Southwest Section
American Association of Petroleum Geologists
SWS AAPG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 15, 2017 10:30 AM
Conference Call

Call to Order: by President Nic Brissette at 10:30 AM CST
Quorum was in attendance.

Officer Attendees:
President: Nic Brissette (P)
Vice President: Paul Pausé (P)
President Elect: Terrence “Terry” O’Hare
Past President: Mike Raines (P)
Secretary: Robert H. Springer (P)
Treasurer: Kelli A. Snidow (P)
AAPG Advisory Council: Joseph Davis (P)

Committee Attendees:
Awards Committee: Bruce Swartz (P)
Bylaws Committee (Pres Elect): Terrence “Terry” O’Hare
Student Chapters (Pres Elect): Terrence “Terry” O’Hare
Continuing Education Committee: Jessica Wold / Jean Campbell (P)
Loan Committee (Treasurer): Kelli Snidow
Scholarship and Grants Committee: Charlotte Klenk
Imperial Barrel Award: Amy Patterson
Nominating Committee (Past Pres.): Mike Raines
Website Committee: Calvin Nix

Affiliated Society Attendees:
Abilene Geological Society: Buford Salters (P)
Dallas Geological Society: Mark Bengston
El Paso Geological Society: Jim Rutkofskie (P)
Fort Worth Geological Society: Joey Dishron (P)
North Texas Geological Society: Jesse Carlucci
Roswell Geological Society: Tom King
San Angelo Geological Society: Bruce Swartz
West Texas Geological Society: David Osterlund

Division Councilors:
Professional Affairs: Mike Party
Professional Affairs: Steve Zody
Environmental Geoscience: Chris Leibli
Energy Minerals: Paul Thomas
Vote on April 2017 Section Meeting Minutes

• First order of business is to approve the BOD SWS AAPG 04.30.2017 meeting minutes in Midland, Paul Pausé made motion to approve minutes, Mike Raines second the motion, vote was all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

• Robert Springer has placed minutes from the January 2017 meeting into Dropbox under 2016-17 Roy Yates-Secretary. To be approved at the September 27th meeting in Midland.

• Robert Springer has also placed minutes from the July 2017 “unofficial” meeting into Dropbox under 2017-2018 Robert Springer-Secretary. To be approved at the September 27th meeting in Midland.

Vote to approve El Paso Geological Society $10,000.00 Start-up money for Convention Expenses

• Next order of business is the approving of the $10,000 kick-start money for the hosting society for next SWS AAPG Convention to be held in El Paso on April 7-10, 2018. This is done every year to help get things going.

• Jim Rutkofske from El Paso is here to provide a brief overview of some of the expenses and plans for the convention: 1.) securing the El Paso Convention Center, nice venue, have 30 days to put down deposit of about $4000-6000 depending of final menu of choices selected for center. 2.) Expenses for holding blocks of hotel rooms 3.) Expenses for plane tickets for instructors for short course.

• Paul Pausé asked Kelli Snidow what do we need in way of documentation for approval, she said that as in the past, all that is needed is a written quote or document showing down payment, we then all agree and get a mailing address.

• Jim said he would make sure to get Dr. Dale Arnold, EPGS in charge of securing venue, to get a firm financial proposal for the El Paso Convention Center to the Treasurer of SWS AAPG.

• Karin Alyea asked if plans are confirmed enough that she can make travel plans for the AAPG Executive Committee to attend, and Jim commented that they are firm.

• Nic Brissette requested that someone make a motion to authorize the $10,000 start-up money for El Paso Geological Society to cover expenses hosting the convention, Buford Salters so moves the motion, Paul Pausé seconds the motion, all in favor said aye, there were no dissenting votes, motion so approved.

• Jim Rutkofske and Claire Bailey wanted everyone to know EPGS has completed requirements for tax-exempt status and have updated their bylaws (which were dated back 1977) and are now a full-fledged society.
Discuss Short Course- Venue location, monies etc.

- Jean Campbell said that John Holbrook was very helpful in obtaining Henry W. Posamentier, who has recently retired, to be our speaker for the continuing education course.
- Two venues have been reserved, but will have to switch around the days and cities around to keep the January timeframe, with course on Monday January 8th at UT Arlington and on Tuesday January 9th in Abilene. John Holbrook has also graciously offered to pay for Posamentier’s plane tickets.
- TCU venue costs last year were significantly higher last year but because we charged more per person, total budget costs came in slightly above $16,000. The continuing education budget was for between $16-17,000.
- Expected budgetary requirement for upcoming year using the UTA venue will be significantly less, with insurance only $109, and expect catering and room use charges less also. Expect this year’s budgetary need to be between $16-17,000.
- Jean will have a written report for submittal prior to the September meeting.
- Nic said that at the Midland meeting we will vote on approving the appropriations needed for continuing education to secure venues and ready to go for January.

Section activities or concerns – New /Old Business

- Mike Raines brought up the new logos need to be approved. It was recommended that it would be best discussed in person show. The new logo removed Graham and colored in. The logo has been used so long that it has become the standard for SWS.
- Nic asked if anybody had heard how the Midland Community Center doing the displaced geologist continuing education effort was going and were they requesting any monies? Kelli Snidow said no one has requested anything but it was set up so requests would go thru Curtis Helm at UTPB but would like to get a status update on that. Mike Raines said he would follow up with Curtis and get an update for next meeting.
- Charlotte Klenk contacted Kelli Snidow regarding a scholarship check where student did not provide an address to send to (other checks were sent out in May) what had been done in the past- how long to give student to contact or just cancel the check. Charlotte had attempted contact with student via email provided. The student is at UTEP. Jim Rutkofskie spoke up and said he teaches there and knows the student who had been out of country on internship and will notify student to contact Charlotte Klenk.

Next Meeting: Midland / WTGS Symposium Luncheon Meeting at Horseshoe on Wednesday, September 27th, 11:45 AM

Adjourn at 11:08 AM