



MINUTES

GBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

Wednesday April 21, 2021

Present: Wednesday April 21, 2021 President Kenneth R. “Ken” Johnston; **President-Elect:** Thomas W. Blackburn, P.E., G.E., F.ASCE; **Secretary/Treasurer : Leo Titus, P.E. Directors:** Chuck A. Gregory, P.E., Martin LaRoche, P.Eng., M. Sc., Christopher Matthew “Matt” Moler, Steve Wendland, P.E.R.G, ; Guy Marcozzi, P.E. **Executive Director** Joel G. Carson; **Program Director** Barbara A. Nappy; **Program Manager** Sara S. Menase; **Comptroller** Phil Pettway and 256 Member-Firm representatives of 119 GBA-Member Firms

1. Convene

Joel Carson, GBA’s Executive Director welcomed the registrants and thanked them for attending the meeting. He gave the instructions to use the meeting platform.

2. President’s Welcome

President Johnston called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants at 12:00 PM (Eastern Time). He acknowledged the challenges of the continuing pandemic and thanked the members for their vital work as geoprofessionals in these difficult times.

3. Approval of Minutes

UPON MOTION DULY SECONDED AND PASSED, the membership approved as distributed minutes of its 2021 Fall Meeting on October 2021, 2021

4. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Titus provided a summary of GBA’s financial performance, May 2020 through March 2021.

5. Recognition of Council of Fellows, Committee Chairs and Board of Directors

President Johnston recognized the Council of Fellows, Committee Chairs and Board of Directors for their continuing commitment to GBA.

6. President’s Annual Report

GBA Board president, Ken Johnston presented his annual report reflecting on his presidency. He also acknowledged all the work the GBA staff and volunteers accomplished with the production of several new and revised publications, the accomplishment of Emerging Leader Class with their production of several Pod Casts Series.

7. Awards Ceremony

The Treasurer, Leo Titus announced the volunteers who have been recognized by their peers to receive a Certificates of Appreciation for the 2020-2021 year. He also recognized S. Andrew Batson (Sanborn Head & Associates) as the recipient of *Award of Appreciation*. Teresa L. Peterson, P.E., C.M.E., LEED AP O&M, ENV SP (Gannett Fleming), Bradley M. Melocik, P.E., P.H. (DOWL) and Richard D. Heckel, P.E., D. GE (GeoEngineers) were also recognized for their committee leadership.

The President-Elect Tom Blackburn recognized four firms that were awarded GBA Member Engagement for the FY 2020-2021. He announced the *Project Award of Excellence* to DOWL for their Alaska Energy Authority, West Fork Upper Battle Creek Diversion Project. Chuck Gregory, P.E. (Terracon) and Matthew R. Poirier, P.E. (Sanborn Head & Associates) were also recognized for their leadership the Board of Directors.

Ken Johnston presented *Award of Excellence* to Woodward L. "Woody" Vogt, P.E., D. GE, F. GBA, F. ACI, F. ASCE, F. ASTM (Paradigm Consultants) and *President's Award* to David L. Coduto (Terra Insurance Company)

8. Election of 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Mr. Johnston reported the following slate of Officers and Directors developed by the Nominating Committee of the Geoprofessional Business Association for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

GBA President-Elect: Thomas W. "Tom" Blackburn, P.E., G.E., F. ASCE, F. ACEC will become President.

Those nominated for the other positions on the GBA Board of Directors are:

For President-Elect: Leo Titus, Jr., P.E.

For Secretary-Treasurer: Christopher Matthew Moler, P.E.

For Directors-at-Large:

Martin LaRoche, P. Eng., M. Sc.
Guy Marcozzi, P.E., LEED AP BD+C, F. ASCE
Bradley Melocik, P.E., P.H.
Teresa Peterson, P.E., C.M.E., LEED AP O&M, ENV SP
Steve Wendland, P.E.

Mr. Johnston reported that GBA-Member Firms had submitted 81 mail ballots, with all being in favor of all candidates. Members submitted no write-in nominations. Mr. Johnston asked for

nominations from the live poll, none was offered. **UPON MOTION and DULY SECONDED and PASSED, the members approved the nominations, via live polling.**

9. Remarks by Immediate Past President Ken Johnston

Ken Johnston thanked all who supported his path to the Presidency and welcomed Tom Blackburn to the role.

10. Remarks by Newly Elected President Tom Blackburn

Tom Blackburn acknowledged Ken Johnston for his leadership and presented the *President's Gavel Award* which signified his dedication and leadership in GBA. Mr. Blackburn also listed his goals for the new fiscal year.

11. Promotion of Future Events

Tom Blackburn listed the upcoming events which included the GBA Fall Conference in Henderson, Nevada October 21-23, 2021 and GBA Spring Conference April 7-9, 2022, in San Diego, CA.

12. New Business

No new business was brought forth by those attending the meeting.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business brought forth, and **UPON MOTION DULY SECONDED AND PASSED, Mr. Blackburn adjourned the Membership Meeting at 1:05 PM (Eastern Time).**