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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Lura Joseph

The first day of the new semester has arrived! If you are like me, less was accomplished over the break than you had hoped. Just updating Web links on my resources pages took days. (And you know how dangerous that job can be... In tracking down a migrating URL, you end up finding all those great new resources to explore and link and report, and it might be hours before you remember what you were doing in the first place.) I was, however, able to check off a number of items on my "to do" list, which is always satisfying. One of those items was firming up the GSIS committee lists.

Thanks to your responses, most committees now have chairs and most have a sufficient number of members. The preliminary list appears in this newsletter and on the GSIS Web site. Please look at the list and let me know if you have any questions, or see errors. Also, if there is a committee you would like to serve on, please let me know. You must be a current member of GSIS to be on a committee. New committee appointments are for two calendar years. If you are new to a committee or new as chair of a committee, you should have received a letter of appointment from me. If you haven't received your letter, please let me know, or if you are continuing on a committee and need a letter, please contact me.

Several committees are being deactivated because we have been unable to find individuals willing to chair them: Digital Data Committee and Guidebooks Standards Committee. Since there are people willing to serve on these two committees, they could be reactivated if chairs could be found. The Public Affairs Committee was dissolved earlier.

Considerable interest has been expressed in forming two Ad Hoc Committees/Working Groups: "Pre-1933 Geologic Information" and "Core Undergraduate Geology Books". I am waiting for statements of Mission/Goals and Timelines from the leaders of those two groups for consideration by the Executive Board. There is no longer an Archives Committee, rather there is an archivist (Mary Krick), and a photographer (Diane Baclawski).

Regarding GSIS Representatives: Barbara Haner has been appointed GeoInfo Representative. As work on the pending meeting progresses, an Ad Hoc Committee may be created. Most of the individuals who have expressed an interest in GeoInfo are on the International Issues Committee.

There are a number of vacant Representative and Appointment positions: Publicity Representative, News Letter Reviews, ALA ACRL, ALA PARS, NA Cart, and WAML. If you are interested in filling one of those positions, please let me know.

Charlotte Derksen has been appointed Auditor for the calendar years 2004-2005. We are very grateful for Charlotte's willingness to serve in this capacity.

Thanks again to all of you who serve as chairs and members of our committees. It is only through such willingness to serve that our society will survive and flourish. I have personally gained much more from serving on GSIS committees and from attending the annual meetings than the effort has cost. It is possible to serve on most committees even if you are unable to attend the annual meeting since most committee work is now conducted via e-mail. However, if you have not attended a GSIS annual meeting (ever or for quite a while), I strongly encourage you to give it a try.

If you were a speaker at the GSIS topical session at GSA, please remember to send me your paper. The due date is February 2.

Finally, I hope everyone will be as supportive of our new VP, Linda Musser, as you were of me. I encourage you to consider supporting our topical session at the Denver meeting by submitting an abstract.

May you all have a safe, happy, healthy, and productive year!

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GSIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Material for the April, 2004 issue should be received no later than March 26, 2004. If possible, please send materials by e-mail to cjm@thurston.com

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Linda R. Musser

The Joint Technical Program Committee of GSA, of which I am a member, has been busy this month reviewing submissions for topical sessions at the Denver meeting. Since there is no guarantee that all approved sessions will receive enough abstract submissions to be held, I can't be too specific about some of the VERY interesting sessions that have been proposed. I can tell you that many proposed sessions focus on educational issues in the geosciences so there should be lots of opportunities to discuss outreach and educational initiatives. Additionally, our society may be co-sponsoring a session or two on related issues such as geoinformatics and digital library development.

The primary sessions for our organization are the open disciplinary session, a poster session, and the proposed topical session (see below). If there is a topic you have grappled with in your library, there is sure to be a venue for discussion of it at the annual meeting. Please start thinking now about some of the things you have been doing at your library that you would like to share with colleagues. Dealing with a challenge and want some feedback? Are you in the middle of some research? Consider submitting an abstract for a poster session. They are high contact, high feedback sessions. Do you want a chance to showcase a unique service, solution, or interesting research? Consider presenting a paper at one of our other sessions. Remember, this is YOUR meeting, and I want to give every member an opportunity to discuss the issues that they consider important.

