

**Meeting Minutes for the  
Geology Graduate Student Association  
5/13/21**

1. Call to order
  - a. Josh called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
2. Attendance
  - a. Erin Schuster, Josh Charlton, Kevin Griswold, Kurt Lindberg, Juliana Conlon, William Russo
3. Old Business
  - a. Union: on April 30th there was a teach-in on South campus to protest graduate student employees paying fees (essentially, paying to work); in person and hybrid events will continue to occur during the campaign to eliminate graduate fees; someone will need to be the mobilizer for the union in the upcoming academic year, talk to erin ([ebuschust@buffalo.edu](mailto:ebuschust@buffalo.edu)) for more information if you're interested; the union leadership is losing one of its Chief Stewards, it's an elected position that elections will be held for at the next member meeting (open to all GSU members) or at a special meeting after that, the pay is \$600 per quarter, if you're interested, let Erin know
  - b. GSA: there are still gift cards in the ticket office for a Hatchet and Hops discount; the deadline for July conference funding is June 15th
  - c. BAPG: there was a poster presentation on the 16th where two people gave talks.
4. Committees
  - a. SWAG: no updates
  - b. Outreach: no updates
  - c. Activities: we voted unanimously to encumber funds (\$100) for craft supplies (paint, canvases, embroidery materials, etc) from Michael's to reimburse Josh Charlton; we're going to be continuing craft nights on a biweekly basis over the summer; we have been considering encumbering funds to purchase camping supplies (maybe tents?) that club members would be able to use, we'll vote on that at an emergency meeting before the requisition deadline (June 1st); if you've got ideas for summer activities, including a possible zoom or kumospace party to celebrate the graduating students, email Josh ([jdcharlt@buffalo.edu](mailto:jdcharlt@buffalo.edu)); our joint activities with the undergrad geology club have been a success and we highly recommend continuing them next year, we might also be able to schedule something via zoom over the summer if there is interest.
5. Elections
  - a. An emergency meeting will be held on May 27th at 5pm to elect the next President of the GGSA. Please attend the meeting if you're interested!

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliana Conlon  
GGSA Secretary