

**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 if interested.
- d. Any additional ideas are more than welcome to be added to the spreadsheets!

Respectfully Submitted,
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