

**Minutes for the  
Geology Graduate Student Association  
9-22-2021**

1. Call to Order:
  - a. Meredith Cole, current acting club president, called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm over Zoom.
2. Attendance: Meredith Cole, Kurt Lindberg, Travis Parsons, Brandon Keim, Phillip Conrad, Isabelle Li, Erin Schuster, Courtney Shafer, Fiona Ellsworth
3. First meeting remarks: Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Meredith explained the election process and the positions which have a nomination for UBLinked Election, including Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, GSA Board Member and GSA Alternate Board Member.
  - b. Lack of nomination of a President was discussed. Nominations were accepted for President.
    - i. Kurt Lindberg changed his nomination to President
    - ii. Meredith Cole nominated herself for Vice President, to fill the resulting vacancy
      - a. People nominated for officer positions should stay after the meeting a few minutes so we can discuss the UBLinked election.
    - iii. We will hold elections online through UBLinked later this week. Watch your email for further instructions!
      - a. Election will run for one week after it opens, so don't forget to vote!
    - iv. Elected Officers should complete the training and quiz at <https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/gsa/clubs/mandatory-officer-training-information/> by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. New Business:
  - a. Faculty Update: Please sign up to meet or get dinner with Dr. Lam next week! It would be great to get two grad students signed up for dinner (covered by the department).
  - b. Swag Committee: Calendars?
    - i. Need to start photo contest ASAP if we want to sell calendars again!
      - a. The club is interested in selling calendars, so we will move forward with the photo contest.
      - b. Consider signing up to help the swag committee organize and run the contest!
  - c. Outreach Committee: Penn Dixie: Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 10a-4p
    - i. The club plans to participate- Travis and Caleb will help organize a sign-up sheet and get in contact with the Penn Dixie organizers.

- a. Travis will contact the organizers for information on their COVID procedures so that we can create a plan/get the event permitted by GSA as needed.
  - ii. Watch your email for more information and sign up if interested!
- d. Photo Submission: send Barb a recent professional headshot-type photo if you haven't already!

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Cole  
Acting GGSA President