Draft Minutes for the 1625th meeting of the Geological Society of Washington

November 4, 2026

John Wesley Powell Auditorium, Cosmos Club, DC

Note: Meeting Secretary Karin Lehnigk was unable to attend this meeting; Mong-Han Huang (UMD) acted as substitute Meeting Secretary, and these minutes are based on his notes.

President Ackerson called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM ET.

Attendance

There were 41 attendees in-person.

Minutes

The meeting began with announcements, then moved on to the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (1624th). The minutes of the 1624th meeting had been posted online and a Minutes Minute was read aloud and approved.

Guests and New Members

4 guests were announced: Gabby DeSanto (George Washington University), Wenlu Zhu (UMD), Laurent Montesi (UMD), and Unknown (Unknown). 4 new members were announced.

Obituaries

None

Announcements

None

Informal Communications

None

Formal Program - Annual Bradley Lecture

The formal program commenced at 8:40 PM EST. Basil Tikoff (University of Wisconsin-Madison) delivered the Annual Bradley Lecture, titled "A terrane-based model for the formation of the Rocky Mountains: Transpressional deformation associated with oblique collision and margin-parallel transcurrent motion" Dr. Tikoff presented an alternative model called "hit-and-run" rather than the traditional view of "flat-slab" to explain the Sevier-Laramide orogeny in the Rocky Mountains.
15 questions from the audience.

President Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 9:50.
Respectfully submitted by Karin Lehnigk, GSW meeting secretary