

**AMQUA BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008
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DRAFT MINUTES**

1. President's Welcome, Report, and Actions

a. Call to Order and Recognition of Hosts

President Grimm called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. He recognized the hosts and program chairs for 2008 Biennial Meeting. He thanked local hosts (Russ Graham, Janet Patterson, and others at Penn State University) and program chairs (Jeff Donnelly and Ben Horton) for putting together such an outstanding meeting.

b. Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Councilors

Grimm thanked outgoing councilors and officers whose terms will be completed at the time of this meeting: Eric Grimm (President), Rolfe Mandel (President Elect—becomes President at Business Meeting), Charles Schweger (Councilor for Archaeology), John Clague (Councilor for Geohistory), Timothy Jull (Councilor for Geochronology, Geophysics, and Geochemistry), Joseph Ortiz (Councilor for Marine Geoprocesses), Scott Anderson (Councilor for Paleobiology), Julia Cole (Councilor for Paleoclimatology), and Peter Doran (Councilor for Terrestrial Geoprocesses).

c. Online Newsletter

Grimm noted that the online newsletter had been launched by Jason Briner. It is distributed via the E-mail listserv and includes links to articles on the AMQUA Web Site and announcements. It will be produced quarterly. He requested that members send news items to Jason Briner.

d. AMQUA Web Site

Grimm noted that AMQUA hired Nick Evans of Springfield, Illinois to serve as the AMQUA Webmaster. The Web site address is www.amqua.org, and the server for the Web site resides at Penn State. Grimm asked members to send any suggestions for the Web site to Rolfe Mandel.

e. Online Elections

Grimm noted that Rolfe Mandel, in his role as President-Elect, established the slate for the elections, and Grimm and Nick Evans established the online election process. At Nick's suggestion, the election was launched using Survey Monkey. Grimm thanked everyone who was willing to run for elections.

f. Bylaws Amendments

Grim asked Secretary Styles to outline the amendments to the bylaws. Styles noted that the amendments eliminate the requirement that dropped members have to pay past dues to be reinstated, change the text relating to the election process to accommodate online voting, add wording to allow information on meetings to be distributed by E-mail, and add text to

accommodate publication of news on the Web site, listserv, and through an electronic newsletter rather than a printed newsletter. The proposed changes were circulated to the membership electronically and on the Web site for their review. President Grimm asked for discussion of the bylaws changes. Given no discussion, he asked for a motion to approve the amendments. Dave Meltzer made a motion to approve the amendments to the bylaws; Jeff Donnelly seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

2. Secretary's Report

a. Election Results

Styles reported that 243 individuals voted online. She noted that one E-mail ballot and three paper ballots were also received resulting in a total of 247 ballots (about 40% of the membership). For comparison, 232 ballots were cast in 2006. Styles noted that there are only 30 members who have not provided E-mail addresses. Styles announced the election results and noted that all of the elections were very close. Officers elected for two year terms are Steve Jackson (President-Elect), Bonnie Styles (Secretary), and Cary Mock (Treasurer). Councilors elected for four year terms are: Councilor for Archaeology: Ken Cannon; Councilor for Geohistory: Brent Ward; Councilor for Geochronology, Geophysics, and Geochemistry: Luis Gonzalez; Councilor of Marine Geoprocesses: Thomas Marchitto; Councilor for Paleobiology: Mark Bush; Councilor for Paleoclimatology: Bette Otto-Bliesner; and Councilor for Terrestrial Geoprocesses: Bryan Shuman.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mock reported that AMQUA is doing well financially. The membership is at its normal level. He noted that students who were awarded travel grants can submit their receipts to him now or send them in later.

4. Old Business

a. Awards Presentation

Grimm announced that W. Raymond Wood was selected as the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Career Award. He noted that the recipients of the Distinguished Career Awards receive a bronze sculpture designed by Dale Guthrie. Grimm introduced R. Bruce McMillan who presented the award citation. W. Raymond Wood then presented highlights from his career, which will be presented on the AMQUA Web site.

