

Geology Alumni Advisory Board 2024 - 2025

Teleconference Meeting

June 12, 2024, 3:00 pm CST

2024-25 Executive Committee: Chair: Mike Kuykendall; Chair-Elect: John Brett; Secretary: Jake Jones; Past Chair: Mike Gaskins; Directors-at large: Rebecca Hillman, Barrett Cieutat

Attending: Lawrence Walker, Annie Blackford, Mike Gaskins, Rick Fritz, Bart Gaskill, Kristie Ferguson, Larry Gerkin, Todd Halihan, Rebecca Hillman, Kelsey Bufford, Jack Pashin, Nick Colburn, Daniel Lao Davila, Camelia Knapp, Jake Jones, Mike Kuykendall, Marvin Abbott

A. Introduction – Mike Kuykendall

B. Minutes of prior meeting – Jake Jones

- a. April 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval Motion made by Kristie Ferguson, seconded by Bart Gaskill

C. Chairman Report- Mike Kuykendall

- a. 2023-24 Alumni Banquet Recap– April 13, 2024 (ConocoPhillips Alumni Center, Stillwater)
 - Final number of over 200 registered
 - Would like to re-integrate shorten student awards into program
 - Will add students to Ad Hoc banquet committee to strategize
 - Mineral auction resulted in accounting issue with Foundation- need better assessment plan on front end if we do this again
 - Need more alumni-student interaction in the beginning
 - Better bar logistics with signature drink to cut down on lines
 - Final costs & profit TBD
- b. Save the Date: 2024-25 Alumni Banquet: May 3, 2025 (COP Alumni Center, Stillwater)
- c. Fall 2024 Faculty & Alumni Retreat-- ideas, plans, and confirmation of tentative date (October 12 – 13)
 - Issue of finding venue close to Stillwater, as well as travel logistics and cost
 - Possible venues in Guthrie, Broken Bow, Sulphur (still recovering from tornado)
 - Will form Ad Hoc Retreat Committee to finalize a location ASAP
 - Kristie mentioned to search Vrbo across Oklahoma- need to think of food for everyone in planning
 - Grand Lake (Shangri La Resort) additional possibility
- d. AAPG – SEG (Image)-- BPSOG Alumni Reception Plans
 - Terry Hollrah, et al putting together an off-site event
 - Discussing who will cover expenses related (alumni or BPSoG)
 - Previous Image reception cost ~\$7,000
- e. Ad-Hoc Committee for next Spring's Alumni Banquet- Student / Faculty / Alumni
 - Kelsey Bufford committed to committee
- f. Status of new Dean's transition into role and associated impacts on BPSoG

- Mike Kuykendall wanting to make connection to discuss synergies between CAS and Alumni Advisory Board leadership
- New Dean has expressed commitment to hydrogeology, field camp and capital raising
- g. Top BPSoG investment / fundraising considerations for upcoming year (ie., Field Camp)
 - Field camp is #1 concern
 - Endowment fund has not hit for FY 2025- will be deployable August 1st
 - 4.25% available of \$3 million for department (\$128,000)
 - Dean's office has expressed support for field camp initiative
 - CAS has made the new Life Sciences building the priority, and Oklahoma Legislature has passed funding for the new building as well
 - Likely to our benefit that field camp capital needed is a fraction of the Life Sciences budget
 - Fund department FIRST with the \$3 million endowment, then deploy capital gaps towards field camp
 - Resolve smaller projects first (sewer, water well, kitchen) before an overall rebuild. Need a development plan that aligns with long term strategic plan from OSU Facilities and BPSoG
 - Mike Gaskins and Kristie Ferguson Lawrence Walker Bart Gaskill interested in being on Ad Hoc committee for field camp strategy

D. BPSoG Interim Head Report – Todd Halihan

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E. Director of Petroleum Geosciences Report (as needed)

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F. Standing Committee Reports (as needed)

- a. AB Honors and Awards Ad Hoc Committee
 - NNTR
- b. Professional Relations Committee
 - NNTR- Need new committee chairman
- c. Strat-Tac Ad Hoc
- d. Petroleum Development Committee
 - NNTR
- e. Water Resources Committee
 - NNTR
- f. Foundation/Capital Development Committee
 - Jim Puckette Scholarship- undergraduate students have started an endowed fund honoring Dr. Puckette
 - Has already met minimum endowment fund of \$25,000
 - First scholarship will be given this Fall
 - Only 4.25% of endowment may be used on annual basis to prevent depletion of fund

G. Old Business

H. Next Teleconference Meeting (2 months)– Wednesday, August 14, 2024 3 pm CST