA Foundation -

No changes were proposed to the funding for this year:

- 1. Student Awards, Grants, and Support
 - b. Travel Grants for fiscal year 2018-2019 – allocate up to \$8000 of Section funds (not counting GSAF match or Annual Meeting matching funds) for Indianapolis Annual Meeting and Manhattan Section meeting.
 - c. Student Presentation Awards for the 2019 Manhattan meeting – allocate up to \$2000
 - d. Undergraduate Research Grants – allocate up to \$2100 for grants awarded Spring 2019
 - e. On To the Future (OTF) contribution – allocate up to \$1000 for fiscal year 2018-2019
 - f. Congressional Visits Day student support – allocate up to \$1000 in September 2018
- 2. Allow the Executive Secretary to:
 - a. expend up to \$8000 from section operating funds in the 2018-2019 fiscal year for Travel Grants (1a)
 - b. expend up to \$6100 from the Section Endowment in the 2018-2019 fiscal year for Presentation Awards, Undergraduate Research Grants, OTF, and Congressional Visits Day (1b, 1c, 1d, & 1e)
- 3. Allocate up to \$20,000 as a transfer during fiscal year 2018-2019 to the North-Central Endowment Fund at the GSA Foundation if funds are available (this will depend on the financial success of the Pittsburgh meeting) and if the stock market is healthy.

Jack Hess requested that the Board consider increasing the contribution to the OTF program, which averages \$1,500 per student engaged. The Board agreed to amend the funding proposal as suggested, in order to fund a whole student.

It was moved and seconded to approve the funding proposal as amended, and the motion passed unanimously. [This item was voted on and approved by voice vote of the membership of the Section at the Business meeting of the Section on the evening of 17 May 2018.]

- 11. Wrap-up report on last year's meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – Tim Fisher reported that \$17,000 was secured in sponsorships, and the net revenue for the meeting was \$50,456.78. \$19,031 of that came to the North-Central Section.

12. Report on next year's meeting in Manhattan, Kansas – Tina Niemi reports planning is going well. She is on record as guaranteeing 60-degree temps during the Manhattan meeting...in March.
13. Reports on Meetings 2020 and beyond:
 - a. Amy Myrbo and Karen Gran, hosting Duluth 2020, report that many parts are in place including the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC), hotels, and Image AV. They are rounding out their local committee with people from different areas of geology and tapping into the energy that drove earlier northern annual and section meetings.
 - b. Doug Gouzie on Springfield 2021 reports that the intention was to replicate the very successful Branson 2010 meeting, but this time, Springfield's University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center had a surprisingly good meetings package.
 - c. 2022 Lexington with Southeastern – this has been a topic for some time and is meeting some resistance. We will continue to investigate.
14. **GSA Matters** – Isabel Montanez spoke of:
 - a. the importance of student and early career professional members and identifying the value that can be added to membership packages to retain them.
 - b. GSA strategic planning and 'bold and compelling plans' involving all voices.
 - c. The rise of the RISE program and some events planned around it for the Annual Meeting.
15. **GSA Foundation matters** – Jack Hess reminded the section to use its endowed funds as appropriate for student programs. He also spoke of the Campaign for the Future kicking off at next year's section meetings and wrapping up at the Montreal Annual Meeting in 2020.

16. Other Business was solicited, but there was none.

17. Executive Session – None needed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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