Geoscience Information and Librarianship in a Global Context (proposed GSIS topical session)

As geoscience becomes more global in scope, the tools librarians provide must also adapt. How well have traditional tools and processes changed to meet these new demands? What changes still need to be made?

Rationale: Geoscientists have a long history of looking beyond local borders in the pursuit of knowledge. This is even more the case today as technological advances have simplified travel and eased the process of long distance collaboration. New disciplines, such as Earth system science, demand a global perspective as do the curricular requirements for new geoscience students. With faculty doing field work in Tanzania, students completing course projects in Greenland, and classes being taught synchronously across oceans, the need for libraries and geoscience information tools to support global research is stronger than ever. While the Internet has made many research tools more accessible, have the tools themselves become more global in scope? Are geoscience librarians collecting, acquiring, and organizing relevant materials from around the globe? How much of an impact has the prevalence of English-language materials had on the dissemination of geoscience knowledge? How do we deliver services to researchers in the field when the field is the Ross Ice Shelf? How do we support students across continents and colleagues around the globe? This session offers a venue for discussion of the challenges faced by geoscience librarians, educators, and researchers around the world and the solutions that have been developed to meet these challenges.

WHAT IS LC-CAP?

Submitted by Linda R. Musser

At the November GSIS meeting, some questions were raised about the Library of Congress' Cooperative Acquisitions Programs (LC-CAP). This article is brief description of the LC-CAPs along with contact information for those interested in learning more about the program.

The Library of Congress' Cooperative Acquisitions Programs (CAPs) are an avenue for libraries to acquire materials from countries where conventional acquisitions methods don't work or are difficult to establish. The Overseas Offices of the Library of Congress acquire material in their region for LC and for libraries enrolled in that office's CAP. Participating libraries establish an interest profile and fund the office to select and purchase materials on their behalf. Materials selected under these programs are shipped directly to participating libraries on a cost recovery basis.

The LC has six overseas offices, as follows:

1. Cairo - acquires materials from Algeria, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Gaza, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, U.A.E., West Bank, and Yemen.

2. Islamabad - acquires materials from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan.
3. Jakarta - acquires materials from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
4. Nairobi - acquires materials from Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo (Kinshasha), Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
5. New Delhi - acquires materials from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, and Mongolian and Tibetan materials published in several Asian countries.
6. Rio de Janeiro - acquires materials from Brazil, Guyana, Guyane, Suriname, and Uruguay.

Libraries interested in joining a CAP should contact that Overseas Office directly for more information (see lcweb.loc.gov/acq/ovop).

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, November 2, 2003

Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: President Lisa Dunn, VP/PE Lura Joseph, Treasurer Patricia Yocum; Past President Michael Noga; Newsletter Editor Connie Manson, Publications Manager Elizabeth Wallace, Secretary Jim O'Donnell

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Dunn at around 12:35. She welcomed everybody and requested that everyone introduce themselves. Jim circulated a sign-up sheet.

We worked from Lisa's agenda, and went swiftly to Action Items and Issues

Auditor. Our current Auditor, Margy Walsh, will be stepping down at the end of the fiscal year. Charlotte Derksen and Shaun Hardy expressed their willingness to take the job. Lura will take under advisement.

Proceedings. There is interest in going to online publication of the Proceedings, both current and backfiles. However, it's not clear whether we really have the right to republish them in a different medium. We have received GSA's permission to use its Abstracts in perpetuity. Lisa presented a draft GSIS Copyright Statement. Linda Musser suggested that it be reviewed before we adopt it, and wondered how our Books on Demand license takes this into account. She offered to find out. Jim suggested that we should get a lawyer to review it once we've reached what we expect to be a final draft.

Agreed: the Draft will be posted to the website, with a deadline for comments of December 15, after which the statement will be revised and vetted by a lawyer.

Task Force on Core List of Undergraduate Geoscience Books. Discussion was deferred until after the Collection Development Forum.

Committee Review. Lisa has focused on this during her term of office. She noted that we have 182 members, and that committees are staffed by a core group of those members. Some positions have been impossible to fill.

