

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting
Saturday April 4, 2009
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Justin Billiter, Dale Burton, **Tim Crumbie**, **Frank Ettensohn**, **Faith Fiene**, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Dr Howard, Dr. Cobb (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting Convened at 9:41 AM

President's Report:

Faith reported that she is currently involved in judging the Science Fair at Richmond, Ky. The report will be judged today at 4 pm. Faith also passed around a copy of the NE Section newsletter for interested section members to review.

President Elect's Report:

Dr. Howard is in the process of completing a portion of a position statement for AIPG, summarizing fossil fuel reserves and alternative energy sources.

Past President Report: See above

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie mentioned that the meetings notes from the Feb. meeting had not yet been approved via email so they cannot yet be approved by the Exec. Committee. The information will be re-sent (electronically) this week.

The section approved a motion to assist a member with paying his membership by loaning him the balance, and issuing him an statement for re-payment of the loan. Motion made by Donnie, seconded by Dr. Howard, passed.

Discussion evolved to include past due members as indicated by National earlier this year. Faith will send out a letter reminding members to pay their dues. Dr. Howard also requested that T. Crumbie discuss the possibility of National sending updated dues information out to the sections as members renew or are added.

Vice President's Report:

Dr. Ettensohn discussed the spring field trip and banquet which are coming up in two weeks (April 18). The field trip portion will concentrate on the black shales and the Borden formation. At this point the field trip guide is nearing completion.

The group is scheduled to meet at 8 am in the parking lot at the Ky. 32 exit. The group is planning to depart at 8:30 am following registration. Buses and vans will be available for group transportation. We are expecting a good number of students from UK, Eastern and Morehead.

A buffet style lunch will be provided at Shoney's near the meeting starting point. The field trip should end in Morehead around 5pm which would give participants a bit of time before the mixer starts at Carter Caves at 7pm, followed by dinner at 7:30. The park naturalist will speak during. AIPG will have a block of rooms for the night of the 18th.

Room rates at the park are \$84.95/night for most or \$59.95 per night for state employees (proof required).

Field trip is free to students and \$42 for professionals and guests. The award banquet is \$15 for students and \$25 for professionals/guests. Donnie Lumm volunteered to stock and manage the bar if one is allowed.

The section is considering requiring participants to sign a release form to absolve the section from liability if one were to be injured during the excursion. They are also going to obtain flashing lights for some of the vehicles as a precaution.

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie has requested donations from six potential sponsors and is currently waiting to hear back.

Discussion followed about whether to raise or lower section dues (National). After a short debate, Dr. Ettensohn made a motion to keep our dues at \$25, motion was seconded, and passed.

Donnie submitted the tax summary on March 20, 2009 as required, to receive our annual allocation from our annual dues.

Previous Balance as of February 5, 2009 was \$33,319.76

Total Account Balance as of April 1, 2009	- \$33,366.89
Checking Acct.:	\$3,475.74
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$1,255.87
Student Award Acct.:	\$0.00 (closed)
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$28,635.28

Motion made by Dr. Howard to accept Treasurer's Report as presented / seconded by T. Crumbie/passed.

PG Board Report :

Larry said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4/6/09 at 1:30 in Frankfort. They have two issues that are currently being addressed. One issue has been resolved and the other issue is currently being addressed.

Editor's Report – The next issue of the newsletter will come out after the field trip. Richard is considering posting the articles that were initially prepared for BizLex on the website so they will be accessible electronically to the membership.

Old Business:

Outreach Committee Report – Dr. Howard presented a report to the Southeast Section GSA on March 13, 2008 on Fossil Fuel Reserves and Alternative Energy Sources. He indicated that he has given out about 2,000 AIPG geologic time scales since the Outreach program started. Dr. Howard stated that we should follow-up on the offers that were previously made to visit universities and public service organizations around the state.

Morehead's physical sciences department has recently been renamed Earth and Space Sciences Department.

Eastern Section AAPG is hosting their annual meeting in Evansville, Ind. on September 20-22, 2009. The cost for a commercial exhibiter is \$750 but for a non-profit organization, it is \$400 and includes one free registration. Donnie made a motion to purchase booth space at the non-profit rate. Dr. Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Howard requested that National be contacted to see if they would be willing to help provide support in the forms of materials and hand outs.

Dale Burton provided an update on the effort to improve the career ladder for state employed geologists. He indicated that the process has stalled and now may be a good time to make another run at it. The previous version of the proposal included an increase in the starting pay for geologists and to add three positions to the career ladder which would make the geologists' professional path more comparable to the engineers'.

Dr. Cobb agreed with Faith in that the wage data should be updated because so much time has passed. He indicated that he could contact Bill Siok for updated salary information if it is available. Bill Siok has apparently previously indicated he would come to Ky. and meet with the administrators to provide updated salary information from a nationwide perspective. Dale and Dr. Cobb will try to evaluate if the timing is good right now given the current economic climate.

Dr. Cobb spoke highly of the Global Climate Change symposium we hosted in the fall and wants to continue similar efforts. A sub-committee of Dr. Cobb, Dr. Howard and Charlie to further investigate feasibility.

Awards:

Larry Rhodes indicated that we have two Student Award nominees, Boyd Gray from Morehead, and Rachel Hatch from UK. Richard Smath made a motion that both nominees receive the student awards for 2009. Dr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Geologist of the Year: William M. Andrews, Jr. was selected to receive the Geologist of the Year award. Dr. Howard made a motion to accept the nomination of Drew Andrews for the Geologist of the year for 2009. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Ettensohn was selected as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Donnie made a motion and T. Crumbie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Larry will have the plaques made and let Donnie know the cost. He has to have the check before he can pick up the awards.

Faith opened a discussion about giving Presidential Certificates of Merit if the executive officer (President) feels someone deserves it. The awards committee will take the issue under advisement.

AIPG Display Stand: Richard is working with Collie Rulo and has nearly completed the banner. He indicated that it will cost approximately \$400 to finalize. The money pay for this will come from the Outreach funds. A short discussion followed requesting that the dates of the geologic period be verified.

New Business:

Neon Sign: Charlie Mason is planning on having the sign completed in time for the spring banquet.

It was established that the field trip leaders are *NOT* required to pay for the field trip.

The next meeting is scheduled on May 30, 2009 at 9:30 in Lexington at the Survey.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.
