Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013 Kentucky Geological Survey Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Todd Alfry, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Filiberto Gomez, Donnie Lumm, **Charlie Mason**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

The meeting called to order at 10:12 am by Trent Garrison. Trent recognized visitors and announced that some people are en-route and a few members may be a little late.

President's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred his comments until later in the meeting

President Elect's Report:

Bill Brab deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

Past President's Report:

Charlie Mason reminded those in attendance about the West 6th Street Brewery event next Friday and the KSPG field trip the following day. He also requested that people review the write up that was prepared to reflect the history of the Kentucky Section as requested by National. A copy of the draft document was distributed later in the meeting. Charlie was concerned that much of the older information was not included. Charlie indicated that he would contact John Philley for his input. The comments will need to be completed by April 20, 2013.

Vice President Report:

Bill deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the March 2013 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on April 5, 2013. With one minor revision, the minutes were approved.

Tim also reported that National had requested a list of the requirements to qualify for scholarships if offered by the various sections. Tim provided a copy of one of the letters sent to the universities this year, as it lists Kentucky section requirements.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance as of February 28, 2013 \$34,669.18

Total Account Balance as of March 31, 2013 \$32,224.95

General Checking Acct.: \$437.98

Outreach Checking Acct.: \$32,224.95

Following Jim's summary, Charlie made a motion to approve the report as presented, Tim seconded. The motion passed.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that he continues to keep the web page current as information becomes available.

Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair Winner

Josie Hammon from Notre Dame Academy was the high school winner. The name of her project was "Further Studies of a Stick Slip Earthquake Model". She also received a book from AIPG entitled "Earth" by the Smithsonian Institution. She will receive a certificate and a check for \$50.00 also. No awards were

issued for the middle school level. Faith judged the event as did Gary Kuhnhenn (middle school) and Jim Kipp (high school).

Faith reported that last year, Kentucky AIPG donated \$200 for the best of show winner to travel to the National Science Fair, and asked if the section would be interested in providing this level of support again this year. Charlie made a motion to provide support in the amount of \$200. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Faith indicated she would contact Barbara Rainey and make the arrangements.

West 6th Street Brewery Event

Trent reported that he has heard from about 30 people who are planning on attending the gathering. He reported that the University of Kentucky (UK) is providing transportation to the event in the form of a trolley. The event is scheduled for April 12th, 2013 at 6:30pm. Trent further reported that he has discussed the event with a few employers that may be seeking entry level geologists for potential employment. Charlie reported that several students from Morehead State University are planning on attending. Charlie reported that he has also discussed the event with a new company that will be located in Morehead, as an opportunity for them to meet potential employees and to allow the company an opportunity to discuss their company and future plans.

Spring Professional Development Conference - April 26th, 2013

Trent reported that a contact at the state has indicated that approximately 15 people from their offices may attend the event. Bill reported that the plans for the event are coming along well. He reported that he will be meeting with Patrick Gooding (KSPG) this week to discuss the facility and associated management issues. He indicated that from what he's been told, there will be good numbers of students and government employees attending the event. Bill said he is working with Karen Thompson about advertising online which may cause a late spike in registrants. Charlie reported that several Morehead students interested in attending even though none have registered yet. A registration form and an itinerary are posted on the website. The costs are expected to be similar to the event last year (approximately \$75 for state employees & members, \$20 for students and \$100 for professionals).

Miscellaneous

Trent reported that the UK Earth and Environmental Science section is hosting a poster event at UK on April 25, 2013 from 2pm to 4pm. Requests have been made for judges to volunteer for the event.

Jim Cobb reminded everyone that the Annual KGS seminar is coming up soon (May 17th, 2013), during which time all professional organizations will have an opportunity to give a brief overview, summarize their activities and present awards (as applicable). The event is entitled "The State of Geology in Kentucky". Representatives from the Board will be available to answer questions and to address comments about their performance. Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be issued for the event.

Board of Registration Report

Larry reported that the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board) has developed a *Consumer Guide to Geologic Services* that will be available to the public and has updated the information on their website to provide basic geologic information to those interested. The Board is also developing a 'roster' of professional geologists (PGs) in Kentucky that can be sorted using a series of criteria as needed. This feature will be available on the website over the next several months. They are also going to list upcoming continuing education opportunities. Larry thanked Jim and KGS for the volume of work they have done toward these efforts. Jim also reminded attendees that KSPG and AIPG are required to provide names for nominees for the recommendations for potential board members.

A special Board meeting will be held at the Core Barn on May 2, 2013 at 10 am. The next Board scheduled meeting is June 3, 2013.

Trent reported that Elsevier has offered to pay \$250 per year to place a banner add on the section's website. He wants to pass the information by Richard before making any final decisions.

Awards

Larry indicated that one nomination was received for the Geologist of the Year (Drew Andrews), and one nomination was received for the Lifetime Achievement Award (Gil Cumbee).

Charlie made a motion to award the geologist of the year to Drew, Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion to nominate Gil and Charlie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The only student award nomination received was for Anna Roa who is attending the University of Kentucky. Charlie made a motion that she be awarded the \$500 scholarship and Bill seconded. The motion passed.

Charlie suggested that Jim Howard be considered for the Presidential Certificate of Merit based on his ongoing efforts to promote the organization. Trent liked the suggestion and agreed.

Frank reported that he met with representatives of the Secretary of Tourism regarding the Natural History Museum. The representatives appeared to be interested in the effort but said there was no money available in the current budget. It was suggested that the former courthouse in downtown Lexington be considered as a possible location for the museum but there appear to be several environmental issues associated with the building.

Trent reported that he ran into the Mayor Jim Gray at the "Reforest the Bluegrass" event and had an opportunity to mention the he may be contacted by the representatives of the Secretary of Tourism regarding the Kentucky Natural History Museum.

The next section meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2013 at 10:00 at the Survey, Room 102.

Charlie made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.