Public Affairs. Lisa stated that the Committee is defunct. It was noted that we have been giving \$400 a year to AGI for their Public Affairs programs. Patricia Yocum moved to abolish the Public Affairs Committee. Linda Musser seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Archives. Lisa conferred with Mary Krick, the current Chair of the Archives Committee, who agreed that it doesn't need to be a committee. Patricia Yocum moved to abolish the Archives Committee. Connie Manson seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Michael Noga then moved that the Society appoint an Archivist. Connie Manson seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Digital Data Committee. It seems as though the committee's work has been superseded by other committees (specifically noted was Collection Development, Preservation, and GeoRef Users Group). There was much discussion

about what the Committee should be doing. Patricia suggested that a 'Best of the Web' program might be a focus for the committee, rather than outright abolition. Other ideas were mentioned. No action was taken.

Exhibits Committee. They may need a new case for the exhibit, in which case, we might need to purchase an entire new exhibit. Folks will look into it.

Guidebook Standards Committee. The committee has been inactive for two years. The Standards currently posted are dated: they do not address guidebooks using new technologies, such as CD-ROM or Web publication, or road logs based on Global Positioning System. Charlotte noted that our definition of a guidebook as including a road log is copied from GeoRef's definition, and doesn't necessarily have to remain our default. No action was taken.

Awards and the committees that give them. There is a lot of overlap in the work of the various award-giving committees. Some Committees (Ansari, Best Paper) exist only to give awards, while Best Guidebook and Outstanding Website are awarded by committees with other charges as well. Follow-up on the awards has been haphazard, too: publicity and getting the awards made has tended to fall to the Vice President, who is too busy planning and running the Annual Meeting for those responsibilities. It was suggested that the chairs of the awarding committees could comprise a coordinating committee that takes care of these responsibilities. Michael Noga suggested the appointment of a single person to provide support to all the Awards committees (an Awards Officer?). It was agreed that this should be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting.

Publicity Officer. There is not currently a Publicity Officer.

Lisa asked that any other Committee charge questions be addressed to her before the Business meeting.

Lisa also stated that the Committee Operating Guidelines, and the Committee Charges should be posted on the Web. The Webmaster agreed.

Membership Committee. Discussion was deferred to the Annual Business Meeting.

Treasurer. Patricia Yocum then took the podium to discuss budgets, expenditures, and planning. She distributed several handouts.

Accounts. Currently the Society maintains eight accounts: Business checking, business savings, two GSIS CDs, two Ansari CDs, an Ansari savings account, and a credit card. Patricia proposes to merge the two GSIS CDs into one; the two Ansari CDs to one, and to eliminate the Ansari savings account. She says that the amount of income we're making on that savings account is not worth the trouble, and that the Treasurer can purchase a two-year CD for the Ansari Award, which, when it matures, can be harvested for the next two years' worth of awards (\$500 per year) before

reinvesting the funds. She also distributed a table and chart indicating the payout projection for the Ansari fund. Assuming interest rates of 3%, the fund will be exhausted in 2022.

Patricia also suggested that she remain on the signature cards for the various CDs until they mature in May, thus relieving incoming Treasurer Jane Ingalls of any responsibilities for this changeover early in her term. Jane seemed to think this was okay.

Finally, Patricia mentioned that she would be moving \$1000 from Business Savings to the GSIS CD when new ones are purchased in May.

Dues. Lisa noted that members aren't paying for the service the Society provides: that dues aren't covering expenses. Is it time to raise dues?

Special Funds. Patricia brought up the topic of special funds that the society collects. Her records indicate that we collect funds for various types of sponsored membership. Our income and expenses for Named Sponsored Memberships has been \$390 over the last 7 years. She proposes to stop tracking funds for Named Sponsored Memberships, because they are, essentially, somebody paying somebody else's dues, and that's not important to our bookkeeping. She suggested that the secretary keep a count of such sponsorships, but not their dollar value. This decision will be visible only to the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Sponsored Membership Pool. Patricia is more concerned about this pool, because it appears that there has been little activity in it. Her records indicate that we have collected \$2305 in the last 7 years, and expended only \$40. She is concerned that we are misrepresenting ourselves in soliciting these gifts. Shaun Hardy, Chair of International Initiatives, stated that he's sure that at least some of the money was expended, but perhaps hasn't been accounted for. He says that at least 11 memberships funded by those donations were instituted during our last round of International Fellowship recruitments. He and Patricia will see if they can piece together the information.

