

**WGWA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday February 23, 2007**  
**Meeting Location – Great Wolf Lodge**

Persons present: Mike Raimonde, Becky Caudill, Lee Trotta, Troy Thompson, Troy Gawronski, Cory Pagels, Ken Wade, Paula Richardson

I. Call to order 4:20 pm.

II. New Business

**Fall Field Trip Planning** – Mike Raimonde opened the meeting by saying he would like to start planning early for the annual fall field trip and next years annual conference. Mike mentions that there was poor attendance for the field trip last year and is looking for reasons why this may be the case. The plan is to identify reasons for poor attendance and plan accordingly to resolve these issues.

A suggestion was made by Paula Richardson to make the field trip a two day event with an evening poster session or speaker on the night in between. Lee Trotta suggested attempting to combine the field trip with other organizations such as Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota Ground Water Associations.

Ken Wade responds by saying the WGWA board needs weigh out weekdays vs. weekend trips. Some will have work conflicts and some will have family conflicts. He suggests trying to determine the lesser conflict and schedule the field trip on those days. Lee adds he will look for statistics when is the best time.

Mike adds he would like to see advertisement of the field trip 3 – 6 months in advance. A planned filed trip may resemble field stops during the day light hours with a symposium and dinner at night. The group agrees with this format and Ken mentions that it may be more of pull to get students to attend. Mike suggests we form a field trip committee that will begin to develop plans. Lee agrees to chair the committee and Paula agrees to be a member.

Tentative plan will target the first two weekends in October. A milestone for determining where we are going was set for May 1, 2007 with planning to take place in March and April. Items to be arranged include: field trip guide book, solicit sponsors, arrange for buses and hotels, planned field stops, line up speakers, and determine a theme for a symposium.

Action Items: Lee Trotta will email out possible field stop locations in south west Wisconsin (tri state area), Advertise in WGWA's May newsletter, and attempt to get other organizations to join us in co-sponsoring the field trip.

**5:00 p.m. 2007 Annual Conference Wrap Up and Planning for 2008** - A consensus by the entire group was that the conference went well. Attendance was good, amenities were good, and the student poster session went well. Ideas for next year were as follows: Next years *Call for Papers* abstracts need to be uniform, limit the length of talks and hold firm on the set limit, more student involvement and more time for reviewing posters, and possibly, at the request of Dr. Mary Anderson, holding our annual conference concurrently with AWRA's annual conference.

AWRA always holds their annual conference the first Thursday and Friday in March. Ken Wade is planning on attending the AWRA conference and will sit in their board meeting which follows the conference, representing WGWA. Ken will mention WGWA's interest in holding our annual conference concurrently with theirs.

**Professional Geologist Disconnect** – Troy Thompson received a phone call from an anonymous WDNR employee with concerns about geology work being performed in the state of Wisconsin by individuals that do not hold a professional registration. The WDNR employee is asking if WGWA would take a stand in legislature that would require all geology work performed in the state be performed by and/or overseen by a registered professional. Upon discussion it was decided that WGWA would have no stance.

**Baraboo Quartzite Road Cut in Jeopardy** - Ken Wade received a call from a concerned geologist that a very visible road cut through the Baraboo Quartzite is in jeopardy of being destroyed due to the planned upgrade to Hwy 12, between Sauk City and Baraboo. After discussion WGWA decided that a letter could be written asking the WDOT to take a look at the road cut and determine if the outcrop could be saved. Ken agrees that he could respond to the WDOT.

- III. 6:10 p.m. Mike made motion to adjourn meeting. Troy Thompson seconded motion.

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