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FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1998

7:00 PM

1594 West North Temple

SPEAKER

**KEITH EAGAN
DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY**

Speaking on

STROMATOLITES

UFOP Monthly Meeting Minutes Martha Hayden

The Great Basin Chapter of Utah Friends of Paleontology met Thursday, January 8, 1998 in the DNR auditorium at 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City. The meeting was called to order by chapter president Jerry Golden.

Jerry welcomed visitor Shino Sugimoto, a student at Weber State College studying geology and paleontology with Dr. Jeff Easton. Shino also volunteers at the UMNH paleo prep lab.

The minutes for November were approved as printed in the bulletin.

Sue Dickey gave the treasurer's report. The chapter received \$566.75 back from the state towards the \$1,000 invested for T-shirts, plus \$15 for an early membership renewal, giving a year-end balance of \$1,062.05. It is also membership dues renewal time, so Sue collected dues at the end of the meeting. Memberships may also be renewed by mail.

Utah Geological Survey prep lab update: Jerry reported that the UGS sample library and paleo prep lab is still scheduled for completion by March 31, 1998.

Utah Museum of Natural History paleo prep lab update: Janet Gillette reported on upcoming events and training classes at the UMNH prep lab. There is a legislative reception at the museum on Thursday, January 29th, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. The public grand opening for the lab and dinosaur discovery hall will be Saturday February 21, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. A sign up sheet for volunteers to staff the lab for these events was passed around. Janet is also starting new training classes on Friday January 23rd, 2:00 – 5:00 pm and Saturday January 24th, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The volunteers who have completed the classes should now be working in the lab during the shifts that they signed up for. They may also make up any classes during the upcoming session, particularly the class on adhesives and consolidants that was not held for all classes during the last session. The problem with water in the compressed air line has been fixed, and they will also be installing a larger fan in the exhaust system.

There are reminders about the following upcoming meetings:

AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists) Annual Meeting at the Salt Palace Convention Center, May 17-20, 1998. Plans for a UFOP exhibitor booth to sell T-Shirts have not been finalized.

SVP (Society of Vertebrate Paleontology) Meeting at University of California, Riverside, February 14-16, 1998.

UFOP Certification Meeting at the CEU Prehistoric Museum in Price, Monday January 12, 7:00 pm.

UFOP Board of Trustees Meeting, Wednesday February 11, location TBA.

Nominating Committee: No one volunteered for the nominating committee to recruit new officers for the upcoming elections. There was some discussion about 2-year terms, but the consensus was to leave it as it is, because officers currently have the option to serve a second one year term if they want to.

Summer Field Season: Finishing the Ferron excavation and continuing work in the North Horn Formation with Rose Ditley were mentioned, but setting any dates was put off until at least the next meeting.

There was some discussion about changing the meeting night, because of a schedule conflict with chapter secretary Rose Ditley. The decision was to leave it as is for now and put a request for input from the membership in the next chapter newsletter. In the meantime, Martha Hayden will take notes for Rose.

There was also a discussion about making a donation in memory of Mary Jane Gerrard-Lee. It is unknown if there is a trust fund set up for her son. Other options include donating to one of the SVP endowment funds, or the Helper Mining and Railroad Museum where she worked as manager at the time of her death. The group agreed that a donation would be appropriate, but to explore the different options and decide at the next meeting.

The speaker was able to attend his own talk, since it was a video of a lecture that Dave Gillette presented at the San Diego Museum of Natural History. *The Great Earth Shaker*, about the *Selsmosaurus* project, was taped for presentation on southern California public television.

News and Reminders

UPCOMING MEETINGS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) will be in Salt Lake City May 17-20, 1998. Watch for announcements at our regular meetings. Our chapter may have a booth at this meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) will be held at Snowbird, September 30-October 3, 1998. Eight hundred to one thousand geologists and paleontologists attend these meetings.

In addition to offering UFOP members the opportunity to attend the SVP meeting and hearing major papers presented, our Chapter will be serving in one of several ways. Plans began at the September meeting.

DUES ARE DUE

It is time, once again, to renew your membership. You can bring your dues to the next meeting and give it to Sue Dickey, Treasurer, or mail your membership information and check to: Great Basin Chapter, Utah Geological Survey, 1594 W. North Temple, Box 146100, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6100. Family membership is \$20/year, Individual is \$15/year, and Junior is \$10/year.

New Officers

Joe Genry, Chair of the Nominating Committee for new officers, is seeking volunteers and nominations for various offices for the upcoming year. If you would like to volunteer yourself or nominate someone else please call Joe at 261-1076.

UFOP State Board Meeting Minutes Doug Pusey, UFOP Secretary

11/18/97, 6:30 – 8:15 pm, State Office

Attending: Dave Gillette, Ken Stadlman, Pat Brearton, Martha Hayden, Kevin Bylund, Robyn Wignall, Byron Ray, Clark Warren, Barbara Warren, Rolland Heath, Jerry Golden, Sharon Walkington, Doug Pusey

GSA Meetings

- Report of the tee shirt sales at GSA – about \$2,000 worth sold.
- Plan is to divide the money from the tee shirts to be distributed ASAP.
- Clark suggested providing plastic bags with the logo on them at AAPG.
- Doug is to take tee shirts to see if they can be sold at Canyon View Jr. High.
- The following information is to be included on the following cards –

certification cards – name, chapter, level, date of certification, signature of state paleontologist and state president

membership cards – name, chapter, date valid through code of ethics, signature of chapter leader

- Certification – it was suggested that we get level 2 certification requirements established; Clark will meet with the vice presidents to finalize these requirements in January.
- AAPG is scheduled for May 17-20.
- State meeting will be held from May 22-24. Each chapter is to provide a poster with their chapter's events. Dave suggested that the state provide \$200-\$300 as seed money.
- The next state meeting is planned as a dinner meeting in Heber on February 11.

