



Association of Missouri Geologists Minutes of the 2025 Business Meeting

October 3, 2025
Farmington, MO

The 2025 annual business meeting (October 3, 2025) of the Association of Missouri Geologists was called to order at 6:55 pm by President Robyn Daniels.

The minutes were presented by Secretary Molly Starkey and reviewed by the membership. No corrections were noted. Kevin Evans moved to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Doug Melton. The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously adopted via a voice vote.

President Robyn Daniels welcomed the attendees and asked the membership to encourage others to attend future meetings. President Daniels then introduced the current officers.

Reports:

Treasurer Rob Rohlf reported on the Association's finances and membership trends. The Association had an ending balance of \$7146.29 at the end of the 2025 fiscal year, with an initial balance of 6676.75 at the start of the year. As of the meeting, current membership total was 133 for all classes of membership.

The Nominating Committee reported on progress filling roles within the Executive Committee. There is a particular need for a President-Elect and a Member-at-Large (current Member-at-Large, Babs Garcia, will be standing for nomination to Treasurer).

The Program Committee report was presented by President-Elect Ron Sides who gave a brief preview of the Saturday field trip (along with a reminder of the bus departing at 8am).

Member-at-Large Babs Garcia conducted a thorough review of the financial documents and corroborated the information in the Treasurer's report as the chair of the Auditing Committee. Jeff Crewes moved to approve the budget as reported, and Don Meyer seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Jo Schaper spoke on behalf of the O.R. Grawe Award Committee. This year, there were three nominees from various universities in Missouri, and the committee was impressed with the qualifications of all candidates. This year's O.R. Grawe Award was presented to Lauren Booth (Missouri S&T).

Owing to a lack of presentations at Missouri Academy of Sciences, the Clayton Johnson Award was not awarded this year. There was brief discussion about the challenges and limitations of graduation student participation at the Missouri Academy of Sciences meeting.

Old Business:

Historian Morgan Stockman reported on the update of the membership directory. Owing to the costs of reproduction, this years directory will be sent by email (PDF format). Please make sure your contact information is correct. Morgan also provided updates about social media.

Secretary Paco Gomez gave an update on the status of the Association website. He aims to develop a new web site for the Association, which can be more easily transferred to subsequent officers. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to Paco by email (fgomez@missouri.edu)

New Business:

New members of the Association were introduced by Member-at-Large Babs Garcia and recognized by the membership.

The meeting then proceeded to the Election of Officers. The floor was opened for additional officer nominations prior to the election. Jim Loch was nominated for Member-at-Large, and Babs Garcia was nominated as Treasurer.

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, current Member-at-Large Babs Garcia presented a slate of officer candidates for 2025-2026. The slate of officers presented consisted of

- Babs Garcia, Treasurer
- Paco Gomez, Secretary
- Jim Loch, Member-at-Large
- Morgan Stockman, Historian

The President-Elect position was left vacant at that time.

Tracy Mason moved to close nominations elect the slate of officers by acclamation. Carey Bridges seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The election was followed with a discussion for the 2026 Annual Meeting. Rob Rolhfs suggested that Ste. Genevieve might be a good venue with possible field trips in the area. Jeff Crewes also suggested possible field trip stops in the area (and expressed potential interest in leading the field trips).

Finally, the executive council plans to conduct a thorough review of the constitution and by-laws this year, with a focused meeting in January. We welcome feedback and suggestions from all members. Of particular note, the Secretary must receive all proposed amendments at least 60 days in advance of the 2026 Annual Meeting.

The floor was opened for discussion of topics of interest to the membership. State Geologist Carey Bridges spoke about the Missouri Geological Survey Student Colloquium and asked members to help as sponsors or judges.

Paco Gomez invited Association members to participate in the legislative tracking and outreach efforts of the Missouri Geologists Consortium. Please email him if you are interested in assisting or with other questions about the MGC.

A moment of silence was held to commemorate former members of the Association.

President Robyn Daniels transferred the Presidency to Presidents-Elect Ron Sides with thanks for organizing the field trips.

The new President, Ron Sides, thanked the Executive Committee.

Robyn Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jim Loch seconded the. This motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paco Gomez", is written above the printed name.

Paco Gomez
Secretary