

2004 Geochemical Society Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 5, 2004
Copenhagen, Denmark

Present:

Board of Directors: Tim Drever (President), Susan Brantley (Vice-President), Becky Lange (Treasurer), Jeremy Fein (Secretary), Frank Podosek (GCA Editor), Scott Wood (Special Publications Editor), Eric Oelkers (Director), Judith McKenzie (Past President), Mike Whiticar (OGD Chair)

Guests: Seth Davis (GS Business Manager), Jun-ichi Matsuda (Org. Committee, 2003 Goldschmidt Conf.), Susan Stipp (Org. Committee, 2004 Goldschmidt Conf.), Simon Turner, Sara Foda (Org. Committee, 2006 Goldschmidt Conf.), Mickey E. Gunter (Org. Committee, 2005 Goldschmidt Conf.), Al Hofmann (Proponent for 2007 Goldschmidt Conf.), Terry Seward and Bruce Yardley (EAG), Friso Veenstra (Elsevier Product Manager), Dominique Weis (Proponent for 2008 Goldschmidt Conf.)

Apologies:

Malcolm McCulloch (International Secretary), Trudy Dickneider (OGD Secretary), Peggy Delaney, Patricia Dove, Harry Elderfield, Gilbert Hanson, Erwin Suess (Directors).

Note: Because only 1 non-Officer Director was present at the meeting, there was not a quorum and official votes for proposals were carried out via email in the weeks following the Board of Directors meeting. There was a vote to change the definition of quorum in the by-laws (see vote below) for future meetings. The first sentence of By-Law 4.10 will be replaced with, 'A quorum at Geochemical Society Board of Directors meetings shall be the presence of 9 of the 17 Board of Directors members'.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1) President's Report (Drever)

Board of Directors (BoD) meeting will be run with a new format in order to save time for issues requiring discussion. Reports from GS Officers and Editors will be submitted prior to the BoD meeting instead of being presented during the meeting. In consultation with EAG, it is proposed that Goldschmidt conferences that are held in non-North American/ non-European sites will be inserted into the North America/Europe schedule rather than substituting for one of the two as Kurashiki did for the North American 'slot'.

2) Treasurer's Report (Lange)

A detailed Treasurer's Report was submitted. \$200K of the GS assets are located in Certificates of Deposit that will mature in 2005. Liquid assets are up from 2002 mainly due to increased performance of stock market. GS yearly accounts in black by about \$23K mainly from profits of

Davos Goldschmidt meeting. Most years show that GS breaks even between expenses and income.

Following a proposal from the Treasurer, the Board voted to transfer the proceeds from Washington Mutual Certificates of Deposit to a Solomon Smith Barney account.

This is Becky Lange's last year as GS Treasurer and there was unanimous appreciation expressed for the outstanding job she has done for the GS.

3) Secretary's Report (Fein)

GS BoD actions that were taken since the last Secretary's Report are listed below:

- 1) Approved a proposal to include the Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry Series in GeoScienceWorld listings (10/03).
- 2) Approved (12/03) a three part proposal to:
 - i) create a joint monthly magazine to promote mineralogical and geochemical research interests and to help shape the image and activities of the mineralogical and geochemical disciplines. This endeavor is taken in collaboration with the Mineralogical Society of America, the Mineralogical Association of Canada, the Clay Minerals Society, and the Mineralogical Society (of London);
 - ii) transform the Geochemical News into an electronic newsletter, to cover news and information that is of particular interest and importance to Society members, and to be distributed via email and posted on the Society webpage; and
 - iii) expend resources to hire a professional webpage designer to upgrade the Geochemical Society webpage. The logistics of the upgrade will be supervised by the Business Office of the GS, in consultation with the GS Executive Committee.
- 3) Approved the nomination of James O'Neil for the 2004 Goldschmidt Medal (12/03).
- 4) Approved the nomination of Andrea Grottoli for the 2004 Clarke Medal (12/03).
- 5) Approved the nomination of George Luther for the 2004 Patterson Medal (1/04).
- 6) Approved the nomination of Cindy Lee, Steven Macko, and Bhamidipati Somayajulu to be named as Geochemistry Fellows at the 2004 Goldschmidt Conference (1/04).
- 7) Approved the nomination of Eric Galimov for the 2004 Treibs Medal (2/04).
- 8) Approved a revised scope statement for the publication G^3 (4/03).

