

Meeting Minutes for GGSO meeting September 18th, 1:00p.m.

T-shirt/polo update: Geo club can't do it, so we will need to.

- possible fundraising opportunity or
- Student Gov't can help us print them (but can't sell them if Student Gov't is involved)
- shirts need to represent the whole "School of Geosciences"
- need to look in to whether or not we have to go through a specific company (contracted with USF) if ordering with student Govt.
- *Update: Student govt uses a price-shopping website where you get bids from many companies and choose the one you want to order from.*
- idea of also having nalgene made with the updated logos

Change of Name: Should we change the name of our student org from Geology GSO to Geosciences GSO?

- pros: reflect the merged department, cons: we could apply for more funds for conference travel, etc. if geographers had a separate group that partnered with ours.
- would like to have some geographers consistently present at meetings before putting this to a vote.

Outreach:

Dr Geek's science fair featuring Jules Verne

- Sept. 27, 10am -6pm at South Florida Museum in Bradenton. We will have a table talking about how seismology is used to study the Earth's interior, and volcanos (museum has expressed special interest in the Iceland Eruptions). Museum has a meteorite and mineral collection we can use, we will also bring stuff from our collection for display.
- Volunteers can sign up for either shift 1 (10am-2pm) or shift 2 (2-6pm) by Thursday Sept 23rd so we can have a head count and arrange rides if needed.**

Cub Scouts

- coming to campus on 10/17 at 4:30 pm
- need people to volunteer to help them get their badges. Topics chosen by the scouts are "useful minerals in everyday life", "how a volcano works", and fossils.

New Business:

Seismometer: Our seismometer will now be placed in seismology lab when not being used for outreach, etc. Heather will coordinate the move from storage.

Holiday Party: Dec. 5th

- Planning committee open for volunteers. Liz and Sammy will head it up; contact them if you want to be involved.

In-house Workshops:

Poster Design Workshop

- need to set a date: Pre-AGU, planning for sometime in the week before Thanksgiving
- Workshop for undergrads going to GSA-would need to be in the next couple of weeks, probably not enough time to pull it together.

“So you want to go to grad school?” workshop

- Jacob is volunteering to lead this. Asking for volunteer grad students to be on the panel and answer questions about being in grad school.
- mid-October, need to check with GAS on date of Rockbreaker before finalizing date.

Announcements/Comments:

1. Info requested regarding student travel funding

-is it too late for GSA attendees?

-need a list of people going to AGU (at least 2 non-presenters for travel funds)

2. Ask about department paying for some bottle openers to give away at AGU

Start selling bottle openers again-there are still a ton of them

**Update on getting travel funds through Student Govt:*

--Needs to be filed 25 days in advance. Person wishing to be reimbursed must arrange travel through the USF “Orbitz for Business” portal.

--Each traveler needs to be: 1. Registered on our roster in Bullsync. 2. A non-presenter

Adjourn: Next meeting 10/16 at 1pm