Sponsored members. The question of how people are chosen to be sponsored from the Membership Pool was raised. We have one current sponsored member, and the Secretary just notified the Treasurer that the member was sponsored. It was agreed that Sponsored Memberships should be awarded by the Membership Chair, conferring with the Treasurer and Secretary as necessary. Money for

the sponsorship of International Fellow applicants should be kept on hand, so the Chair of International Initiatives might need to be in on the discussions, too. The Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair (Connie Manson) and International Initiatives Chair will confer about how to do this.

Professional Development fund. Funds for this have been solicited for the last two years. It was suggested that it might be used to offer a stipend to student members for attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Patricia handed out a six-year budget comparison (based on work that previous Treasurer Shaun Hardy had done) that indicated that we have lost money each of the last six years. Total account balances (excluding Ansari and Bristol funds) were \$30,515 on January 1, 1997, and had shrunk to \$17,548 on January 1 of this year. The Society needs a solid line of income (membership dues, Proceedings & Newsletter sales) balanced against expenses.

Publications Manager. Elizabeth Wallace distributed her Annual Report. She noted that v. 32 (the 2002 Meeting in Denver) has not yet been published, with distribution to take place in early December. Sales of Proceedings are primarily for the most recent volume published, although there is some activity for the first few years after publication. Volumes 1-25 are available from Books on Demand.

Lisa asked for feedback on the scheduling of the meeting (always with GSA? Usually with GSA?) which she said had been discussed last year in Professional Issues. She will bring it up one last time in the Annual Business Meeting.

Somebody (who?) brought up the idea of establishing local arrangements committees for the Annual Meeting. Members could share the responsibilities of the VP/PE in the meeting planning.

Dorothy McGarry made an announcement on behalf of Louise Zipp, Chair of the Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks Committee, asking for volunteers to search Guidebooks (using surrogates) in the Union List, to see if they're already there.

Shaun Hardy announced that the GeoRef Advisory Committee has asked Sharon Tahirkheli to prepare occasional news updates for GeoRef users, similar to what was in the old "GeoRef Newsletter", and to consider distributing these over GeoNet-L. He wanted to get the Executive Board's approval, which was duly given.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Besides the officers mentioned above, those who signed the attendance list were: Nancy Blair, Charlotte Derksen, Shaun Hardy, Jane Ingalls, Claren Kidd, Carolyn Laffoon, Dorothy McGarry, Linda Musser, Thelma Thompson.

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, November 4, 2003

Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Aspen Room

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Dunn at 1:40 pm.

Introduction

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, as published in the *GSIS Newsletter* 199 (December 2002), were approved by a voice vote.

Lisa introduced the newly elected officers, Vice President/President Elect Linda Musser, and Treasurer Jane Ingalls. Linda takes office at the end of the Annual Business Meeting, and Jane on January 1 of 2004.

Lisa welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. The Secretary circulated an attendance sheet.

Officers' Reports

Lura (VP/PE) noted that this GSA meeting includes the largest technical program ever, and that attendance is expected to be the second highest ever. She reviewed plans for the field trip, invited folks to help staff the Exhibit, and announced that there would be a silent auction at the Reception.

Jim (Secretary) announced that membership stands at 182, with 19 new members. 26 members had not renewed by October 31. Membership is in 17 countries, with 153 from the US, 9 from Canada, 3 each from Australia and the UK, and 2 from Sweden.

Patricia (Treasurer) took the podium to discuss her office's duties. She outlined credit card procedures, reviewed the Society's budget and presented a draft budget for 2004.

Michael Noga (Past President) gave Lisa a cool gift.

Announcements

Charlotte Derksen (GSIS representative to the GSA Publications Committee) announced that GSA intends to launch an e-only journal, specifically targeting papers that require animation and computation.

Old Business

Meeting organization

Lisa said that the question of the length of meetings was brought up at last year's meeting, and that she had been collecting feedback from folks all year. She asked that anyone who had suggestions (concentrate meetings into fewer days? Don't always meet with GSA? Maybe meet occasionally with AESE? Collapsing the various forums into fewer?) should talk to her during the conference.