4) Business Office Report (Davis)

Business Office Location and Status

The current arrangement that the Geochemical Society has with Washington University is excellent. Washington University is subsidizing the office/storage space, HVAC, electricity, water, maintenance, and janitorial services of the business office. This arrangement can continue as long as the Chair of the Department is willing to house the business office and there is a faculty member in the department willing to supervise the operations.

Internet Payment Processing

On October 14, 2003, the on-line Membership Renewal went active (http://gs.wustl.edu/cgi-bin/gs_register.pl). Since then it has become the single most used method of membership renewal. Plans to expand this page or create a new page for the processing of special publications orders, donations, and/or RiM&G Short Course Registrations were discussed.

Exhibits and Events

The exhibit for the 2003 Goldschmidt Conference was in a high traffic area. The gift pens, stickers and the full color brochure were also eagerly accepted. MSA shipped several issues of RiM&G volumes, of which all but two sold out. Special Publication sales were also satisfactory, but not as high. Following the success of the 2003 Goldschmidt Conference, November 2003 marked the first Geochemical Society exhibit at the Annual GSA Meeting since the business office moved to St. Louis. The 2003 GSA meeting in Seattle, WA also marked the first GS Appreciation Breakfast for GS Committee members.

The Board approved a motion to raise the membership dues for all categories of member by \$5.00. The proposed dues structure is \$10/\$20/\$30 for students/Seniors/professional members. Subscription to GCA is in addition to this. The current subscription price is \$45 and \$122 for students and professionals, respectively.

General Discussion: *Oelkers*: membership numbers are a problem – they are not going up despite the success of Goldschmidt meeting. Why are we not attracting members? We need to explicitly address what advantages are of membership and get word out more effectively.

Should we do more at GSA? *McKenzie*: Marty Goldhaber started efforts to increase involvement at GSA both in terms of program and other activities. The GS Program Committee chair has primary responsibility for promoting GS activities at GSA.

Lange: We should look to students for new members; having good presence at GSA will help attract students;

There was unanimous approval for a **motion** to set up a BoD subcommittee on increasing student membership with Oelkers as chair; and with Davis and Fein as additional members. A report with proposals for action will be prepared prior to the 2004 GSA meeting.

Development plan

A detailed first draft of a development plan for the Business Office was presented and discussed. The plan describes ideas for improving services for current GS members and for increasing membership and society funds. A revised draft that incorporates suggestions from the BoD will be completed and circulated via email.

5) GCA Editor's Report (Podosek)

Since the Kurashiki report, Elsevier terminated their contract with Cadmus-Richmond due to a variety of production-related and service problems. Effective in January 2004, the new compositor is another branch of Cadmus, located in Ephrata, PA, and they have been responsible for composition of GCA, beginning with issue 3 of 2004. Arrangements with the new publisher are going very well: there has not been a single complaint from authors. Production of GCA is changing to involve less paper and more electronic files, with the current ultimate template for each manuscript being a pdf file rather than the hardcopy that was formerly used. Due to increasing pages in the production pipeline, GCA has instituted a temporary fix by printing approximately 50 more pages per issue, with the goal of reducing production time to 3-4 months.

6) Nominations Committee (submitted by R. Hellmann)

L. Reisberg (CRPG, Nancy, France) and V. Salters (Florida State University) have been proposed by the Nominating Committee to replace the two outgoing GS Directors on 1/1/05. S. Wood and J. Fein have been nominated to continue with their current positions as Special Publications Editor and Secretary, respectively, for another three year term each. Y. Zhang (University of Michigan) has been nominated to replace B. Lange as GS Treasurer on 1/1/05.

7) Special Publication Editor's Report (Wood)

Special Publications

1) Giggenbach Volume: Volcanic, geothermal and ore-forming fluids: Rulers and witnesses of processes within the Earth. Editors - Stuart F. Simmons and Ian Graham.

- Joint publication with Society of Economic Geologists (SEG)
- This volume is identified as SEG Special Publication No. 10. There is no GS Special Publication Number on the volume but it can be considered GS Spec. Pub. No. 8. The GS logo does appear on the volume.
- Was available at Kurashiki Goldschmidt.
- As of 1/1/04, 139 volumes had been sold for a total sales of \$5,378. All first authors were given complimentary copies. In the first quarter of 2004, an additional 72 volumes were sold for total revenue of \$2,754. Thus, a grand total of 211 volumes have been sold for a total revenue of \$8,132. Revenues for the Giggenbach volume will be apportioned between GS and SEG according to an MOU previously signed by the two societies.

