

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, Trent Garrison, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**, Jerry Weisenfluh

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

President's Report

Dan reported that he wanted to discuss the outstanding sponsorships from the Darwin lecture but needs to wait until the Treasurer, Jim DeCinque is present.

Dan reported that the Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club will be hosting their mineral show at the Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike in Lexington on April 2-3, 2016.

Dan found a lot of old Kentucky Progress magazines circa late 1920s when they were cleaning their offices in Frankfort and wanted to see if anyone is interested in copies. Richard Smath volunteered that he will check to see if the University of Kentucky Archive Library would be interested in some of the copies them.

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet mentioned that he believes the issue of potentially requiring continuing education for geologists to maintain their licenses will be the hot topic for next year. His assessment was based on information that had been passed to him during a conversation with Donnie Lumm.

Mark reported that HB187 has passed the legislature but the state's budget has not been passed. He also reported that he will not be able to attend the Wild Flower Weekend because he will be attending the field trip to cave city. He was able to obtain AIPG hand outs and will give them to the program leader to distribute in his absence.

Vice President's Report

Faith Fiene recently attended the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair in Richmond, Kentucky. The middle school category did not have any geology entries. The winner of the high school category was Ms. Catherine Meadows from Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, Kentucky. Her presentation was entitled *Reversing Surface Water Acidification with Scenedesmus*. Her awards will be mailed to her. Faith said she ordered six (6) copies of the paperback books so she will have enough for several years.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported he was contacted by Robert Andrews, a former KGS employee, now with the Ohio Section of AIPG (OH-AIPG), who indicated they are planning a field trip to be led by Carleton Brett, University of Cincinnati, and requested assistance from the KY-Section. The trip will be held on

May 21, 2016 in the greater Cincinnati area. Mr. Andrews indicated he will provide more information when it becomes available. He did not specify what type of assistance he needed but it is anticipated to be in the form of financial report.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the requests for letters of recommendation for the annual KY-AIPG student scholarships were sent to EKV, Morehead State, UK, Murray State, WKU and NKU on March 9, 2016. A deadline of March 31, 2016 was established for nominations to be submitted for consideration.

Trent Garrison indicated that Ron Wallace with the AIPG Georgia section reported they have six (6) student chapters. They give \$500 to each section. Trent suggested KY-AIPG consider doing something similar to support the local student chapters, but maybe consider providing \$100 per chapter instead.

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the March 5, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on March 29, 2016. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, Donnie and Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque was not able to attend the meeting but provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2016. The report included the following information:

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| Previous balance as of February 29, 2016 | \$38,595.64 |
| Total Funds as of March 31, 2016 | \$36,290.60 |
| Net change from previous report: | (\$2,305.04) |

Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the editing of the word "award books" to 'Sponsorship'. Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Dan and Richard Smath estimated that approximately 20 people attended the Review and Skills Course for the Professional Geologists Exam that was held on February 16, 2016.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard indicated that he is only in town one day per week and he is a little pressed for time, but he will keep the website as up to date as possible.

DISCUSSION POINTS

The Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) Annual Seminar is scheduled for May 13, 2016 at the Core Barn. The program, which is entitled *Navigating the New Energy Landscape in Kentucky*, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Jerry Wiesenfluh indicated that he would not be opposed to KY-AIPG setting up a table at the event and/or put up a poster. He also reported KGS will host a couple of different workshops this year. KGS typically holds an Earth Science Open House during Earth Science Week in October and suggested that AIPG consider participating in the event. Donnie added that Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) will be held in Lexington on September 25-27, 2016. A decision needs to be made as to whether the KY-Section should host a booth, which costs \$500, given the uncertainty of the attendance numbers for the conference at this point. The idea was temporarily tabled.

Larry Rhodes said he still needs recommendations for the Lifetime Achievement Award. After general discussion it was determined that the voting will have to be performed electronically due to time constraints. The deadlines for each will be extended to April 30, 2016.

There was a lengthy discussion about membership and Dan asked if Tim could work with him to develop a list and to reach out to those whose memberships have lapsed. Charlie asked about the content of the list and Tim indicated that he would send the information to him, along with a copy of the Student Award request letter. Mark was able to locate it on his phone and forwarded it to Charlie. Faith mentioned that maybe two (2) different letters should be drafted, one for students and one for professionals. General discussion was held about the cost of membership for those who have retired, as many may allow their memberships to lapse because of the cost versus income.

Student Chapters

Bill Brab reported that there have not been any new outreach events recently. He reported he has a confirmed, initial meeting with Western Kentucky University (WKU) on April 14, 2016 during which he will give an overview of AIPG and how it would be useful to establish a student chapter at the university. Tom Brackman is currently the contact person there.

Trent reported he and Bill have been discussing where to have another student outreach event to bring all of the student chapters together. He has evaluated several sites and reported that McConnell Springs was a good choice but they needed 60 day advance notification if alcohol will be present. Masterson Station Park in Lexington was another option considered. Trent mentioned that a lot of people will be coming from out of town so it helps if the places are easy to find with sufficient parking. It was also suggested to search for places that cost \$100 or less to rent. Trent will continue to investigate options.

PG Board of Registration Report:

On the issue of continuing education units (CEUs), Larry Rhodes reported that the Board of Registration (Board) and AIPG will continue to work with the Board appointed attorney to discuss an approach to promote the requirement for continuing education. Donnie asked if he could come to a Board meeting to ask questions and it not be an expense to AIPG. Others expressed interest also. Jerry and Larry indicated that the Board has decided to hold off on pushing efforts to promote the CEU requirement until after the current legislative session has closed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Larry reported that the Board has a new Executive Director, Larry Brown.

Wild Flower Weekend

Mark mentioned that the event is scheduled for the same day as the AIPG Professional Development Seminar and as a result, he will not be able to attend. He said the Kentucky Native Plant Society is a nature organization and that hosts a meeting each year at the Red River Gorge. He mentioned that he has led a geology field trip for several years and offered the opportunity to others who may be interested. Dan reported that the Mushroom Festival will be held in Irvine, Kentucky on April 23-24, 2016. He reported that they usually have a lot of mineral dealers there and specimens of Kentucky Agate are usually available for purchase.

Geofair (Cincinnati Gem and Mineral show) is scheduled for April 30th, 2016, and the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) will be hosting a fossil identification table at that event.

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, the KPS has requested and obtained access to Jephtha Knob. The owner will limit attendance to 25 people. Attendees will meet at the Flying J Truckstop at the Waddy-Peytona (exit 43) on I-64 at 9:00 am. Dan reported he still has about ten spots open.

Charlie Mason reported those planning to attend the field trip to the Elliot County Peridotite are meeting at The Big Store at the intersection of Highways 409 and 486 in Stephens, Kentucky at noon on April 16th, 2016, when they will start shuttling people to the site from the store location. (Frank Ettensohn and Todd Stewart will also be leading the free trip.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting will be Saturday May 7, 2016 in the Conference Room of the UK Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.