

**Minutes for the  
Geology Graduate Student Association  
10/15/2020**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Online meeting called to order at 5:12 pm over Zoom
2. Attendance
  - a. Juliana Conlon, Meredith Cole, Erin Schuster, Josh Charlton, A. Croft, Brandon Keim, Kevin Griswold
3. First Meeting Remarks
  - a. Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business
  - a. Union Updates
    - i. Health insurance update: there is still time to enroll or fill out your waiver for your health insurance, please do so
    - ii. TAs! Contact Erin if you have concerns about overwork or safety this semester and she'll raise those concerns at the next union meeting
  - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity
    - i. Caleb sent out an email earlier this month with the Diversity and Inclusion statement link, please go take a look!
  - c. GSA Update
    - i. Conference Funding! The deadline for December conference funding is Nov. 16th! There is \$200 available for non-presenters, \$350 for presenting MS students, and \$550 for presenting PhD students.
    - ii. **IMPORTANT FOR SENATORS AND ALTERNATES**: you must be approved to be in the meeting and you MUST complete Board Certification training! (Please note you will have to create an account) The course is "Good Practices for Good Boards" and it is found at <https://www.charitystrong.org/page/GoodPracticesGroupCourse>
  - d. FOR E-BOARD MEMBERS: you should have been added to a list-serv for your position (ex. As Secretary I was added to the Secretary listserv), if you have not been added to a listserv (President, VP, Treasurer, Senator, Senate Alternates) please contact Gena Zimmerman (gmz@buffalo.edu)
5. New Business
  - a. Committees: Meredith sent out a spreadsheet to sign up for committees, if you're interested please sign up! We have the Activities/Tutorials Committee, the Outreach Committee, and the SWAG Committee
    - i. Once committee membership is sorted, the time and date of those meetings will be determined

- b. Activities: Please add ideas to the sheet! So far we've talked about Matlab/GIS tutorials for both graduate students and undergrads, craft nights, geology basics for undergrads (and review for some of us), brown bag lunches, etc.
- c. Outreach: one outreach opportunity was already sent out by Dr. Briner earlier this month: helping Buffalo high school students with lab demonstrations for their Regents Exams; contact Jenn Madina, [mandina@buffalo.edu](mailto:mandina@buffalo.edu) if interested.
- d. Any additional ideas are more than welcome to be added to the spreadsheets!

Respectfully Submitted,  
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GGSA Secretary