

Notes of WGWA Conference call on July 29, 2011

Topic: Website Upgrade, Fall Field trip, 2012 Annual Meeting

Attendees: Jim Bannantine, Paula Richardson, Steve Sellwood, Jim Drought, Betty Socha

WGWA Website Upgrade

The group discussed the importance of the website and email announcements for keeping the organizations members informed. Options discussed included having a member volunteer maintain the website and Becky Caudill's proposal for professional website design and maintenance as outlined in her email on July 18, 2011. A vote was taken with four votes in favor of going forward with engaging a professional website design company per Becky's proposal.

Fall Field Trip

Paula provided an update on the field trip. The Capital Brewery is not available on the day of the trip of a tour, so another brewery will be considered. Any suggestions?

The trip will start and end at the Hilldale Great Dane and include the UW Geology Museum, the Wisconsin Geological Survey (WGS) core repository, possible the State Capital building and the Nine Springs site. Kallina Dunkle is looking into having someone from the WGS (Ken Bradbury?) serve as guide at the core repository and at Nine Springs. There will be a guide book. Vehicle rental cost will be low so the cost of the field trip should be <\$50. Paula will have a flyer for distribution at the Aug. 2nd luncheon seminar.

August 2nd Luncheon Seminar

There are 18 registrants so far. Betty requested tables to seat 25. Paula will bring the beverages, contact the caterer for additional food as necessary, and send out an email last-minute announcement of the lunch Friday afternoon.

2012 Annual Meeting – Scheduled for Friday April 27, 2012

Dan Feinstein from the USGS has taken the lead organizing the meeting as a tribute to Doug Cherkauer and Mary Anderson, both who recently retired from their teaching careers at the UW. Both Doug and Mary liked the idea. The meeting will start with a lunch at noon, and will be followed by presentations by former student and colleagues of Doug and Mary. Jim Drought and Paula are looking into recognition gifts and a prominent featured guest speaker.