GeoClub Minutes – March 26, 2013

-Introduction

-Spring Banquet: Friday, April 12th at Cobblestone Farm. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30. Food and drinks, but bring something to share! Buses leave at 5:45 and 6:30 pm from the Michigan League and return at 11 and 11:30 pm. Please RSVP and pay $5 for each student and student’s guest to Lorena (lmedina@umich.edu). Volunteers needed to put up decorations a half hour early and others to stay after to clean up. To volunteer, contact one of the GeoClub presidents (Tom Hudgins, hudginst@umich.edu; Kate Volk, kevolk@umich.edu).

-GeoClub flasks: vote held on designs, results and prices to be announced.

-10th Annual Michigan Geophysical Union: Wednesday, April 3rd from 2-6 pm in Johnson Room, 3rd Floor, Lurie Engineering Center. Abstracts due March 27th. Participants eligible for cash prizes of up to $500! Even if you don’t have a poster, come by to learn and discuss.

-Faculty news (Petr Yakovlev): M.S. students now allowed to have one reader from outside the department with the approval of Chris Poulsen.

-Ohio islands trip! The camping trip has now filled up, but there is still hope if you want in! Contact the GeoClub presidents if you would like to be put on a waiting list in case spots open up or another van is brought. If you are going, please pay a $20 security deposit to GeoClub by Friday, March 29th or your spot will be given away. As long as you show up, you will get your deposit back.

-The presidential race is on! GeoClub co-president Tom Hudgins’ term is up this year, and strict term limits mean it’s time for an election! Nominees were Samantha Nemkin and Ben Gebarski. A vote will be held at the last GeoClub meeting of this semester.

-Petr is stepping down as the faculty representative. Ian Winkelstern has answered the call to succeed him. That means we need a new vending machine person to volunteer.

-Ethan Hyland is also stepping down as our community outreach person. Volunteer needed to work with the museum and help organize events to share their love of the science with the public, including children’s groups. Contact the presidents if you are interested in any of these positions.

-Chris Stefano presents on the department’s mineral collection. Off exhibit for several years, the collection is a valuable resource of importance for its historic value, usefulness for education,
and its continuing research potential. To learn more or gain access to collections material, contact Chris (stefanoc@umich.edu).

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