

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

## Saturday, April 15, 2017

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

Attendees: Ashley Bandy, Ralph Bandy, **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, William Gilliam, Andrew Jones, Edward Lo, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Cara Peterman, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Justin Spears, **Mark Sweet**, Pat Whalen.

### Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Mark Sweet.

### President's Report

Mark thanked Richard Smath for preparing a newsletter summarizing the activities of the KY AIPG. Donnie mentioned that if he chose to, he could forward the newsletter to national who would publish it on their website. Mark asked Larry Rhodes if he thought it would be ok to include a section in the newsletter about the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (PG Board).

Mark revisited the upcoming 'March for Science' event scheduled for April 27, 2017 and referenced an email that was distributed by National AIPG relating to the matter. National AIPG indicated that they do not have an official position on participating in this event and that AIPG will not have an official presence there. Those who would like to participate in the event were encouraged to do so as individuals. On this topic, Mark reminded everyone that KY-AIPG has already agreed to make a donation to support the event. After general discussion, it was decided that since the commitment was already made, it would have to be honored and KY-AIPG would not receive recognition. Trent Garrison indicated that he has been asked to submit an op-ed piece in the The Professional Geologist (TPG), on his position on the March for Science.

Larry mentioned that the PG Board is considering presenting Gil Cumbee with an award to recognize his years of service serving on the Board.

Faith mentioned that there was only one winner at the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair that was held at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in Richmond, Kentucky on April 1, 2017. Richard Haywood from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, was the winner of the Best High School Earth Science entry. His project was entitled "Uranium Lead Isotope Dating of Zircon in the Appalachian Orogen". He will receive a check for \$50, a book, and a certificate from KY AIPG for his project. No winner was selected for the Middle School entry.

General discussion was held to determine if the KY-AIPG thinks it would be a good idea for the Science and Engineering Fair winner to set up his display during the Annual Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) meeting. All seemed to think it was a good idea. Richard mentioned that he had discussed this opportunity with Dr. Bill Haneberg who indicated that he can prepare a letter to send to his school to obtain permission.

### Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the March 18, 2017 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on April 12, 2017. Minor revisions have been made based on comments received from the Committee members but the minutes have not been approved by a majority vote. Dan Phelps made a motion to accept the minutes as presented during the meeting, Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurers report, the contents of which are summarized below:

Balance as of February 28, 2017	\$37,321.11
Total Funds as of March 31, 2107	\$36,242.00
Net change from previous report:	-\$1,079.11

Trent made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Mark thanked Charlie Mason for allowing Dr. James Kirkland Utah State Paleontologist and speaker during the 2017 Darwin Lecture Series, to stay with him while he was visiting.

### Vice President's Report

Donnie Lumm reminded everyone about the 2017 AIPG National Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on September 23-26, 2017.

### Past President's Report

Dan reported that Neil Scubin was already booked during the time period needed for the 2018 Darwin Lecture Series. Dan was referred to Robert A. DePalma, Curator of Paleontology at the Palm Beach Museum of Natural History as a possible alternate speaker. General discussion was held about options for potential future speakers including Richard Alley and Christopher Scotese.

### President Elect's Report

Trent Garrison reminded everyone about the March for Science event is planned for April 22, 2017, from 1-5 pm in Lexington, Kentucky. Trent was the organizer and will be the emcee for the event. Frank Etnensohn will speak on the need for a science museum in Kentucky and Dan Phelps will address climate change and education. Dr. Anita Fernander, University of Kentucky (UK) College of Medicine, Dr. Lauren Cagle (also with UK), Representative Derrick Graham and the March Madness Band will also be there. They have about 20 vendors and a couple of bands scheduled. Trent reported that the expected turnout will be anywhere from 1,000 to 5,000 attendees.

Dan was named as a recipient of the Friend of Darwin Award for 2017 by the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) in an article published on February 13, 2017.

### Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the KY-AIPG website is current and will be updated as more information becomes available. He added that he has prepared a draft copy of the section newsletter together pending finalization. Once the letter is finalized, it will be accessible via the web page and someone can forward a copy of the document to National AIPG.

Mark reported that he leads a geology walk during the Wildflower Weekend (hosted by the Kentucky Native Plant Society) at Natural Bridge on April 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He gives recognition to AIPG for handouts and other materials provided.

#### Annual Awards Report:

General discussion was held about who is eligible to receive the annually AIPG awards and the requirements/limitations. Charlie specifically mentioned possibly establishing a new award or changing the name of the awards. Bill agreed that it should be considered but it would require a change in the By-laws. Tim reminded attendees about the Presidential Certificate of Merit that can be assigned to anyone at the President's discretion.

2017 AIPG Annual Award Winners:

Presidential Certificate Merit: Jack Stickney

Geologist of the Year: Michael Albright

Lifetime Achievement: John T. Popp

Student Awards: Zachary Creech (Morehead) and Meredith O'dell (UK)

Donnie made a recommendation to provide two \$500 awards, one to each student winner. Richard seconded. The motion passed. Tim indicated that he would notify the winners and thank all of the colleges who provided nominations. The decision was made for Past President Dan Phelps to present Jack Stickney with the 2016 Presidential Certificate of Merit.

#### Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Larry reported that he received an email from Tammy Sharp, Administrator for the PG Board, indicating that Secretary Dickerson's Office has requested to meet with certain Board members as well as State Associations affiliated with the Geology Board, about possible changes with the PG Board. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2017. After general discussion it was agreed that representatives from AIPG, the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) and potentially Dr. Haneberg should attend the meeting.

### **DISCUSSION POINTS**

#### Education / Community Outreach

Bill mentioned that the KY-APIG Short Course on Resume' preparation that was scheduled for April 21, 2017, was canceled due to the lack of interest. General discussion was held about the timing of the event and that it should be considered again in the fall. Charlie reiterated that the concept is a good idea and should continue to be pursued. He recommended that the program continue to be developed and that it be mobile (travel to different schools around the state).

Ralph Bandy reported that the GSK event at Pivot Brewing had a good turn-out. Charlie reminded everyone that some students are not of drinking age and professional organizations should be cautious when hosting these types of gatherings.

Ralph passed around the preliminary itinerary for the GSK field trip to Northern Kentucky that is planned for Saturday, October 7, 2017, after the short course that will be held on the Berea-Bedford sequence at the KGS Core Barn on October 6, 2017.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Bill made motion to adjourn, Dan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.