Claren suggested that we might be able to schedule meetings in the 5-7 pm time period that is usually free, thus

opening up some mornings for members to attend GSA sessions. Current VP/PE Lura Joseph asked for a show of hands and there was considerable support for this idea

In line with that topic, new VP/PE Linda Musser asked for a show of hands on scheduling a GSIS field trip for the Saturday before, rather than the Thursday after, the meeting. The response was lukewarm.

An idea for the next meeting: To hold a collection development/collection joint program with AESE, helping to roll out *GeoScience World*.

VP Responsibilities

Lura made some suggestions that would help the Vice-President during the annual meeting. Some things (such as awards) seem to get dumped on the VP at the last minute. She thinks a committee that exists for some time, to assist vice presidents in planning and execution of the meetings, would be useful. For example, one or several persons could coordinate the awards by handling publication and announcements, making sure the award certificates were made and delivered to the meetings, etc. Members should contact Linda Musser if they'd like to help with the next meeting.

Lisa feels that we can't post Proceedings on the web (old or new) without some kind of permission from individual authors. We have claimed copyright on the entire Proceedings volume, but it's not clear that we own copyright on the individual papers. (We have been given permission in perpetuity to post the abstracts from GSA.) She has been working on a draft copyright policy statement for GSIS. The draft will be posted to the GSIS website and comments will be solicited. Jim said he thought he could find a lawyer to vet the statement once it says what we want it to say.

It was suggested that the Executive Board consider the irregular awarding of a Distinguished Service Award. There seemed to be general support for the idea. Please contact a member of the Executive Board if you have someone you would like to nominate.

GSA Guidebook Practices.

The fact that GSA has not followed the GSIS Guidebook Standards was brought up. Should we write a letter? It was noted that the Standards are out of date: They don't include any suggestions for web-based or CD-ROM guidebooks, both of which are now in evidence in the literature. Also, the requirement of a road log needs to be reconsidered – it was GeoRef's requirement in the early days of the Union List, but times have changed. Some guidebooks now use GPS coordinates, for example: river trips and cave trips.

New Business

Treasurer. Patricia handed out several reports for the membership:

- 5-year budget comparison, 1997-2002
- GSIS Special Funds Income Expenditures (Draft)
- Ansari Award Projected Payout
- Budget third quarter report 9/30/03

She discussed the 'named sponsorship pool', and proposed dropping separate accounting for named sponsorships, since the income is identical and coincident with an application or renewal.

She expressed a wish to develop a process for using Professional Development funds. Currently we collect it, but don't have anything specific to spend it on. At its November 2 meeting, the Executive Board directed the Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of International Initiatives and Chair of Membership to develop a procedure. The decision will be made by the Chair of the Membership Committee, in consultation (over availability of funds) with the Treasurer.

She is concerned about a shortfall in our income: This year (2003), for the first time in 5 years, it looks like we will break even, instead of losing money. She noted that there are four benefits of membership: the Newsletter, the Proceedings, the Membership Directory, and the annual meeting. The annual meeting is easily our largest expenditure. She mentioned the possibility of a dues increase.

Claren Kidd moved to raise dues for 2004 to \$60. Julia Triplehorn seconded.

Lura stated that meeting expenses are high, even though and we 'saved' \$1000 by not having a projector for the digital forum.

There was much discussion on printing vs. digital distribution of membership benefits. We could save money with a cut in publications costs. The notion of an online directory was suggested. It could be regularly updated.

A friendly amendment was offered and accepted. The motion now reads: The Executive Board shall review Society expenditures and propose for consideration at the next annual meeting a dues increase. The amended motion carried by a hand vote of 18 yes and 7 no.

Kim Feltham presented a resolution: Be it resolved that the Membership Directory be online only, and be available to members only. Elaine Adams seconded the motion.

It was noted that printed copies could be requested. The motion passed by a voice vote. Jim noted that an announcement would be inserted in the 2003 directory when it was mailed.

Suzanne Larsen moved that, since the 2003 directory has yet to go to the printer, we 'go electronic' with the 2003

directory. Diane Baclawski seconded.

Shaun Hardy said that he thought that, since the Directory was a membership benefit for this year, it would be better to go ahead and publish it. Jim agreed, saying that he'd been promising new members copies when he welcomed them, and they don't have the older copies that many long-time members have. The motion was withdrawn.

Committee Review.

