

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Kentucky Geological Survey

Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building

Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, Frank Etensohn, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

The meeting called to order at 10:07 am by Trent Garrison. Guest Earl Hoover introduced himself as a retired Geologist originally from West Virginia, who had specialized in construction materials, but has a diverse background in various aspects of geology. Prior to moving to Kentucky, he resided in Florida and was active with the Florida Archeological Society. He is interested in reinstating his AIPG membership and becoming active with the Geological Society of Kentucky. The committee welcomed him.

President's Report:

In Bill Brab's absence, Trent Garrison welcomed all attendees and each person was given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

President Elect's Report:

Donnie Lumm reported that he followed up via email, with the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA) about the proposed collaborative technical seminar in the fall. The suggested topic was tentatively entitled *Best Management Practices for Oil and Gas Operators*. The topic would specifically address horizontal and directional drilling. Donnie is awaiting a response.

Donnie deferred additional comments until later in the meeting

Past President's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Donnie deferred further comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the February 22, 2014 meeting were emailed to committee members on April 30, 2014, but they were not voted on. The minutes will be approved electronically after all have had time to review.

Tim reported that National AIPG has requested that the section vote on the new section dues structure. Donnie made a motion to leave the current fee of \$25/yr unchanged. Trent seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tim emailed the results of the vote to Vickie Hill with National on April 8, 2014.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Previous Balance as of February 28, 2014</i>	\$29,228.68
Total Account Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$29,678.43
General Checking Acct.:	\$228.19
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$29,678.43

Trent made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Decinque had also prepared a summary of the section's finances for 2013, and a projected budget for 2014. Trent asked about the \$243 from Elsevier that was included in the budget projection for 2014. He wanted to know if anyone had contacted the company to verify that they would be continuing their advertisement.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date and all fees are paid.

Darwin Lecture 2014

Trent requested comments from those who attended the lecture to gauge how it was received. There seems to be a little disappointment about the limited turnout (approximately 80 people). It was agreed that the weather had a negative impact on the turnout. Donnie suggested that more fliers and membership applications should be available for hand out during future events of this nature. Donnie felt that Dr. Andrew Knoll was an excellent speaker and very well prepared. In general, the Executive Committee members were pleased with the venue (Memorial Hall).

Donnie mentioned that the Kentucky Section needs to make a decision on the amount of the stipend that will be sent to Dr. Knoll. The general consensus was that \$1,500.00 should be sufficient. Dr. Knoll had sent Donnie an email indicating that he had incurred \$1,352.00 in expenses, part of which was the result of having to reschedule the event. Richard mentioned that the section has already paid the airfare for the trip that had to be rescheduled. Ultimately it appears that he is owed the \$1,500 stipend minus \$148.00 for expenses paid (\$1,352.00). Costs paid to date will be verified with Jim before the check is sent.

Invoices for meeting sponsors need to be mailed to Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Kentucky Paleontological Society & the Geological Society of Kentucky. Dan Phelps gave a check to Tim in the amount of \$700.00 to cover sponsorships for the 2013 and 2014 Darwin Lectures.

Richard reported that the University of Kentucky does not charge for the use of Memorial Hall, but costs will apply for support staff and equipment use. Dan suggested that the section consider inviting Dr. Neil Shubin as the speaker for the Darwin Lecture in 2015.

Richard reported that he periodically receives calls from the general public with questions about the areas of practice for registered geologists. He has received calls from people looking for consulting geologists but the Board of Registration's website does not list if the geologists are available for consulting. Larry Rhodes stated that he would bring the issue up in the next Board meeting which is April 7, 2014.

Spring Short Course – Aquifer Characterization

The Spring Short Course will be held on Thursday May 29th, 2014 from 8:15 am until 4:30 pm at the core barn. Donnie mentioned that Jim DeCinque may not be available to collect money at the meeting as has been done in the past, and requested that members be available to assist.

Donnie has agreed to help Bill with prepare the abstracts for the speakers. Trent suggested that the bio's for the speakers be reviewed and edited if needed before they are finalized.

ASBOG – AIPG Sponsored Refresher

Trent reported that there are no new developments on this endeavor but the next step is to talk to Drew Andrews to see if the tentatively proposed date of September 10th, 2014 is acceptable and to identify additional candidates for speakers.

The cutoff date for the next scheduled ASBOG exam is August 26, 2014. The exam will be administered on October 10, 2014. General discussion was held about the format for the course and what fee would be appropriate. Trent feels that it would be a good idea to hold the training course about a month before the exam. If this recommendation is followed, a tentative date for the initial class could be September 10th, 2014.

Awards

Larry reported that he has received two nominations for the Geologist of the Year Award (candidates do not have the AIPG members): Rob Blair and James Currens. The letters were distributed and votes were cast. Jim Currens was selected as the award recipient.

Donnie suggested that in the future, AIPG should urge nominees specify accomplishments that have been performed within the past year which would assist in the selection process.

Richard mentioned that there are many accomplished geologists in Kentucky who are not members of AIPG, and therefore cannot receive the Lifetime Achievement award. He suggested that maybe GSK could have an award to cover this gap.

The candidates for the Lifetime Achievement Awards are Jim Cobb and Dan Phelps. The vote ended in a tie. Donnie suggested that the absent board members be given the opportunity to vote as a tie breaker. All agreed. Richard will send the information out on Monday for vote. Bill Brab and Jim DeCinque cast their votes electronically on April 8, 2014. Jim Cobb will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

One candidate, Sara Lott from Northern Kentucky University was nominated for the Student Award. The nomination was provided by Dr. John Rockaway. Donnie made a motion to approve the selection and Richard seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Lott will receive a certificate and a check for \$500.00

Faith Fiene reported that she judged at the State Science Fair last weekend. The Junior High winner was Samantha Andrew. Her project was entitled *How Loam Can You Go?* The High School Award winner is Alexis Sachleben. Her project was entitled *Bioluminescence – The Impact of Light Variance on Dinoflagellates*. Both will receive a certificate, a check for \$50, and a book entitled *Earth*, by the Smithsonian Institute.

Trent will consider if he is going to nominate a recipient of the Presidential Award of Merit, and let Tim know.

Board Update

Larry reported that the last Board meeting was February 14, 2014. This meeting was covered in the minutes from the February 22, 2014 AIPG meeting.

Richard reported that on April 26, 2014, GSK will be holding a mini field trip in Western Kentucky, led by Michael May. The trip will be held at the Upper Green River Biological Preserve and will cover karst geology.

Frank Ettensohn reported that at 7pm on April 24, 2014, he will present a lecture on campus (UK), entitled *Saving the World, Reflections on the US government and Energy Security*. A reception will follow.

Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trent seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 am. After considerable debate, the decision was made to let Bill schedule the next meeting date and time.