

In attendance: Franek H, Sara T, Steve C, Alex J, Janine F, Sarah R, Lindsay W, Chris S, Megan T, Jim H, Brady F, Steve O, Carrick R, Ada, Dave W, Nick O, Matt M, Kelsey J, Darius (19).

Banquet...

The Banquet is coming up on March 18th. The 1st year grad students were reminded of their explicit obligation to perform a skit or other entertainment. Everyone else was reminded to think up entertaining performances of: song/dance/poetry/prose/karaoke/skit.

The DJ we used last year is unavailable this year, but we are planning on renting his equipment and running the music ourselves.

GEO...

Alex reminds all grad students to make sure they have made their HR-benefits elections under the new contract by the deadline next week.

GeoClub webpage night

GeoClub will have a webpage night later this semester. Details to follow.

“MockRock”

Megan T announced that the varsity athletes will be having a charity fundraiser Wed Feb 1st, 7pm. Cost is \$5 to see humorous skits and performances. Contact her for more information. <mtuura@umich.edu>.

Active-U!

Carrick R suggested that GeoClubbers participate in the University-wide Active-U program. Cost is \$5 and you have to be a GSI or staff/work-study. At the end of 8 weeks whichever group has done the most exercise gets to decide which charity gets the cover fees. There are also raffle prizes throughout the program. If you are interested contact Carrick R <carrickr@umich.edu>. The \$5 fee is auto-deducted from your U-bill. We already have 11 people signed up. Since you can challenge other university groups, we are going to challenge the Geosci faculty, with a prize to be determined.

GeoClub Constitution...

Franek H has been updating our GeoClub Constitution in time to be ratified at the officer elections later this semester. He presented his first draft, which is attached to this copy of **MINUTES**. Please e-mail any and all comments to him at <frank@umich.edu>. Alex is working on a secret map for inclusion with the final document. Some points of debate:

- What constitutes being a member since not everyone comes to every meeting?
- Do we charge faculty dues?
- Which offices can be held by undergraduates? Debate said that all are open except perhaps Treasurer since it requires controlling the lock-box.
- How many people constitute a quorum for voting? How do we open voting for those that can't attend?

Dating, Denudation and Dal Bhat: Experiences working in Nepal

Dave W gave an awesome presentation on his thermochronology work in Nepal. He included a good background on the techniques he uses (Ar-Ar dating with Fission track dating) as well as an exciting travelogue with great pictures of his adventure.

GeoClub calendar...

February 8 th	Steven O: "Water or Magma— The Origin of crystals"
February 22 nd	Learn to make a webpage!
<i>Feb 26th to Mar 4th</i>	<i>Spring Break Trip to Arkansas!</i>
March 8 th	Kelsey J: TBA
March 15 th	Carrick R: TBA
<i>March 18th</i>	<i>Spring Banquet!</i>
March 29 nd	Frannie S: TBA
April 12 th	Sam H: "Risk, uncertainty and geoscience: What do you know?"

GeoClub Constitution

Department of Geological Sciences, University of Michigan

Preamble

Geology is totally cool and begat the world. Literally. That is why other scientists end up working for geologists.

Article I: Name

GeoClub will be the name of our organization.

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of this society are:

- A. To promote and increase communication among the students, researchers, and faculty of the University of Michigan's Department of Geological Sciences.
- B. To promote social and cultural activities among the students.
- C. To endeavor to recruit undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty and researchers.
- D. To provide a forum for speakers to make presentations of timely interest to members interested in geological topics
- E. To provide support for students interested in Earth Sciences
- F. To take trips to places of geologic interest.

Article III: Membership

- A. Members will be students, researchers, and faculty of the University of Michigan's Department of Geological Sciences.
- B. Persons desiring to join the society who do not meet the qualifications of Article III, Section A, may be elected to membership by a simple majority vote with at least 12 members in attendance.

Article IV: Officers

- A. The officers must be student members-in-good-standing of the society, and will consist of:
 1. *Co-Presidents*
 - a. The duties of the Co-Presidents will be to call and preside over all meetings, and to plan, coordinate, activities, and to appoint committees. The Senior Co-President will also ensure transfer of all GeoClub operational expertise to the Junior Co-President, whose job is it to learn the operational expertise necessary to provide year-to-year continuity in GeoClub operations.
 - b. The workload between the Co-Presidents will be split equally.
 - c. A Co-President is elected for a two-year term every year.
 - i. Anyone with less than one year left at the University can request to have a one year term as Co-President, provided they work to ensure the continuity of GeoClub operations with the next Co-Presidents.
 2. *Treasurer*

- a. The duties of the Treasurer are to maintain the fiscal health of GeoClub. The Treasurer is to provide an accounting of GeoClub's finances to the Co-Presidents monthly.
 - b. The Treasurer is elected for a one-year term.
 - c. The Treasurer cannot be an undergraduate since it requires the maintenance of the Safe and checkbooks.
3. *Secretary*
- a. The duties of the Secretary are to keep minutes of each meeting and disseminate them to the Membership. The Secretary will also announce each GeoClub meeting to the Membership.
 - b. The Secretary is elected for a one-year term.
4. *Two Student Faculty Representatives*
- a. The duties of the Student Faculty Representatives will be to keep GeoClub members informed as to happenings at faculty meetings.
 - b. Student Faculty Representatives will present a report to GeoClub at least every other meeting.
 - c. Student Faculty Representatives can be either undergraduate or graduate students.
 - d. The Student Faculty Representatives are elected for a one-year term.
- B. The Co-Presidents have the authority to hold votes for *ad hoc* and replacement officers.

Article V: Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held approximately biweekly during Fall and Winter semesters.
- B. At least one Co-President will be present at every meeting.
- C. Attendance will be taken at each meeting by the Secretary for the purposes of maintaining a list of active members.

Article VI: Officer Elections

- A. An Officer Election will be held near the end of the Winter semester.
- B. The date of the Officer Election will be announced at least one meeting prior to its occurrence.
- C. Officers will be nominated and voted upon at the same meeting during Winter semester.
 - a. Those not able to attend the Officer Election can alert one of the Co-Presidents of their intention to run for an office.
- D. Officers will be elected by simple majority vote of the members-in-good-standing in attendance, by secret ballot.
- E. Terms of office begin on the first day of after the Winter semester ends.
- F. A minimum of 12 members must be in attendance for an Officer Election to proceed.
- G. Vacancies during a semester will be filled at the next meeting.

Article VII: Procedure

- A. Common courtesy and respect will govern all meetings of GeoClub.
- B. If chaos erupts, the Co-Presidents have the authority to institute Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VIII: Amendments

- A. Amendments to the GeoClub constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the society, as maintained by the Secretary.

B. Amendments will be circulated among the membership by the Secretary before a vote is held.