

GAC/Council Meeting (Denver 10/10/04)

Notes

Topic 1: The Global Society for Applied Geophysicists

Group 1: (Samir Abdelmoaty)

Balanced representation representing changing demographics- w/ voting rights

Expand activities such as DISC to address global needs

Enhanced membership- consider what can be done for retention; encourage associate members with right credentials to file to active membership

Group 2: (Ralph Bridle, Saudi Aramco)

Local education & communication- translation, topics, etc.

Local scope of meetings

Lower barriers for participation- visas, membership, traveling expenses

Group 3: (Eugene Nosal)

New dues structure- review within 2-3 years: no differences in benefits

Change burden of registration for annual meetings

Change scope/expand of lecture tours & instructor courses

Group 4: (Kurt Strack)

Push continuing education – to have greater outreach include countries without formal geophysics educational program

Dues structure

Retention of membership- what does membership provide to encourage people to stay (enhance members website)

Group 5: (Mariangela)

Expand continuing education – collaboration with local universities

Improve Web services

Dues structure to meet global needs

Group 6: (Dave Pitcher)

Increase global council representation; better use proxy voting

Scholarships at international universities

International Offices & meetings

Topic 2: Supporting local society

Group 6 (George Smith)

Misalignment of sections with SEG membership, confusion over different categories of societies

Web-site construction could be better aligned

Education & distinguished instructor course 1) planning more advanced to cope with different years of office of sections 2) increase international proportion even more

Better align dues structure and collection of Sections and SEG

Regional focus in organizations of SEG business office

Group 5 (Mariangela):

Merge GAC structure with Council

Help student chapters; enlisted speakers' list to choose from

Dues structure- alliances with local societies

Group 4 (Kurt):

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Group 3: (Eugene Nosal)

Invite representatives from local society to Tulsa for annual rendezvous (underwriting)

Help local societies to set up web-sites

Help set up international symposiums on topics of local relevance

Group 2 (Ralph Bridle)

Inter-section communication; geographical factors;

Make space for publications by international contributors

Provide material and guidance for courses at international venues

Set up local workshops, dinner meetings

Group 1 (Fred Aminzadeh)

Enhance communication with local chapters: overlapping membership lists; offer reduced membership fee when members of SEG and a local chapter (the same idea with sister societies SPE, AAPG, EAGE)

Global & educational outreach; overhaul continuing education

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Priorities

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Group 1 (Fred)

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