



Geology Alumni Advisory Board 2024 - 2025

Teleconference Meeting

August 14, 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, Jake Jones, Daniel Lao Davila, Mike Kuykendall, Andrew Katumwehe,
John Brett, Todd Halihan, Nick Colburn, Conn Wethington, Kristie Ferguson, Bart Gaskill, Barrett
Cieutat, Patty Walker, Dylan Morton**

Minutes

A. Introduction – Mike Kuykendall

B. Minutes of prior meeting – Jake Jones

- a. June 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval (motion by Mike Kuykendall, seconded by Barrett Cieutat)
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C. Chairman Report- Mike Kuykendall

- a. New AAB member nomination- Rhonda Wilson
 - i. Class of 2018, attended field camp in 1992. Currently Senior Director, Armed Forces Financial Network and lives in St. Petersburg, FL
 - ii. Seconded by Patty Walker, unanimous approval
- b. 2024 Fall Retreat at Post Oak Lodge
 - i. Preliminary contract in place. Need \$1,850 deposit to hold dates of Oct. 12-13
 - ii. Need plan for funding cost for students and faculty to attend
 1. Patty & Lawrence Walker's student endowment could possibly cover student expenses. Need Todd/Nick to review OSU policy on this
 - iii. Saturday (full day) and Sunday (half day) of meetings/activities
 - iv. Kayaking and rope course are available for possible team-building activities
 - v. Will extend invitation to Annie & Mack Blackford as they have expressed interest in attending
 1. Annie & Mack started the Jim Puckette endowment scholarship
- c. Ad-Hoc Committees
 - i. Fall Retreat Committee

1. Will slightly adjust retreat agenda from 2023
 2. Zoom will be set up for retreat meeting sessions
 3. Please contact Mike Kuykendall if interested in serving on this committee
- ii. Banquet Committee (“Jurassic Luau” theme)
 1. Students: Lauren Haygood, Amanda Harding, Joshua Deen, Magnolia McLaughlin, Debarpita Paul, Lori Huck
 2. Alumni and faculty TBD. Planning really kicks off at the beginning of calendar year
- d. 8-14-24 meeting with new CAS Dean (Melinda Cro)
 1. Introduction to the AAB
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D. BPSoG Interim Head Report – Todd Halihan

- a. Three New Faculty hires for Upcoming Academic Year
 - i. Xiaofeng Chen – Struc. Geology, Mechanics, Deformation
 - ii. Trenity Ford – Micropaleo. and Geoscience Education
 - iii. Andrew Katumwehe – Env. Geophysics and Struc. Geology
 - b. IMAGE 2024 Reception in Houston
 - i. Student team from the school will be traveling down for SEG Evolve competition
 - c. New Department Head Search
 - i. Position not posted yet by Oklahoma State as new CAS Dean is adjusting job description
 - ii. Suggestions from alumni are welcomed
 - d. Mohamed Abdelsalam
 - i. Todd spoke with his daughter to offer condolences and any help that the school can provide
 - e. Resume Workshop & ‘Back to School BBQ’
 - i. Alumni will be present to critique resumes and join for bbq at the Gary Stewart Core Facility
 - f. Boone Pickens Donation
 - i. Donation has been made and needs to be tracked down as it was initially deposited to CAS and not the BPSoG directly
 - g. Open Department Chairs
 - i. Hesitancy to fill Chairs due to accounting issue from previous CAS Dean
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E. Standing Committee Reports (as needed)

- a. AB Honors and Awards Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. NNTR
- b. Professional Relations Committee
 - i. Need new chair for this committee
- c. Strat-Tac Ad Hoc
 - i. Will resume monthly AAB meetings to increase progress
 - ii. Field Camp Developments

1. Kansas University has an upcoming field camp overhaul that has been quoted at \$2.3 million and a solid breakdown of what all is being funded
 2. Central Buildings Department policies at Oklahoma State have led to a lot of cost inflations for our design proposals at camp
 - a. Current quote of \$4.3-\$5.1 million by G2 firm
 3. State of Colorado codes are the cause of discussion to tear down historic cabins at camp
 - a. Could incorporate signed lumber from historic cabins into new lodge to honor tradition
 4. Field Camp Committee needs a refocus to continue moving forward
 - a. John Brett and Mike Kuykendall volunteered to be on committee
 - b. Find a way to bring architects and alumni to the table again as last meeting was in 2023
- d. Petroleum Development Committee
 - i. NNTR
 - e. Water Resources Committee
 - i. NNTR
 - f. Foundation/Capital Development Committee
 - i. Nick Colburn will have donation link for Jim Puckette Endowment Scholarship for distribution to AAB

F. Old Business

- a. NNTR

G. New Business

- a. AAB Zoom account
 - i. Todd Halihan and Jake Jones will establish AAB Zoom access for future meetings beginning in September

H. Next Teleconference Meeting (1 month)– Wednesday, September 18, 2024 3 pm CST