

Minutes of the SW Chapter meeting on January 20, 2016

President Bill Biesele welcomed the 28 attendees, asking them to renew their memberships at the back of the class and pick up one patch for individual members and two patches for a family membership. Extra patches could be bought for \$2 each.

He announced a proposal concerning a bylaw change in order to create Membership position on the board.

There would be a board meeting the following Tuesday, and he invited anyone interested to attend and comment on the bylaws. Planning for the 2017 state conference would also be started.

The Minutes of November 18, 2015 were briefly discussed, then voted upon, seconded and as such entered into the record, to be subsequently posted on UFOP's website.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mike Santella, indicating that 3 checks totaling \$84.39 were written and cleared in December (\$42.30 for Kirkland/Milner dinners, \$33.39 for Davis dinner, and \$8.70 for flyers), leaving a balance of \$703.01 in our account.

Bill then introduced our speaker for the night: Dr. Liz Freedman Fowler. She is the new director of the SGDS Museum, taking over from Rusty Salmon, who retired.

Dr. Freedman has a B.A. Magna Cum Laude in Geosciences with an Exploration in Biology, earned at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, followed by a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences in 2015 from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

In 2015 she worked as Director of Paleontology at Great Plains Dinosaur Museum in Malta, Montana running all aspects of the paleontology program, and being responsible for the daily operation of the museum.

During the previous years (2004-2015) she participated in all kinds of programs, taught classes, organized field work, volunteered, gave presentations, designed paleontological activities for children of all ages, and received many awards, honors, and grants, as well as published numerous paleontological works based on her research.

The title of her interesting, very detailed, and well prepared presentation was:

Evolution and Ontogeny of Hadrosaurs from the Judith River Formation of Northcentral Montana.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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