Lisa stated that one of her main projects this year was to review the duties and charges of all committees. In so doing, she discovered that two committees, Public Affairs and Archives were either defunct or unnecessary. She announced that the Executive Board, in its meeting on November 2, had voted to abolish both. The Executive Board had decided that an appointed Archivist would suffice. The Archivist (Mary Krick, until now Chair of the Archives Committee) has asked that Diane Baclawski continue in her role as Archives photographer. Diane graciously accepted the invitation.

Lisa said that the Digital Data Committee is in danger of abolition, if only because she has been having trouble getting anybody to serve as its Chair. It was mentioned that perhaps the Committee has served its purpose, as a lot of what it was designed to do is being done by other committees as part of their charges. She asked that any feedback be given to Lura.

Announcements.

Shaun Hardy is looking for volunteers for a Task Force to produce a core list of undergraduate geoscience books. He outlined a proposal for a working group, and asked for folks to contact him if interested.

Cooperative Activities

USGS Coalition: looking for volunteers to be Representative, condense information for Geonet-L.

New Issues

Sharon Tahirkeli announced that Ian Jackson, of the British Geological Survey, and also Secretary General of IUGS Commission on Geoscience Information, has indicated an interest in hosting the seventh International Conference on Geoscience Information in 2005, which will be the International Year of Planet Earth.

She also mentioned that AGI is looking into pre-1933 non-North America coverage.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENTS, 2004

COMMITTEES

All new appointments are for two calendar years

Best Paper Award

Purpose: Determine winner of Best Paper Award.

Chair: Renee Davis, 2004-2005

Leo Clougherty, 2003-2005

Chip Green, 2002-2004

Thelma Thompson, 2004-2005

Judie Triplehorn, 2004-2005

Best Reference Work Award

Purpose: Determine winner of the Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award.

Chair: Janice Norris, 1998-2004

Lisa Fish, 2002-2004

John Hunter, 2004-2005

Ed Lener, 2004-2005

Linda Newman, 2004-2005

Michael Noga, 2004-2005

Sally Scott, 2003-2004

Wil Weston, 2003-2005

Thomas Zogg, 2003-2005

Collection Development Issues

Purpose: Collect, analyze, disseminate and publish data on geoscience literature costs; investigate, respond to issues; report on cooperative collection development issues.

Chair: Michael Noga, 2004-2005

James Anderson, 2002-2004

Charlotte Derksen, 2004-2005

Mike Farmer, 2003-2005

Steve Hiller, 2004-2005

John Hunter, 2004-2005

Janice Jaguszewski, 2002-2004

Chestalene Pintozzi, 2004-2005

Thomas Zogg, 2003-2005

Digital Data

Committee deactivated due to lack of chair.

Exhibits

Purpose: Plan, design and arrange for GIS exhibits and maintain booth materials.

Chair: Dona Dirlam, 2002-2004

Barbara Haner, 2002-2004

Dena Hanson, 2004-2005

Mary Krick, 2003-2004

Sally Scott, 2003-2005

GeoRef User's Group Steering Committee

Purpose: Advise GeoRef on problems and enhancements; advise vendors on online implementation; share searching techniques; educate non-users; conduct workshops.

Chair: Nancy Blair, 1997-2004

Diane Baclawski, 2004-2005

Walt Cressler, 2002-2004

Jan Dixon, 2003-2005

Lisa Fish, 2004-2005

John Hunter, 2002-2004

Caryl Shields, 2003-2005

Andrea Twiss-Brooks, 2002-2004

Penny Whitten, 2002-2004

Guidebook Standards

Committee deactivated due to lack of a chair.

International Initiatives

Purpose: Investigate, report on, and recommend internationally-focused activities for GIS.

Chair: Dena Hanson, 2004-2005

Chip Green, 2002-2004

Julie Hallmark, 2003-2005

Barbara Haner, 2004-2005

Independencia Isledh, 2003-2005

Claren Kidd, 2004-2005

Joanne Lerud-Heck, 2004-2005

Pauline MacDonald, 2004-2005

Dorothy McGarry, 2002-2004

Sharon Tahirkheli, 2004-2005

Judy Triplehorn, 2003-2005

Membership

Purpose: Review/revise brochures; solicit new members; contact members who have not renewed and welcome back members who renew late.

