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St. Louis Chapter



St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: October 10, 2023, 7:30 AM

Meeting Location: Terracon Consultants, Inc. 11600 Lilburn Park Rd; Saint Louis
Meeting Attendees: Xiaomin You, Travis Kassebaum, Zack Fallert, Shari Cunningham, Armando Esquivel, Jacob Schaeffer, Pradip Adhikari, Ronaldo Luna, Nikki Kurfman

1. Finance Update, current Fiscal Year.

- a. Account has just over \$31k
 - i. Got bump at end of previous fiscal year. Presumably due to Geo-Confluence registrations

2. Structural and Geo-Confluence 2023

- a. Registrations
 - i. 61 registrants right now
 1. Behind last year's numbers
 - ii. All sponsorships are taken
 - iii. 15 exhibitors so far
 1. 18-20 typically
- b. Help Needed
 - i. Doors open at 7:15 AM
 - ii. Need help to direct people
- c. Zack to bring easels and banner
- d. Early bird rate ends Oct. 17.

3. Scholarship Update

- a. No updates

4. Student Sponsorships

- a. Funding requests for Geo-Confluence
 - i. 20 requests total
 1. 4 from Mizzou
 2. 4 from S&T
 3. 9 from SIUE
 4. 3 from SLU
- b. GI will cover \$50 per student
- c. Shari to send discount code to Zack
- d. Zack will respond to students

5. Webinars and Events

- a. Idea – Adopt an Engineer Mentoring Program
 - i. Need to structure in a way that does not promote this as employment opportunities rather than mentoring.
 - ii. Maybe use pool of people so students meet more people. Need adequate time for relationships to develop. 2-3 meetings per mentor.
 - 1. “Adopt” not applicable if we go this route
 - iii. Include in next email blast to recruit GI members
 - iv. Discuss with student outreach coordinator at Section level
- b. Field trip opportunities
 - i. One opportunity found with Gonzales

6. Miscellaneous Items:

- a. GI STL Chapter Bylaws
 - i. Xiaomin to send bylaws
 - ii. To be voted on next meeting

- b. Best Chapter Award
 - i. Applications due Nov. 17th.
 - ii. Travis to take first pass
 - iii. Have pictures from annual dinner, AEG event, Case Histories
 - iv. Need pictures for Geoconfluence, next meeting

7. Next meeting:

- a. **Date and Time: November 15, 2023, 4:00 PM**
- b. **Location: Helen Fitzgerald’s Irish Grill and Pub**
 - i. **3650 S Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63127**