

**Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association Club
02/13/2017**

1. Call to order: Joe Tulenko and Jenny Cramer called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
2. Review minutes from last time: a motion was made to approve the minutes from last meeting. The motion passes unanimously.
3. Attendance: Rob Stachowiak, Tom Glose, Avy Schweinsberg, Alia Lesnek, Katie Swensen, Ian Dunning, Jon Brotsch, Mel Beck, TJ Scialo, Joe Tulenko, Jenny Cramer, Tayler Schweigel, Paul Moretti, Mandrew Harp
4. Old Business:
 - a. Winter Party was **Awesome!** Thank you Avy, Tom, and the Winter Party Committee!!! We will be waiting on ticket sales and raffle purchases to find out how much money the club made.
 - b. The Screening of the Film *Newtown* is Thursday **2/16 at 6:30 PM** in the Student Union Theater, rm 201; **Still need volunteers to help with setting up before, and cleaning up** after—Email Carrie Carolynr@buffalo.edu if you can help with this event
 - c. #teamSwag update – waiting to hear back from SBI about how to set up website for stickers. The sales are supposed to start tomorrow. \$3.50 per sticker.
 - d. Applications for the Center for Geohazards Studies Student Research Award are **due 2/28/2017** (<http://geohazards.buffalo.edu/2017-center-for-geohazards-studies-student-research-award>)
 - e. Email was sent out 2/12 probing for interest for a mapmaking tutorial in Arc. This tutorial will be during the week of 2/27-3/3; actual date and time depends on who will attend the tutorial. Email Carrie Carolynr@buffalo.edu if you're interested in learning how to make a map. We are planning to extend the invite to the undergrads as well.
 - f. FEMA Course – we decided on Community response to climate change. Tentatively planning for this month.
5. New Business
 - a. BAPG is this Wednesday 2/15 at 5:30pm at Protocol 6766 Transit Rd, Amherst, NY-- It will be about how and why to apply for your NYS Professional geologist license. If you are interested in becoming a Professional Geologist, this would be an important meeting to attend.
 - b. GAAB meeting coming up on 2/21-- how can the Alumni better assist us graduate students? Member feedback: More informal meet ups or social events like happy hour. More notice on when the Alumni are planning to visit. More panel presentations from the Alumni.
 - c. **Arctic Workshop abstracts are due 2/22!** We will need volunteers for this conference, but unfortunately TAs **cannot** use it towards their 20 hour work week.
 - i. We will need assistance for the Wednesday night icebreaker, if it's an off campus event, we need designated drivers.
 - ii. We will also need drivers for the field trip to Niagara Gorge.

- iii. Other volunteer jobs like advancing the slides during conference talks
 - iv. Assistance with the grad student dinner (DDs, ID checks, etc.)
 - v. Please email Avy if you would like to volunteer.
 - d. Opportunity to practice giving a talk about your research to the public: Student talks at the Gem, **Mineral and Fossil Show in Hamburg, NY on 3/25 and 3/26**. Dino Zack will be attending one of our Happy Hours to discuss the details of these student talks: format, timing, audience size, etc.
 - i. Also! We need volunteers to help run demos at the UB booth at this show for both days!
 - e. HAZWOPER Training course opportunity: 40-hr Hazwoper course for FREE via OSEA for 5 grad and/or undergrad students. We still need to draw up a general application form and figure out how to have a fair review process. The idea is that the most deserving applicants will be offered a free seat. This is an incredible opportunity for students to attend this expensive safety-training course for FREE. Email Carolynr@buffalo.edu if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.
 - f. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) FREE course in Tonawanda-- 10 seats available. Email Carrie Carolynr@buffalo.edu or TJ if you're interested in taking this course.
 - i. More information and where to register: <http://www.tonawanda.ny.us/index.aspx?NID=711>
 - ii. Similar to the FEMA course, local chapter. If you wanted to help in the event of a disaster, this course trains you on the typical procedure that professionals follow.
 - iii. The course will meet at the Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Tower Classroom, (70 Fire Tower Drive), located off of Two Mile Creek Road in the Town of Tonawanda. The nine (9) class course starts on Monday, March 13, 2017 and continues on Monday evenings (6:00-9:00 PM) followed by a Saturday course review and simulated disaster training exercise on May 6, 2017. Participants should plan to attend all sessions.
 - iv. If there isn't enough interest, TJ will be extending the offer to the undergrads
 - g. **March For Science on Earth Day 4/22: can we have a UB grad club group attend the march in DC and/or Buffalo's satellite March for Science?** This is an important event and as budding geoscientists we should be involved in some fashion. We have dept. alumni we can stay with in DC to offset to costs of such a trip. Let me know your thoughts on this idea.
 - i. Alia will be helping to organize the local Buffalo march, she will be attending the planning meeting this Wednesday. Alia will be sending out information following the meeting.
 - h. Meeting times for the club – 9am Monday might be a bit too early. We're going to send out a doodle poll with three proposed meeting times: 9:30am Monday, 9am Tuesday, or 9:30am Wednesday. There will also be a wild card time, Sundays at 3pm.
6. Meeting adjourn: The next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully yours,

Joe Tulenko
GG SAC Secretary