2) Special Publication 9 (Kaplan Volume): Geochemical Investigations in Earth and Space Science: A Tribute to Isaac R. Kaplan.

- See attachments for list of editors and table of contents.
- All manuscripts have been reviewed.
- To be published by Elsevier.
- The book is now available for sale and orders are being taken both by Elsevier and the GS Business Office.

Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry

Volumes Sponsored to Date by Geochemical Society

- 1) Molecular Modeling Theory and Application in the Geosciences, v. 42 (2001)
- 2) Noble Gases in Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, v. 47 (2002)
- 3) Applications of Synchrotron Radiation in Low-Temperature Geochemistry and Environmental Science, v. 49 (2002)
- 4) U-Series Geochemistry, v. 52 (2003)

No additional GS-sponsored RiMG volumes are in the pipeline. There will be a call for proposals for GS-sponsored RiMG volumes in the next GS News.

Joint Publication Series with the Society of Economic Geologists

Wood led a discussion regarding the possibility of having a joint publication series with the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG). One model for such a collaboration would be volumes covering material similar to that covered in the volumes edited by Hu Barnes titled “Geochemistry of Hydrothermal Ore Deposits”. These publications covered material of common interest to geochemistry and economic geology, they have been widely used as texts in courses on ore deposit geochemistry, and were obviously very successful, resulting in three editions. Although centered on ore deposits, these volumes contained a wealth of information on geochemistry including radiogenic isotopes, stable isotopes, thermodynamics, aqueous geochemistry, etc., and so their appeal is not restricted to economic geochemists. It is unlikely that Hu Barnes will edit a fourth edition of this volume, and so a vacuum will soon exist in the field.

The proposal is not to simply take over publishing the current version of GHOD in which all the original subject matter is reviewed and updated with each new edition. Rather, the idea is that each joint volume would deal in depth with some particularly “hot” topic of joint interest to GS and SEG members. For example, volumes might be on topics such as “Microbiological influences on ore geology”, “Advances in isotopic studies of ore deposits”, or “Ore deposits as witnesses to global change”.

The idea of the joint publication series was presented to the board for discussion, and was approved by email vote after the BoD meeting (see below). The positive vote provides a mandate for further discussions/negotiations with SEG to come up with a more specific, detailed proposal. The board will vote again on the finalized detailed proposal for each volume.

8) Publication Issues

Publication issues

The new magazine *Elements* will be launched in January 2005, with four issues planned for the first year and six issues planned for subsequent years. Questions about how news from the individual societies will be handled have not yet been fully resolved. The Principal Scientific Editors are Rod Ewing, Ian Parsons, and Mike Hochella. The magazine will be distributed as part of the membership of the GS.

As we decided previously, we voted to retain the Geochemical News in an electronic format, starting next year. We also voted to have one hardcopy issue per year to be distributed at the Goldschmidt Conference (it would also be distributed electronically to GS and EAG members). These decisions could be revisited in the future after we evaluate the effectiveness the electronic approach.

Due to the increased importance of Geochemical News to GS activities, it was decided (see vote below) to amend the GS by-laws to state that the Geochemical News Editor will be a member of the GS Board of Directors (officer member). If there is more than one editor, only one of them may vote as a Director at any given time.

9) Goldschmidt Reports

The final Goldschmidt Report for Kurashiki was presented by Jun-ichi Matsuda, who informed the Board that the Geochemical Society of Japan wishes to take part in future Goldschmidt Conferences as one of the sponsoring societies. The 2003 Goldschmidt was a success both scientifically and financially, and the meeting balanced expenses with income. In general, Matsuda reported that having the Goldschmidt meeting in Japan was extremely helpful to Japanese geochemists, serving to increase participation by Japanese geochemists in Copenhagen.

2004 Goldschmidt Report (Stipp) Break-ins and thefts less than a week before the meeting were a setback in time and logistics, but shouldn't impact the overall budget significantly due to help from the host university, and the meeting should break even financially. There were 1500 ± 100 participants. The seed money from the GS will be paid back. Suggestion: pay GS expected expenses up front – provides organizers more flexibility. The Board discussed liability issues, and it was decided that conference organizers should use a professional organizer to deal with risk in a more professional way. This approach will increase cost but is likely to be worth it. Should make it common practice to have 'no refund' disclaimer on registration fees.