Chair: Connie Manson, 2002-2004

Karen Bohm, 2003-2005

Lisa Fish, 2003-2005

Anne Graham, 2003-2005

John Hunter, 2004-2005

Miriam Kennard, 2002-2004

Sally Scott, 2002-2004

Lee Walking, 2003-2004

Elizabeth Wallace, 2002-2004

Patricia Yokum, 2004-2005

Nominating

Purpose: Nominate candidates for elective offices; prepare, mail, and count ballots and report results.

Chair: Lisa Dunn, 2004

Angela Gooden, 2003-2005

Clara McLeod, 2002-2004

Preservation

Purpose: Recommend GIS's role in preservation activities.

Chair: Diane Baclawski, 2004-2005

Richard Keen, 2004-2005

Pauline MacDonald, 2003-2005

Teresa Mullins, 2004-2005
Mary Scott, 2004-2005
Susan Skinner, 2003-2005
Thelma Thompson, 2003-2005

Public Affairs

Committee deactivated.

Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks

Purpose: Update and maintain the Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks database.

Chair: Louise Zipp, 2003-2005

Charlotte Derksen, 2002-2004

Angela Gooden, 2002-2004

Ann Hubble, 2004-2005

Claren Kidd, 2004-2005

Dana Mastroianni, 2004-2005

Dorothy McGarry, 2002-2004

Carol Messick, 2002-2004

John Mulvihill, 2002-2004

Jim O'Donnell, 2002-2004

Chestalene Pintozzi, 2004-2005

Deborah Rhue, 2004-2005

Linda Rose, 2002-2004

Website Advisory

Purpose: Advise on the content and organization of the GSIS Website.

Chair: Carolyn Laffoon, 2004-2005

Webmaster: Jim O'Donnell, 1998-2004

Shaun Hardy, 2002-2004

Janice Sorensen, 2003-2005

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Charlotte Derksen, 2004-2005

Geonet Moderator

Carolyn Laffoon, 1999-2004

GSIS Newsletter Reviews Editor

vacant

Newsletter Editor

Connie Manson, 2000-

Photographer

Diane Baclawski, 2004-2005

Publications Manager

Elizabeth Wallace, 2002-2004

Publicity Officer

pending

Webmaster

Jim O'Donnell, 1999-2004

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Julian (Chip) Green, 2000-2006

AGI GeoRef Advisory Committee

Shaun Hardy, 2003-2006

AGI Government Affairs Program

Marie Dvorak, 2003-2006

AGI Member Society Council

Connie Manson, 2003-2006

ALA ACRL Science and Technology Section

vacant

ALA MAGERT

Thomas Zogg, 1998-2004

ALA PARS

vacant

Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC)

Clara McLeod, 1997-2006

Linda Zellmer, 2002-2005

GeoInfo

Barbara Haner, 2004-2006

GSA Publications Committee

Charlotte Derksen, 2003-2006

NSF DLESE Steering Committee

Barbara DeFelice, 1999-

North American Cartographic Information Society

vacant

SLA Geography and Map Division

Harry Davis, 1998-2004

Western Association of Map Librarians (WAML)

vacant

GSIS CONCLUDES FY 2003 WITH BUDGET SURPLUS

GSIS ended 2003 with our net worth approximately \$2400 greater than at the end of 2002. Half of the increase is money raised for and committed to future activities (International Initiatives, Pooled Sponsored Memberships, Professional Development). The other half of the increase can be attributed to a variety of factors including careful planning regarding expenditures (especially those for the conference), vendor contributions (which helped defray reception expenses), and an increase in interest income (from \$255 in 2002 to \$662 in 2003). Thanks to everyone for their contributions in making 2003 a financially successful year. A final report will be issued once the records are audited later this year.

– Patricia Yocum, Treasurer 2002-2003

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S THANKS

The GSIS photographer (the one running around with the loose Canon at the Seattle meeting) would like to thank all who graciously allowed me to snap their pictures. You will all be relieved to know that the pictures came out very well. You folks are remarkably photogenic! The pictures now reside safely in an album which I will bring to the next annual meeting. Anyone I missed I hope to catch at the next meeting.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!

– Diane Baclawski, GSIS photographer

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