

Minutes from AGU Geodesy Section Executive Committee meeting

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1. Updates: Stacy will soon be a postdoc and so will become an early career representative. We need to find new student representatives and are seeking nominees. Bill has agreed to be the Secretary until the end of 2024 when there will be a new election for Secretary. This year there is an election for a new President-Elect.

****Action item: Matt will circulate a list of student members

2. Our Fall Meeting Geodesy Program Coordinator (Mayra) gave an update on the fall meeting. There are 12 sessions proposed, which is down from last year (17). A contributing factor seems to be fewer sessions proposed by international scientists. Some other sections have seen 50% declines in session proposals while others have seen stable numbers. We plan to actively recruit people to apply to these sessions

****Action item: Everyone help advertise the Geodesy sessions when they are announced soon

3. We discussed section finances. We receive \$5k in funds from the AGU Board to support early career and student activities. After discussion among the committee, the following plan was accepted:
 - \$1500 for the early career/student networking event/lunch that is joint with Seismology/Tectonophysics [up from \$500 we contributed last year]
 - \$1500 for early career/student trivia night (joint with the Earth and Planetary Interior sections) [up from \$500 we contributed last year]
 - \$800 for OSPA awards (4 awards of \$200 each) [due to the smaller number of abstracts, only 2 awards were given in 2020]
 - \$1200 for defraying registration costs (this is new for us, but we are following in the footsteps of the SPA section)

\$2000 from our corporate sponsor will also go towards defraying registration costs.

Funding registration costs for applicants who apply is a new experiment for 2022 – we don't know how many people will apply, but we think we can cover about 10, depending on the mix of student and early career applicants and in-person vs. remote registration fees. The committee agreed it would be good to prioritize those with a demonstrated need, members of the section, first-time attendees, those presenting (with no preference for posters vs. talks), and under-represented groups. Both international and domestic applicants are encouraged. Funding registration costs was preferred over

funding the AGU student travel grants since those are fixed at \$1000 and we can fund more students given that registration costs vary from about \$230-\$600.

****Action item: Matt will circulate a draft application form modeled on the SPA example

4. We briefly discussed the Early Career Webinar series. There have been 7 so far, with one more planned in June. Attendance has been between 20-40 live with some talk recordings having hundreds of views. The quality of presentations has been excellent and there seems to be unanimous consent to start-up this webinar again in the fall. There have been some problems in AGU recording the talks or even starting them up on time so we may seek a different host.

****Action item: Continue to solicit nominees for the webinar series

5. We have nominees for the Ivan Mueller award for the first time in 3 years and ended up getting several nominees for the John Wahr award, after the deadline was extended. Everyone is encouraged to think up nominees for 2023!

****Action item: Everyone can help identify nominees for these awards