Grimm announced that William A. Watts was the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Career Award. Grimm introduced Cathy Whitlock, who presented the award citation. William A. Watts gave an overview of his career, which will be presented on the AMQUA Web site.

Grimm announced that Leila Gonzalez (Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin, Madison) was the recipient of the 2008 Denise Gaudreau Award for Excellence in Quaternary Studies. He noted that she will receive a \$500 grant plus a travel grant for participation in this meeting. He introduced Jack Williams, who presented her award citation.

Grimm announced the recipients of the 2008 Student Travel Grants and asked them to stand. He noted that these 17 students are eligible for \$350 each. Fifteen grants are provided by AMQUA; two will be supported by the NSF grant. The recipients of the travel grants are:

Laura Murphy, University of Kansas and Kansas Geological Survey
Henry Loope, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Juan Gonzalez, Tulane University
Leila Gonzalez, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Mathew Simpson, Durham University
Jeremy Shakan, Oregon State University
Shaun Marcott, Oregon State University
Andrew Kemp, University of Pennsylvania
Andrea Hawkes, University of Pennsylvania
Candace Grand Pre, University of Pennsylvania
Natasha Barlow, University of Durham
Simon Engelhart, University of Pennsylvania
William R. Doar, III, University of South Carolina, Columbia and South Carolina Geo.
Survey
Jacquelyn Gill, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Matais Fernandez, Columbia University
Andrea Schilling, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
David Roberts, University of Alberta

b. Remarks from Outgoing President

Grimm noted that he enjoyed serving as AMQUA president.

5. New Business

a. New President

Grimm passed the reigns to President Rolfe Mandel. Mandel thanked Grimm for his outstanding job as President and members responded with a resounding round of applause.

b. Proposal for AMQUA 2010 (21st) Biennial Meeting

Mandel asked for Steve Jackson to present the proposal for the University of Wyoming to host the 2010 AMQUA Biennial Meeting. Steve Jackson elaborated on the proposal. The meeting would be held at the new University Conference Center. Local sponsors would include the College of Arts and Sciences; numerous University Departments (Anthropology; Botany; Geography; Geology and Geophysics); the George C. Frison Institute of Anthropology; and Archeology; Program in Ecology; Robert and Carol Berry Center for Natural History and Conservation; Wyoming State Climate Office; and Wyoming Water Resources Data System. The local Exploratory Planning Committee would include Steve Jackson (Department of Botany and Program in Ecology), Stephen Gray (Water Resources Data System and State Climatologist), Marcel Kornfeld (Department of Anthropology and Frison Institute), Jacqueline Shinker (Department of Geography), and Bryan Shuman (Department of Geology). They prefer a mid to late August date for the meeting, but could consider the last week in July. One-day field trips

encompassing archaeological, ecological, geological, and paleontological features are possible including trips to the Laramie Basin, Laramie Range, Snowy Range, Cheyenne Basin and Hartville Uplift, and North Platte River Valley. Two-day field trips could go to the Bighorn Mountains and Basin, Black Hills, and Upper Green River Basin. Although air service is limited, arrangements could likely be made for shuttle service from larger airports. The University has successfully hosted the American Ornithological Union and the Plains Anthropological Conference. Members expressed enthusiasm for the University of Wyoming serving as the host for the 2010 Biennial meeting. No other proposals were offered at this time.

c. Call for Nominations for 2009 Distinguished Career Award

Mandel requested that member submit nominations for the 2009 Distinguished Career award. There are only four active nominations at this time.

d. Announcements

Mandel asked if there were any announcements. Julie Brigham-Grette noted that the PAGES International Open Science Meeting would be held in Corvallis, Oregon in 2009, and invited AMQUA members to attend. Mandel noted that the 2008 GSA meeting will be in Houston in October. He commented that this meeting has the greatest number of presentations on Quaternary themes of any GSA meeting thus far. He noted that AMQUA members can save about \$100 on the registration fee for this meeting because AMQUA is an affiliated organization.

6. Adjourn

Mandel adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.