

Minutes
Antarctican Society Board Meeting
Port Clyde, Maine
July 20, 2014

Attendees

Dr. Paul C. Dalrymple	Charles Lagerbom	Dr. Anthony Gow
Guy Guthridge	Dr. Louis Lanzerroti	Dr. Robert Flint
Tom Henderson	Dr. Artur Ford	Tony Meunier
Jerry Marty	Liesl Scherthanner	Lesley Urasky
Joan Boothe	Ron Thoreson	Dale Andersen
Dr. Hal Borns	Dr. John Behrendt	Mark Leinmueller

1. President Charles Lagerbom convened the meeting and asked for self-introductions
2. Tom Henderson was designated to record minutes in Secretary John Splettstoesser's absence
3. Newsletter Editor
 - a. Paul Dalrymple announced that he is stepping down as Editor and recommended Guy Guthridge as his replacement
 - b. Guy accepted conditional on a phased approach in which Paul would continue involvement over an interim period
 - c. A motion to phase in Guy Guthridge as Newsletter Editor was made and approved.**
4. Tom Henderson gave an update on the website, including recent traffic and changes in Time Trek
5. Charles Lagerbom reported on the receipt of historical materials for archiving, including slides, film and clothing

- a. Charles indicated that there is a need for a permanent repository for the materials collected by the Antarctic Society, and that discussions for locating a permanent home at the University of Maine were underway.
 - b. Hal Borns mentioned that Northeast Historic Films in Bucksport, ME has a climate-controlled facility for storing old films. He suggested this would be worth exploring.
 - c. There was no specific action item.
6. Tom Henderson announced that John Splettstoesser had given him proxy for this Board meeting and that he is resigning as Secretary.
- a. Paul Dalrymple recommended Joan Boothe as the new Secretary.
 - b. A motion was made to appoint Joan Boothe as the new Society Secretary and was approved.**
7. Treasurer Paul Dalrymple reported that the total Society accounts, including checking and Calvert Funds holdings, is now approximately \$60,000 with another \$3000 in the Ruth Siple Fund.
8. Membership and Outreach
- a. Paul Dalrymple reported that there are currently approximately 350 active members
 - b. Lesley Urasky that PolarTREK (an organization of educators) and APECS (an organization of young Antarctic scientists) would be good places to raise our profile. She indicated that Society flyers at the PolarTREK conference would be well-received. It was noted that we produced a flyer several years ago, but it needs updating.
 - c. Dale Andersen suggested that a presentation at the American Geophysical Union conference would be useful.
 - d. Ron Thoreson recommended a greater presence on the Antarctic continent.
 - e. Joan Boothe suggested that we must have a social media presence such as Facebook. Lesley Urasky indicated that she could create a Facebook page.
 - f. A motion was made and approved to ask Lesley Urasky to create a Society Facebook page with content provided by the Society as required.**
9. Ruth Siple Library at South Pole Station

- a. Jerry Marty reported that valuable books contributed by the Society are now locked in special cases at the Library.
- b. Jerry said that more cases are needed and there is space for them. He suggested that the Society might support this. There was no specific action item.
- c. Jerry reported that DVDs are more popular on-station than books.

10. Vice-President to replace Tony Gow

- a. A replacement is needed as Tony Gow is stepping up as President
- b. Paul Dalrymple recommended Liesl Scherthanner as Vice-President
- c. **A motion was made and approved to appoint Liesl Scherthanner as Vice-President**

11. South Pole Dome

- a. Jerry Marty gave an update on the Dome. The deconstructed dome is still crated and housed at the Port Hueneme. CA military facility. The Navy is now indicating that the dome should be transferred somewhere else or be scrapped. Shipping of the dome might cost as much as \$300,000 and then there would be preparation and re-construction expenses.
- b. A discussion of how it might be preserved and what role the Society might play ensued. There were several strong opinions that the Society should not be involved in any way.
- c. **A motion was made and approved to have Jerry Marty prepare a report on the dome situation, including time frames, costs, possible options**

12. Newsletter Archive

- a. Tom Henderson reported on a request from Lockheed-Martin to allow them to post the entire Society newsletter archive on the NSF public website.
- b. Tom reviewed the history of why the archive is currently available to only members of the Society.
- c. Lou Lanzerotti suggested that we follow the model of many academic journals in which only the most recent editions are restricted to members of the organization.
- d. **A motion was made and approved to allow a link to all but the most recent two years of the Society newsletter by Lockheed-Martin.**

13. Guy Guthridge asked that Society members make themselves available as needed to provide information to Bill Baker for completing his film segment on the Gathering. Bill filmed at the Gathering and is preparing a piece for the PBS News Hour.
14. Non-profit Status
 - a. Rob Flint reported that the problem in restoring the Society's non-profit status is now not with the IRS, but lies with the place of original incorporation: Washington, D.C.
 - b. Paul Dalrymple reported that he has had discussion with a New Hampshire attorney on this and will pass along his recommendations to Tony Gow for further action.
15. Merge of the Antarctican Society with the American Polar Society
 - a. John Behrendt suggested that the two organizations should consider merging .
 - b. A general discussion followed, with the majority of opinions against the merge.
 - c. Tony Gow pointed out that as long as the Society does not have non-profit status, a merge could have significant legal issues.
 - d. Guy Guthridge suggested that an alternative might be to offer joint memberships in both organizations at a reduced rate.
 - e. There was no action item on this.
16. Signatories on Society Accounts
 - a. Paul Dalrymple reported that the Society financial accounts, except for the Ruth Siple Fund, have only the Treasurer as the authorized person allowed to access the accounts.
 - b. A general discussion of options followed, including how other organizations handle signatories.
 - c. **A motion was made and approved to designate the Treasurer, President and Webmaster as signatories on all Society accounts.**
17. Paul Dalrymple reported that Society expenses for the Gathering will be approximately \$2000 for catering and other food and drink. The remaining expenses are expected to be covered by donations.
18. Charles Lagerbom adjourned the meeting.