

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 21, 2012
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, Jim DeCinque, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Julie Ross, **Richard Smath**, Jerry Weisenfluh (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 9:15 by Trent Garrison.

President's Report:

Charlie Mason's comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

Trent Garrison opened the meeting pending Charlie's arrival. Trent referenced that he had sent out an email notification to various members suggesting that the official State mineral and rock, as defined by the Commonwealth, be reviewed. This issue has been discussed many times in the past and appears to be more of a legislative issue.

Past President's Report:

No report. Frank Etensohn emailed summaries of the course description for the Bahama short course for those who are interested to review.

Vice President Report:

Bill Brab mentioned that he emailed a letter to nominate a University of Kentucky student for the Student Award. The letter was forwarded on behalf of Dr. Moecher. Bill will discuss the letter in more detail later in the meeting. Bill also stated he has tried to contact Jim Howard regarding the next professional development short course.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the February meeting were mailed out (electronically) to all Executive Committee Members and approved on March 2, 2012. Copies of the minutes were provided to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie Lumm reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of February 29, 2012</i>	\$51,034.28
Total Account Balance as of April 15, 2012	\$34,057.27
General Checking Acct.:	\$486.16
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$6,497.96
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,073.15

Donnie reported that 23 registered attendees and 2 faculty members attended the trip to the Bahamas, for a total number of 25 attendees. A large amount of the expenses incurred since the last meeting were from the field trip. The net loss from the trip was \$3,901.74 and was largely the result of not having enough participants.

Tim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Bill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Registration Report:

Gil Cumbee reported the last meeting of the Board was held on March 26, 2012. The meeting was held as a last ditch effort to get SB162 approved; which it was. The requirements will go into effect in July of this year. The main amendment to the original bill was that there will now be a three year grace period to allow

state and local government employed geologists time to get certified. Gil offered a special thanks to Jim Cobb and Larry Rhodes for their efforts in getting the legislation passed.

Gil and Charlie (who participated on the Board of Examiners) attended the national ASBOG meeting in Louisville last week (April 13-14th). A field trip to Jephtha Knob was held on April 15th. Mark Thompson, Frank Etensohn, Richard Smath and Steve Greb assisted with the field trip. AIPG would like to thank KGS for hosting and running the event.

Charlie asked the ASBOG Executive Committee about the potential to lower the costs (to students) to take the test, or at least the Fundamentals portion of the test. Charlie reported that the Executive Committee took his comments under advisement and will consider them.

General discussion was held regarding the potential for future training for the ASBOG test. Drew Andrews has taught this course in the past and mentioned the possibility of continuing to offer the course, but at a discounted rate, provided the expenses can be covered.

Editor's Report:

No report.

Old Business:

Bahamas Short Course Wrap-up:

Charlie indicated that Frank had the participants complete an evaluation form and the feedback was generally good. Charlie indicated the weather was great and the only difficulties encountered dealt with travel. Charlie recommended that for future trips of this sort, we should consider letting participants make their own arrangements for travel.

2012 Awards

Larry reported that following nominations below have been received by AIPG:

Lifetime Achievement Award	Robert Fox nominated Michael Sanders . (motion made by Donnie to accept, seconded by Bill)
Geologist of the year	Jack Stickney for Paul Howard Trent Garrison nominated Larry Hughes
Student Award Letter	David Moecher (UK) nominated Christopher Ray Manning . Charlie Mason (Morehead) nominated Luke Schwab . (Donnie made a motion to accept both and award them \$500 each. Trent seconded) (names shown in bold were selected as the awardees)

The Geologist of the Year recommendation letters were read and, after short discussion, the decision was that Jack Stickney's nomination letter suggests that Mr. Howard would better qualify for the Lifetime Achievement Award as opposed to Geologist of the Year. To qualify for the Lifetime Achievement Award, one must be an active AIPG member, which Mr. Howard is not.

No student award nominations were received by the April 15th cutoff date, therefore, Richard made a motion to extend the deadline for award nominations to April 21, 2012, Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kentucky Geological Survey Annual Meeting

Jim Cobb and Jerry Weisenfluh briefly discussed the general agenda for the KGS Annual Meeting to be held on May 18, 2012. General discussion was held about when time would be allowed for AIPG to present the awards during the meeting. Jim agreed that it would be a good idea. Jim asked that AIPG consider co-sponsoring the meeting lunch at \$250. Bill made the motion and Donnie seconded. Larry asked if professional development credits would be issued for attending the annual meeting. Jim indicated that professional development credits will be made available.

New Business:

Bill recommended that AIPG consider hosting gatherings for students where companies could host a social event like a pizza party for students. During these meetings, companies could market their business, promote AIPG and hopefully spark interest in geology. The event could be moved about the state to reach more students and could be held quarterly or biannually. The general consensus was that this was a good idea.

Jim requested that AIPG consider sponsoring an event later this year (September) to introduce the UK faculty to AIPG and Kentucky Geologic Consortium (KGC) efforts. This would be helpful in familiarizing new faculty and staff members to our efforts.

Donnie reported as a reminder, that a couple of financial commitments from the co-sponsors of for the Darwin Lecture Series are still outstanding.

Charlie reported that he has not contacted Jim Howard about the September short course and that he will do that in the near future.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2012 @ 10:00 am at KGS in room 102. Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Kentucky Geologic Consortium

Meeting called to order at 11:17.

Attendance: Bill Brab, Jim Cobb, Tim Crumbie, Gil Cumbee, Jim DeCinque, Faith Fiene, Donnie Lumm, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Julie Ross, Richard Smath, Jerry Weisenfluh

Dr. Cobb gave an overview of the history of KSPG, which was initially called the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK). Dr. Cobb suggested that since AIPG and KSPG currently play such similar roles, and because AIPG is so active; that KSPG consider changing their name back to GSK. This was suggested in part, because the name "Geologic Society of Kentucky" does not contain the word "professional", which may be a deterrent to potential members by giving the impression that one must be a registered geologic professional to participate. The name Geologic Society of Kentucky does not. The idea is that anyone interested in geology, professional and non-professional, can be a member and participate. There were no executive committee members of KSPG present at the meeting to consider or vote on the topic.

Dr. Cobb mentioned that KGS would like to meet with Jeanne Harris of the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) to discuss how to increase the amount of representation afforded to geology students through the Geology Section KAS.

Gil brought up the topic of the dissemination of information and asked if it would be possible to include information about the different organizations and societies in the newsletters issued by KGS.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40.