

Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association

September 19, 2012

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 in the Map Room (HOCH 439).

II. Attendance: Jessica Ball, Timothy O'Brien, Christine Burrill, Elizabeth Ceperley, Simon Pendleton, Carolyn Roberts, Dawn Ruth, Sam Kelley, Kate Feiner, Matt Sweeney, Laura Best, Sandra Cronauer, Carl Carlson, Andrea Harp, Nicholas Dahn, Sierra Anseeuw and Kevin Kersten.

III. Issues Discussed:

1. Officer Updates – None so far at least that affect the geology club.
2. Center for Geohazards Grad Rep – The Rep helps connect the CGS and students, provides input on CGS activities and attends monthly meetings (about 1 hour). Date & time of monthly meeting still unknown but Andrew H. volunteered for the position if it fits in his schedule.
3. Committees:
 - a. Student Research Fund – The amount to be allocated will be decided upon after the budget for the Winter party is in place.
 - b. Winter Party – With Sarah's help, Liz, Tim and others will organize the party and start looking into the location and meal/drink options.
 - c. Department Outreach – Jess B. will likely handle outreach.
 - d. Graduate school Workshop – A Q&A with undergraduates usually held in October. May be able to be held during a Pegrum session which Christine will contact Chris Lowry about.
 - e. Ambassadors/visiting students - Grad student contacts were established from each of the research groups for visiting students. The contacts are as follows:
Hydro Group - Katie Feiner
Volc Group - Christine Burrill
Paleoclimate Group - Simon Pendleton
Remote Sensing Group - Carolyn Roberts
Tectonics and Strat Group - Alex O'Hara
4. Future Club Activities
 - a. Reminder that the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists Symposium is THIS Friday, September 21. The BAPG is looking for posters and with enough submissions will have a Poster Competition with a prize of \$500. The cost is \$35 for students. For more information go to www.bapg.org
 - b. Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper Shoreline Sweep is THIS Saturday, September 22 – 9:00 am to 11:30 am at Ellicott Creek Park, Amherst. Tim O'Brien is coordinating this event. Email him before Saturday if you are interested in participating
 - c. 15th Annual WNY Earth Science Day is October 13, 2012 – Jess and Carolyn will coordinate this event along with Nancy Mahlen. UB usually has a table with demonstrations of geologic phenomena and/or instruments.
 - d. Department of Geology Open House is October 20 – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Student Union Lobby. Volunteers are needed for 1 hour shifts (2 people per shift min).
 - e. Possible future showing of the documentary "Chasing Ice". Christine B. has signed up to be a host for a filming of the documentary here at the school sometime next semester. For more info and to see a trailer go to www.chasingice.com
 - f. **Next meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at noon in the Map room (Hoch 439).**

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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