2005 Goldschmidt Report (Gunter/Wood): Planning is on schedule to hold the 2005 meeting from May 20-25, 2005, which includes an extra day due to the plenary day. Website up and running. UI Conferences, Events and Information Services – running administration of meeting. Cambridge Publications for publications. \$20-25K for student sponsorship from participating societies. Theme is 'Voyage of Discovery'. Plenary session includes 50th anniversary celebration. The meeting will be very student friendly – accommodation will be inexpensive, student registration will be held to as low as possible, student poster session, ease of access for N. Amer. students, etc.. The International Program Committee has been appointed, and is currently working on the program. Breakeven point is about 800 participants. Free exhibition space and ad in program will be provided for the 2006 Goldschmidt organizers. Visa issues will be examined and clarified as much as possible with sufficient lead time.

2006 Goldschmidt Report (Turner/Foda): Melbourne, Australia: 27 August to 1 September, 2006. Melbourne convention center – one roof, walking from local hotels. Professional conference organizers (Tour Hosts). Website set up. Local organizing committee set up. International program committee set up and currently working on planning of sessions.

Cambridge Publications will be involved as with previous Goldschmidts. Projection of approximately 1000 participants.

The Board heard presentations from Cologne (Al Hofmann) and Davos (Judy McKenzie) for the 2007 Goldschmidt, voting in favor of Cologne, primarily on the principle of keeping the conference moving among new destinations. The Cologne meeting would probably be at the end of August. The EAG Council and the Goldschmidt Forum also voted for Cologne.

The Board heard a presentation from Dominique Weis for the 2008 Goldschmidt, which would be held in Vancouver, BC in mid-July, and they voted to approve the proposal (as did the EAG and the Goldschmidt Forum).

The Board proposed (as did the EAG and the Goldschmidt Forum) that any future Goldschmidt meetings outside Europe and North America would be inserted into the schedule (as we are doing for Melbourne) rather than replacing either the European or North American meeting (as was done for Kurashiki). This will require amendment of the By-Laws.

10) Varia

There was some discussion as to whether the GS should come up with a new logo. The Board authorized Sue Brantley to spend \$250 to have the company that designed the logo for her Water-Rock Interaction conference design a new logo for the GS.

The Board voted that the Geochemical Society should hold a luncheon at the GSA national meetings in conjunction with the Ingerson Lecture, with the Program Committee taking the lead in its organization.

Jobsearch webpage – The Board discussed the lack of places to advertise for positions. Oelkers has put together a webpage to be associated with the Goldschmidt server, containing job seeker and job advertiser/announcement information with the goal being to lead to informal contact. The Board decided that the GS should continue and host/maintain webpage as part of the GS webpage.

The Board discussed the logistics of signing contracts with professional conference organizers and the liability logistics associated with these contracts. Issue was referred to future consideration. Drever will head up efforts to survey previous conference organizers and come up with a proposal for formalizing guidelines for contract signing, risk logistics, etc.

The Board discussed GS/EAG Interactions, including the purpose of having separate entities, reasons for it, possibilities of merger or ways to interact more effectively and frequently.

Meeting adjourned: 5:30 pm

The following motions (details of which are given in the above minutes) were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors via email following the BoD meeting. The email votes were required to officially enact the measures due to the lack of a quorum at the BoD meeting.

1. Change the quorum requirements for BoD meetings
2. Include the GN Editor as a regular BoD member
3. Approve R. Reisberg as a Non-Officer Director
4. Approve V.J.M. Salters as a Non-Officer Director
5. Approve S. Wood as Special Publications Editor
6. Approve J. Fein as Secretary
7. Approve Y. Zhang as Treasurer
8. Approve the choice of Cologne for the 2007 Goldschmidt
9. Approve the choice of Vancouver for the 2008 Goldschmidt
10. Approve that future non-European non-North-American Goldschmidts be scheduled as insertions into the alternation rather than as substitutions
11. Approve that the GN be published once per year in hardcopy in addition to the electronic issues
12. Authorize a joint GS/SEG publication series
13. Authorize transfer of funds from the CD to the SSB account
14. Raise the membership dues for all categories by \$5.00
15. Appoint a subcommittee to promote student membership in GS
16. Authorize the spending of \$250 on the design of a new GS logo
17. Initiate a GS luncheon in conjunction with the Ingerson Lecture at GSA

Respectfully submitted by:

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