

Minutes of the UFOP SW Chapter Meeting on October 29, 2018

Bill Biesele, our president, opened the meeting welcoming all 27 attendees, and asked if there were any who had never been to a UFOP meeting before. There were two people; he gave them an extra welcome, and expressed the hope that they would come back.

Topics Bill talked about:

***Christmas dinner.** He told us that the Stephenson's clubhouse we have gratefully been using for many years is not going to be available this year due to renovations being done to it by their HOA. Talking with Diana Azevedo, the SGDS Director, it was decided that having a joint dinner with both groups: UFOP and the DinosaurAh!Foundation (the board members, all the people working in the museum incl. the volunteers) would be a good idea. It will not be a potluck, he added, and we have started looking for a venue and a caterer. The SGDS museum and UFOP will cover part of the cost. The date of the dinner would be between December 5 and 12. More details will be announced as soon as we have something confirmed.

***Annual Meeting.** Next year's annual meeting will be held in Moab, on June 7 through 9. Bill reminded us that Moab is a very popular place so that we should make our room reservations as early as possible.

***Election time.** November is the month that new officers are elected in UFOP. He asked to please see him or any of the other officers if any member would like to volunteer or nominate someone else.

***Dues.** They are due for 2019. You can pay on-line (www.utahpaleo.org) or, if you prefer, by check or cash at one of our meetings and hand it over to either Joanna or Elisabeth.

***Future Meetings.** We may have to be flexible in the scheduling of meetings in order to accommodate our speakers' schedules. We will try to announce all meetings at least two weeks in advance. We may miss a month or two (as we have had to do already).

Joanna's Treasurer report indicated a balance of \$1,692.72.

Bill then introduced our speaker for the evening: Dr. Claudia Marsicano from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was here in the USA with a colleague, Veronica Krapovickas, visiting museums and tracksites in the American Southwest, including our SGDS museum. The title of her presentation was: *"The Colonization of Gondwana: new evidence from the Early Permian of Namibia and Brazil."*

She gave a lively, delightful talk, showing complementary pictures on the screen, basically comparing the fossils she found in Namibia and Brazil with the ones discovered in the USA during the Early Permian and finding they were the same. She also gave us interesting information about the way both countries handled foreign paleontological teams: Namibia was very strict, had many rules and regulations, but Brazil was open and much friendlier. I think from now on we all will think of BUUUGS! whenever Brazil is mentioned, thanks to Claudia...Many questions were asked and answered.

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

Submitted by Elisabeth Nipperus, Secretary UFOP SW Chapter
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