Geohab 2017 Business Meeting

Minutes of the 2017 business meeting

1. Peter proposes Brian Todd as meeting chair, it's been seconded

2. Anthony proposes Meredith Westington as Recording Secretary, it's been seconded

3. Formal thanks to Tim LeBas—Gary and Heather

4. Business meeting agenda discussion: scrolling through the 2016 minutes that are serving as the agenda for this meeting, Gary moves to approve the minutes and Peter seconds

5. Business held over from 2016: Tim says there is no business.

6. Financial report from Gary Greene: simple- income from last year was $0. Expenses for this meeting was $6871 (?). 7 students supported last year. Total in the bank $62,224.42. (get real #s from Gary) Jerry Wilson was also involved in the report?

7. Ron McDowell Award Support: Tim reports 9 students this year. Of those 9, we have funding for $15k USD. 14 applications, simple cut-off of the money we had. Ranking Committee was straightforward selection—9 were very good. # of people doing the ranking—about 7 people gave rankings. Committee total was 12, but 7 people gave clear results. Tim was happy with the large committee, but reasonable return of evals. Someone asked if there should be a quorum. Good idea to consider further. Students should be selected from? Suggest that portion of awards should go to countries that can't afford to come here—keep up the geodiversity. First world countries keep sending folks to first from first world conferences. Effort to reach out has been to less developed countries to encourage more local students. How did the message get out about scholarship/conference? Social media spectrum. Ask at Survey Monkey—how did you hear about this conference? Craig and Brian will set-up a committee on scholarship and discuss as funds allow. Suggestion from S America is that you need to talk their language—translate into Spanish and Portuguese. Also, provide them with guidance— sponsor a webinar in Brazil for the Brazilian community to introduce aspects of geohab and where to find common datasets/open source software.   **Action**: Between now and next May, GeoHab runs a webinar, translated into Spanish and Chinese? Run this thing in English, then again in Spanish and again in Chinese. Take this conference's ppts/videos (a handful and check with authors) and translate/add closed captioning or add audio streams in a different language? GeoTED Talks. Send all videos to Ping. Guy can connect YouTube site to GeoHab Facebook page. Ping can add videos to her website.   BS publication could be published in different languages.

8. Host Guidance Manual: it's available online. Advice from Canada: seek help early and try not to do it all on your own. Will re-read to help the next person in line.

9. Future Geohab meetings:

        a. Santa Barbara: May 7-11, 2017, Guy leads the conversation. Fess Parking Hilton, next to the beach with conference facilities. 2 partitions of the grand ballroom. Icebreaker and Dinner to be held in the Ronald Reagan Room. Field trip—charting a boat to Santa Cruz Island, past Anacapa Island. Registration target is $350, field trip $90, US govt rate for rooms is $164. Target number of folks needed

to stay at hotel is 140. Workshop: recommend asking ESRI to sponsor and run- bad idea? Another thought, recommend setting up a steering committee for workshops, so they're more align with what geohab wants (e.g., open source lessons). Requesting a lead for the steering committee. ESRI (Kevin Butler) is eager to get started on the workshop and solicit feedback from the community.   Vincent supports the steering committee idea.

b. St. Petersburg, Russia, 2019: Gary Greene reports.   Geohab has a rule that the next organizing committee must be present 2 years ahead, and Daria, the Russia rep, could not attend. Gary reads a letter from Oleg (head of dept of marine environmental geology) encouraging the 2019 conference and to discuss logistics further by email with Daria. Venue: A.P. Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute. Transportation: can fly to Helsinki and take a 3 hour fast train to St. Petersburg. First of May as well as the 9th of May are a major holidays in Russia. Suggestion for middle May, around 15-17th of May.

c. 2020: suggestion that Malaysia might be good. Kara Ishmall (sp?) is still interested. Ping suggests China and will talk with her boss. Ping would need a co-chair. Xiangtao (sp?) is suggested. May is also a nice time of year. Ping can confirm logistics/interest next year.

d. Beyond 2020: Peter suggests that we meet in Africa.   Guy knows someone in Africa, who might be attending the next GeoHab.

10. GeoHab website: Brian reports that it's not working well. Individual sites are OK—local organizing committees have been doing this to get stuff done quickly. Propose a home site that is kind of dull with a dynamic year-by-year website. Guy created a wix site for 2018 conference.   Tim is concerned about the longevity of the websites—he wants to move it to the main home site.   Geohab site may need to be professionally done for money.   Recommend a website committee and a designated webmaster (with Web skills). Listserve isn't active. Heather will investigate a possible solution for webmaster. Gary Greene requests that an active geohab person oversee the website and thinks there's a limited budget (<10K) to hire a proper webmaster. 5 people on the committee: Peter, Brian, Guy, Heather, and guy from S America.

11. Publications: Peter reminds everyone about the Atlas, 2nd ed. Announcement will follow. Springer offered to translate the BS book. Brian will follow-up and find out about costs—may open the door to translation. S. American guy LOVES BS book and wants geohab to use it as fodder for a webinar series.

12. Water Column Acoustics WG, New Zealand, Arnao reports: Suggests that we basically model after BSWG. Initial workshop April 2017. Aim to develop workflows and methodologies—figure out what targets people are interested in. Milestones for 2017: review state of knowledge on water column backscatter data; identify key problems to be addressed; share common data sets and establish WCBWG terms of reference. Milestones for 2018: review advances in processing and interpretation of common datasets; RV Tangaroa to apply new protocols for data acquisition and processing algorithms. For more info contact Arne.

13. Propose business meeting to end. Vincent first and Guy second. 5:24pm