

**Minutes for the
Geology Graduate Student Association
10/1/2020**

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Online meeting called to order at 5:05 pm over Zoom
2. Attendance: Erin Schuster, Meredith Cole, Josh Charlton, Jewels Conlon, A. Croft, Fiona Ellsworth, Kevin Griswold, William Russo, Brandon Keim, Caleb Walcott, Devon Gorbey
3. First meeting remarks: Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Student Employee Union: if you're a TA or an RA you will be contacted to sign your union cards soon so keep an eye out for that
 - b. MANDATORY PRESIDENT AND TREASURER TRAINING: the last possible training session is Thursday, Oct. 8th at 7pm. Any other officers or club members are also welcome to attend as well. Zoom Link and information is in the other PDF attached to this email.
5. Elections: An email was sent out with the link to the ballot on UB Linked. Vote until Tuesday [here](#).
6. New Business:
 - a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity: a draft of the Diversity and Inclusion statement will be sent to grad students via email to review ASAP so keep an eye out for that in your inbox.
 - b. STEM Job Fair: the event is being held online this year on Tuesday October 6th. Follow this link and sign in with your UB account to register:
https://app.joinhandshake.com/login?utm_campaign=attendee_welcome_email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=notifier.
 - c. Committees: there was some discussion of committee organization in times of Covid and a sign up sheet will be sent out soon
 - i. SWAG Committee: probably going to be operating as it has in the past
 1. We need to start on the photo calendars ASAP, so consider going through your photos to find possible submissions!
 - ii. Activities Committee and Tutorials Committee: both committees will be combined this year
 1. Brown bag seminars, free lecture attendance, online yoga classes, and paid lecture series/workshops were put forward as ideas; if you have any other suggestions please don't hesitate to reach out!
 - iii. Outreach Committee: there are options for outreach that can be discussed further, including the suggestions of a Geology Grad Club youtube channel, homework help, and GSA's "Ask a Geoscientist" program

- iv. Any other committee suggestions please don't hesitate to email me at jrconlon@buffalo.edu or bring them up at our next meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,

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