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VISITORS WELCOME AT ALL MEETINGS

CALENDAR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Friday evening talk, January 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in Room S17, Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway Ave. (between Montgomery and Mill Sts.), Portland State University. Speaker Tom Pierson, a hydrologist with Cascade Volcano Observatory, will present a talk about the Chaiten Volcano in Chile.

Join GSOC members at **Pizzicato Pizza, 1708 SW 6th Ave.**, at **6:00 p.m.** before the lectures for an informal dinner and conversation.

Free parking is available at Portland State University **Friday** nights after 5 p.m. in Parking Structure 2 on Broadway Ave. directly across from Cramer Hall and on

level one of Parking Structure 1, bounded by Broadway and 6th Aves. and Harrison and Hall Streets.

Friday evening talk, February 14, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in Room S17, Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway Ave. (between Montgomery and Mill Sts.), Portland State University. Speaker Dr. Stephen Taylor, Western Oregon University Professor of Geology, will present "Morphology and Spatial Distribution of Cinder Cones at Newberry Volcano, Oregon: Implications for Relative Ages and Structural Control on Eruptive Processes."

Newberry Volcano in Central Oregon is associated with over 350 basaltic cinder cones, located in a complex, extensional tectonic setting. Digital mapping of cinder cones and spatial analyses of vents were used to learn more about the eruptive history of this fascinating area. Click on [this link](#) for a poster with more information. The project website is available from [this link](#).

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Seventy-ninth Annual GSOC Banquet are in progress. The banquet is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 2014. Full details and a registration form will be available on the GSOC website as plans unfold.

Check the GSOC website (www.gsoc.org) for updates to the calendar.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

November 10, 2013

President John Piccininni called the meeting to order at the home of Rosemary Kenney. Board members present were John, Julia Lanning, Janet Rasmussen, Rik Smoody, Sheila Alfsen, and Bo Nonn. Also present were Rosemary, Bart Bartels, Jan Kem, and Dave Olcott. The minutes of the September 14, 2013, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deferred, since Dawn was not present.

Events

Holiday Party committee: Plans for the holiday party were reviewed by the board.

Field Trip Planning: Field trip leaders for the coming year are reminded to plan/schedule trips prior to the March banquet so that announcements can be made. Sheila is still working on the President Field Trip plan. Bo, Larry Purchase, and John hope to offer the Mt. Hood trip that was cancelled last year due to road damage. Dave Olcott has a 4-day trip planned for the north end of Hell's Canyon/Snake River area, which will include a jet boat excursion from Lewiston, Idaho, to the confluence of the Imnaha and Snake Rivers. This trip would ideally be scheduled in September.

Old and New Business

Nominating Committee: Janet is nominated for Vice President, Marty Muncie is nominated for 3-year Director, and Bev has agreed to fill in the remaining

one year of Janet's term as Director. This was announced the previous night at the Friday meeting.

PSU Security and Computer Access: The doors to Cramer Hall were locked shortly after our November meeting began. Signs need to be posted in future listing Janet's cell number so that she can let latecomers in to the lecture if all the doors are locked. Janet brought nametags for guests and members, which were well received. She will continue the practice of greeting guests at the room door and handing out nametags & thus be available to go up and open doors once the meeting begins. Sheila suggested that we might need to use our own technology since only she (and other PSU staff/students) have computer log-ins at PSU.

Newsletters: Alternate possibilities for the mailing of the newsletter were discussed, including our current bulk mailing costing \$1052 per year, new mailing service option for \$840 per year, or electronic newsletter option with paper copies mailed to a limited number of members estimated to be \$369 per year. Voting on this was deferred.

Library Committee: Larry was not present. Bo is scanning the books with photos and bios of previous GSOC presidents.

Need for permanent GSOC newsletter storage: this topic was deferred.

Use of Google Drive for access to membership list, email list: Not all board members have viewed the list online, and some stated they were unable to do so. Janet not only viewed the list, but also deleted her deceased father's name from it. There was discussion of who should be able to view the list and who should be able to edit it. At minimum, we agreed that the treasurer must be able to edit, and other Board Members should be able to view it. The discussion of email list was deferred.

Newsletter scanning: Topic deferred.

New Business

Banquet committee: Dawn and John will be on the committee. There was no third volunteer from the

ranks. Sunday the 16th was the best possible date for the banquet.

Next board meeting: Saturday, February 15, 10:00 am, at Rosemary's house.

Notes compiled from board meeting minutes submitted by Director and Past President Janet Rasmussen (filling in for Paul Edison-Lahm).

New Electronic Mailing List for GSOC Members

GSOC will send electronic newsletters every two months to members. The mailing list will also provide a means to send occasional messages in case of unexpected changes or cancellations of GSOC events, such as lectures or field trips. Members will still receive the paper newsletter in the mail. If you believe that we don't have your email address, and would like to be included in this list, please send an email to Paul Edison-Lahm at edisonlahm@comcast.net with "subscribe" in the subject line.

Likewise, if you prefer NOT to receive the newsletter and messages electronically, please send an email with your name and "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS

The following slate of officers has been selected by this year's nominating committee:

President **Sheila Alfsen**
Vice President..... **Janet Rasmussen**
Secretary **Paul Edison-Lahm**
Treasurer **Dawn Juliano**
Director, 3 years **Martha Muncie**
Director, 2 years **Bo Nonn**
Director, 1 year..... **Beverly Vogt**

Nominations will be closed for this year's slate of officers after the January meeting of the society. The slate of officers will be voted on and approved at the February monthly meeting.

The Nominating Committee members were Rik Smoody, Janet Rasmussen and Paul Edison-Lahm. Our thanks to the selected members and members of the Nominating Committee!

Don't forget that annual **DUES PAYMENTS** are due! Think about all those great member benefits for a mere annual fee of \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family!

PS – If you joined GSOC in September 2013 or later, your 2014 dues are paid, good deal!!!

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