

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Trent Garrison, Andrew Jones, Edward Lo, Donnie Lumm, Charles Mason, Dan Phelps, John Popp, Larry Rhodes, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet, John Willis**

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Trent Garrison.

President's Report

Trent Garrison reported that the Annual Darwin Lecture given by Dr. Richard Alley (Pennsylvania State University) on March 8, 2018 attracted approximately 225 guests and was successful from a technical standpoint. A pre-lecture dinner was held for the Speaker and invited guests at Saul Good, Lexington. Dr. Alley, who had a one night stay in Lexington, was also taken by Trent to the campus of the University of Kentucky to meet some of the faculty and students of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Trent mentioned that from previous discussions of the Executive Committee that the 2019 Darwin Lecture will likely be given by the head paleontologist (Jonathon Stanfield) of the Gray Fossil Site & Museum, Gray, TN.

Secretary's Report

Donnie Lumm, who recorded today's Secretary's Minutes on behalf of the absent Tim Crumbie, stated that the draft minutes from the March 3, 2018 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members by Tim Crumbie on April 12, 2018, but that according to personal communication from Tim, not all had responded and as such had not as yet been approved. Donnie reminded the Executive Committee to make any editorial changes and or to signify approval to the meeting notes to Tim.

Past President's Report

Mark Sweet stated that he had an outreach meeting with Dr. Melissa Dieckmann, Chairperson of the Eastern Kentucky University Department of Geosciences, and Dr. Tom Otieno, Dean of the College of Science, on February 23, 2018. During this meeting, Mark stated that the EKV Department wants to invest more of an academic and budgetary commitment to Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The Department is reviewing LIDAR equipment for purchase.

Mark also mentioned that the Underground Storage Tank (UST) funding and cost structure is being reviewed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All appears to be safe and no State jobs are threatened. Approximately 600 UST sites monitored by the State are performing some form of corrective action.

Charlie Mason stated that the previously proposed short course on Limestone core sample interpretation and logging hosted by the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) and co-sponsored by KY-AIPG will need to be postponed for a few months. The primary reason is that Dr. Frank Etensohn of the University of Kentucky does not have sufficient time to organize and present the material for the course during the latter stages of the ongoing Spring Semester. A date of May 25, 2018 had been proposed for the event. A course date in September 2018 is more reasonable.

Charlie also mentioned that the GSK would be hosting “Family Day” event at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2018, whereby the members and their extended families would be able to take a free one hour ride on the “Dixie Bell” commercial excursion passenger ship which is docked on the Dix River near Shakertown, Harrodsburg, KY. The attendees would be required to bring their own lunch. Members of KY-AIPG are also invited for free.

Treasurer’s Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Reports for March 31, 2018, the contents of which are summarized below:

Previous Balance (as of February 28, 2018)	\$31,971.33
Total Funds as of March 31, 2018	\$29,863.62
Net change from previous report:	-\$2,107.71

Donnie Lumm made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report of March 31, 2018 and Mark Sweet seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator’s Report

Richard Smath reported that the KY-AIPG website has been updated with pertinent information except for the March 3, 2018 Secretary’s Report (meeting minutes).

Vice President’s Report

Edward Lo reported that the students of the UK Department of Environmental Sciences students will have elections soon for the KY-AIPG student chapter and for Edward’s current position. Edward also reported on the “Kentucky Indigenous Peoples”, an organized society of interest to him, which he said might be interested in reaching out to as an understanding of geosciences and conservation.

Student Outreach

Trent Garrison reported that a KY-AIPG Student Outreach event is scheduled at Pivot Brewing, 1400 Delaware Avenue, Lexington, KY on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. University of Kentucky Earth and Environmental Science students have been invited, and approximately 10 graduate and undergraduate students are expected to attend. Trent and Edward Lo will be attending and meeting with the students. KY-AIPG will provide the pizza, and Trent will be reimbursed for his expenses.

Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update

Larry Rhodes reported that the next scheduled Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board) meeting is April 16, 2018.

Larry read a letter from the Office of Governor Matt Bevin dated March 26, 2018, requesting a list of potential nominees to serve on the Geographic Information Advisory Council. No deadline for the nominations had been established. Three (3) nominees are requested by the Governor’s Office.

AIPG Annual Awards

KY AIPG has received the following nominations the 2018 Annual AIPG awards to be presented during the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) Annual Meeting on May 18, 2018:

Lifetime Achievement Award:

John Beam (nominated by Dr. Donald Lumm)

Geologist of the Year:

Dr. Gary Stinchcom (nominated by Dr. Robin Zhang, Murray State University)

Dr. Stephen Greb (nominated by Dr. Frank Etensohn, University of KY)

Student Awards

Roger Olson (nominated by Dr. John Rockaway, Northern KY University)

Madison Hood (nominated by Dr. Rebecca Freeman, University of KY)

Katherine Losekamp (nominated by Dr. Michael May, Western KY University)

The nomination letter that had been prepared for John Beam was read by Larry and the letters of recommendation for the Student Award were read by Richard. General discussion was held about the number of Student Awards that should be presented this year, and the fact that the content of the letters of recommendation were not consistent because details (like grade point average) were omitted from some. The decision was made to present awards to all three (3) student award nominees this year. Donnie made a motion to award three (3) Student Scholarships and Richard seconded. The motion passed. Tim Crumbie notified the winners on April 20, 2018.

After the initial vote for the Geologist of the Year ended in a tie, general discussion was held about giving two (2) awards for the category. Following a period of deliberation, Bill Brab made a recommendation that Dr. Gary Stinchcom receive the award. Mark Sweet seconded the motion. The motion passed. Larry will procure the plaques that will be awarded.

Old Business

It was reported that Malcom Gooding from Henry Clay High School was the winner of the High School category at the state science fair with his project entitled *Most Effective Methods in Identifying, Etching and Dissolving Limestones*. No award was given for the Middle School category. A \$50.00 check and a certificate was mailed to the home address of the winner in mid April.

Rick Sergeant, a long time employee at KGS, passed away on April 12, 2018. Visitation will be held at Kerr Brothers Funeral home on Main Street in Lexington on Tuesday April 17, 2018 from 5-7 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trent seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018. The time and venue are pending.