

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Kentucky Geological Survey

Room 222, Mining & Mineral Resources Building

Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Kyle Clifton, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Jim DeCinque**, Trent Garrison, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Vic Oberc, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Jon Willis (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Donnie Lumm.

President's Report:

Donnie mentioned that he has several topics he would like to discuss and that he will reserve his comments for the appropriate sections of the meeting. He reminded everyone that one of the primary goals of the Section is to acquire new members and emphasized the importance of continuing efforts to grow the membership. He encouraged everyone to invite new people to attend section meetings.

President Elect Report

Dan Phelps elaborated on Donnie's comments, adding that Section members should reach out to professionals who are taking the ASBOG test and invite them to attend future meetings. Input from those who have taken the test could help the section decide what information to include in the review classes.

Dan also reported that Dr. Neil Schubin responded to his requests to speak during the upcoming Darwin Lecture Series, but he declined participate. Frank Ettensohn mentioned that he may be able to ask Dr. Phil Dobson about his availability to speak at the event.

Vice President's report

No report.

Past President's Report:

Bill Brab reported that he is still working on outreach activities. He has a meeting scheduled with the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) Geology Club in two weeks to follow up on their thoughts about the Bahamas Trip and to address any issues or concerns they may have.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the February 28, 2015 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on March 25, 2015, and approved on March 26, 2015 after minor changes recommended by the Executive Committee had been made.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim DeCinque's report included two treasurer's reports. One report was for the month of February and the other was for March. The following balances were reported for the AIPG interest bearing checking account:

Previous balance as of January 31, 2015	\$39,756.40
Total Funds as of February 28, 2015	\$47,563.26
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>+\$7,806.86</i>

Previous balance as of February 28, 2015	\$47,563.26
Total Funds as of March 31, 2015	\$49,433.24
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>+\$1,869.98</i>

Jim reported that he has issued the \$10,000.00 check for the Bahamas Trip but it has not yet cleared the bank. He expects additional expenses but anticipates a profit of about \$3,500. Dan made a motion to accept the reports and Bill seconded. The motion passed.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath is working with Frank and Charlie Mason on the guide for the upcoming field trip that will be held as part of the professional development course. The field trip is scheduled for April 18, 2105. Richard also reported that he is continuing to maintain the Section website.

Discussion Points:

Bahamas Carbonate Short Course Update (March 14-21, 2015)

Donnie summarized that the trip seems to have gone very well and the participants felt like it was a valuable experience. Richard reported that the trip was rather intense and there was a lot of information to absorb. He reported that no literature was available and thinks it would be a good idea to have handouts available to would help attendees to retain the information. Approximately 27 participants attended the short course and Frank received excellent reviews on the course.

2015 Spring Short Course Update (April 17-18, 2015)

The short course is composed of two separate parts and is planned to be held over a two day period as summarized below:

Part A, Technical Session: *“Unconventional Hydrocarbon (Gas-Shale) Exploration and Production in Kentucky”* which will be held at the KGS Core Barn on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Seven invited guest speakers from academia, government, and private industry will present short lectures on various topics.

Part B, Field Trip: *“Silurian, Devonian, and Mississippian Hydrocarbon-Rich Horizons in Northeastern Kentucky: Perspectives in the Field”* will leave from Morehead and will be held on Saturday, April 18th, 2015. The field trip will be led by Frank Etnensohn (UK) and Charlie Mason (MSU).

Donnie reported that as of today only ten (10) people have registered for the technical session and seven (7) are registered for the field trip. He requested input on how more attention can be brought to this event. At this point the Section may have to consider if hosting the event would be worthwhile. Trent suggested that an email announcing the event be sent to each university. The Section could solicit assistance from faculty members in distributing the information to their students. Vic Oberc, president of the University of Kentucky Geology Club, volunteered to distribute posters in the student lounge if she is provided with the material. Donnie will be providing this information to her. Jim estimates that we would probably need about five (5) more paying attendees to break even. Charlie indicated that he is aware of several additional attendees that have yet to register.

Dan asked about interest in obtaining sponsors for the event but Donnie said it may not be a good idea at this point in case the decision is made to cancel the event. The committee agreed that late registration fees will be waived as an incentive to attract more attendees. Bill volunteered to contact the Tennessee Section of AIPG to try to generate interest. Donnie suggested that if fewer than 15 participants have registered for the event by next weekend, the Executive Committee should consider cancelling the technical portion of the event and returning the money to the registrants.

KGS Annual Meeting (May 15, 2015)

Larry Rhodes reported that he has received three (3) nominations for the Geologist of the Year and one student award nomination. No lifetime achievement award nominations have been received. The deadline for the annual award nominations is April 25, 2015. Tim indicated that the deadline for the Student Awards was April 1, and that no additional nominations will likely be received. Trent requested that Tim send an email to the universities, to let them know that the deadline has been extended to April 25, 2015.

ASBOG Exam Prep Course

Bill is anticipating that the next review course will be held in middle to late August of 2015. Bill could not commit to a date at this time because he needs to coordinate with William “Drew” Andrews.

Drew has requested assistance in teaching the course. Donnie indicated that course instructors should hold a doctorate degree and be an AIPG member. Bill also indicated that the person should have taken the ASBOG test. Charlie offered that it has been his observation that the people who attend the ASBOG training course seem to pass the test more often than those who do not take the course.

Gil Cumbee added that the ASBOG is going to be opening up the option to serve on the Council of Examiners, to people outside of the organization. Candidates would have to be approved through an application process. Serving on this council, however, would preclude the participants from taking the test (because they would be developing the test). Gil wanted to make everyone aware that this could be a new opportunity to contribute to the content of the test.

It is preferred that the review course be held on a Friday at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). Drew only charges to teach the course when it is held on Saturday. Any course work on Friday will be performed under the umbrella of KGS and AIPG will not be charged.

Social Networking Event

Bill stopped by Sarah's Corner Café and he feels that the price may be a little high. He suggested that Trent's prior recommendation of Masterson Station Park be considered. Trent elaborated that technically, beer is not allowed at the park but it did not seem to be a big concern. The cost for rental of the facility is \$50. Donnie suggested that the event be held at Sarah's Cafe and that the Section cover about half of the cost for the food. Students could purchase their own drinks if desired. Vic agreed that this suggestion sounds reasonable. The general consensus that the event be held at Sarah's on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Dan made a motion that the Section subsidize half of the cost for each student's meal, Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Larry expressed concern that the Section could be held responsible if someone drinks too much. The general consensus was that it should not be an issue. Some of the student in attendance volunteered to keep an eye on the underage students.

Board of Registration Update

Larry reported that the next Board of Registration meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6th, 2015. Gil reported that he is the Chairman of the Application Committee and that he has six (6) applications he needs to review for the meeting on Monday. He said all of those applications are from out of state people for comity, which is typical for periods between ASBOG exams. The number of in-state applicants usually increases around the time the exams are administered.

Eastern Section AAPG Meeting

Donnie reported that Gil had suggested that the Section pay for and man a booth at the AAPG meeting that will be held in Mid September of 2016. Gil reminded all that the some of the 'art work' and hand out materials needed to tool the booth can be obtained from AIPG National.

Larry asked about the status of the letters that are to be sent out to the local governmental agencies. Donnie reported that the letter is still pending.

Richard suggested that the next AIPG meeting be held at 5:30 pm on April 30th, 2015 at Sarah's, in advance of the outreach event. He also asked if the UK geology club could put together an announcement and email it to potential attendees. Bill made a motion to host the meeting at Sarah's a half hour before the social event, Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Bill made a motion to close the meeting and Dan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.