

**Minutes of  
Geology Graduate Student Association  
09/19/2017**

1. Call to Order: Joe Tulenko called Meeting to order 9:06am
2. Attendance: Claudia Fletcher, Nick Schiff, Erin Schuster, Kirstie Haynie, Alia Lesnek, Avy Schweinsberg, Meg Cocoran, Joe Tulenko, Carolyn Roberts, Erik Orantes, Brandon Graham
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
  - a. Unanimously approved
4. Senate update from Alia Lesnek
  - a. GSA budget short of ~\$40k
    - i. Possibly fewer students sent to conferences, etc.
  - b. Next meeting: vote on new VP and what will be cut.
    - i. First wed. of the month at 6 pm
5. Old Business:
  - a. Penn Dixie Earth Science Day
    - i. Hosted Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm. 4050 North Street, Blasdell, NY 14219
    - ii. Still time to sign up and volunteer:
      1. Contact Carolyn (carolynr@buffalo.edu) if still interested in volunteering
  - b. Vote on the club constitution
    - i. Joe read amendments to constitution and bylaws: unanimously approved.
  - c. Hurricane relief
    - i. Please send any helpful links to Kirstie so she can post them on our webpage
    - ii. Propose ways in which the club might contribute to hurricane relief
      1. Cannot send the \$250 that we make from Penn Dixie or swag money.
      2. Can only send fundraised funds. i.e. Winter Party, but can use volunteering/swag money to host fundraiser
      3. Outreach and Winter Party sub-committees will work on a winter party fundraiser together.
  - d. Update from Carrie Roberts on the first dry run writing workshop (see attached flyer)
    - i. H 427 on Thursday 9/21/17 from 9am to 12pm.
    - ii. If it goes well, maybe have one monthly
    - iii. If Thursday mornings don't work for you but interested in attending, contact Carolyn directly (carolynr@buffalo.edu)
  - e. General committees discussion – members encouraged to officially sign up for at least one committee. Number is not limited!
    - i. Spreadsheet will be sent out to sign up.
  - f. SWAG task number 1: design new logo for the club this year

- g. BAPG meeting – Wednesday 09/20: see website/minutes from last meeting for more details
- 6. New Business:
  - a. Non-Pegrum special talk from UB alumnus DALE GUMP
    - i. Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm. Cooke 435
    - ii. Vote on encumbering money to sponsor event/provide snacks:  
Approved
  - b. Website cover photo contest
    - i. send any field/lab photos to Kirstie Haynie ([klhaynie@buffalo.edu](mailto:klhaynie@buffalo.edu)). Please check out the website if you haven't already:  
[gsa.buffalo.edu/geology](http://gsa.buffalo.edu/geology)
  - c. Brandon proposed another volunteer opportunity for the club:
    - i. The Herkimer KOA and Herkimer Diamond Mine in the past hosted an annual Geology Merit Badge for Boy Scouts, and needed volunteers to teach the stations. They would let volunteers camp at the KOA for free to help teach the sections. Brandon is in the process of finding the timing and need for the event.
- 7. Meeting adjourn: Joe Tulenko called the meeting to a close at 9:40am. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00am in Cooke 435.**

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Fletcher  
GGSA Secretary