

## Minutes of UFOP SW Chapter Meeting on 11/28/2018

\***Bill Biesele**, our President, opened the meeting at 7 p.m., welcoming all 38 attendees, and referring those new to this organization to Elisabeth, the secretary of this branch, if they wished to become members.

\***Christmas dinner**: This year there will be no potluck, in its stead we will have a joint DinosaurAh!Torium and UFOP Christmas dinner at the Black Bear Diner on 965 N Hoodoo Way, Washington, UT 84780--off exit 13 south of 115 and behind the Maverik gas station. Payments of \$15 per person can be made up to December 6 by 3 p.m. at the SGDS Museum (do not forget to mention your preference: chicken, potroast or salmon) or give your check or cash to Elisabeth after this meeting and she will do it for you. The dinner will be on December 6, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. in a separate room.

\***Annual Meeting**: Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Moab, UT on June 7th through the 9th, hosted by the Gastonia Chapter. Bill reminded us that Moab is a very popular place so early reservations are recommended, adding that checking our website ([www.utahpaleo.org](http://www.utahpaleo.org)) regularly would be a good idea to keep updated.

**Slate of officers**: Bill asked if there was anyone who wished to nominate a member for the position of **historian** which has been open for several years, or **treasurer** as the current treasurer: Joanna Overkamp, wished to step down. Nobody came up for the position of historian, but **Alan Rabinoff** stepped up and volunteered for the position of treasurer--to the relief of many. Both members got a well-earned applause. Bill asked for an official motion and a second to approve the new and the current officers (see below) which was given immediately. So the slate of officers for the year 2019 will be as follows:

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**Dues**: They can be paid in cash or by check at this meeting or the next and handed to our treasurer, or if you prefer to pay on-line, you can do that by accessing our website [www.utahpaleo.org](http://www.utahpaleo.org). The yearly dues are still the same: \$20 per family, \$15 per individual, and \$10 for students.

**Next meeting**: January 16th, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Room 128 of DSU's SNOW building. We have had to be more flexible in the scheduling of our meetings to accommodate our speakers' schedules. We will try to announce all meetings at least two weeks in advance. Our speaker for next month will be Tylor Birthisel.

**Speaker**: Bill then introduced our speaker for the evening: **Dr. Celina Suarez**. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas. She received her BS degree from Trinity University, her MS degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA and her PhD in 2010 from the University of Kansas. Her talk was titled: "*Approaches to understanding the chronostratigraphic and paleoclimatic records of the End-Triassic extinction in Utah.*"

According to her own explanation, Dr. Suarez's research focuses on using trace element and stable isotope geochemistry of fossil vertebrates, invertebrates, and paleosols to understand paleoecology and paleoclimatology of ancient continental environments. She is particularly interested in past greenhouse climates and major climate shifts caused by C-cycle perturbations such as the mid-Cretaceous thermal maximum and the end Triassic extinction. Dr. Suarez is a native of San Antonio, TX. She was an NSF Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Fellow at Boise State University where she used rare earth elements, stable isotopes, and infrared spectroscopy to understand bone preservation and diagenesis. She has conducted research in Utah for over 15 years and still considers it her favorite place on Earth.

**Meeting adjourned**: After taking and answering questions, Bill thanked Dr. Suarez for her presentation, and this meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secr. UFOP SW Chapter  
December 14, 2018*