

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie, Faith Fiene**, William Gilliam, Andrew Katen, Edward Lo, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, **Dan Phelps, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet**.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan welcomed visitors, and introduced everyone.

President's Report

Dan reported that the KY Section of AIPG has received the \$500 pledged sponsorship for the Darwin Lecture Series from the University of Kentucky.

Richard Smath reported that a decision has not yet been made as to whether Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) will be co-hosting the field trip with Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS).

Dan asked if he should contact Dr. Donald Johanson, the paleoanthropologist who discovered LUCY, to speak at the 2017 Darwin Lecture Series. Dr. Neil Shubin (biologist) and Dr. Jim Kirkland (Utah State Paleontologist) are other options to be considered.

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet reported that he has spoken with Rebecca Freeman (UK) and Walter Borowski (EKU) about the advisory panel that he has been asked to participate on. He will keep AIPG posted as this relationship develops.

Mark reported that he has been thinking about his future responsibilities as president and has noticed the decline in the membership, particularly in the mid-career professionals. He suggested sending out an email to see if some of the members would be responsive to participating on a committee that represents a cross section of the membership, to see if they could figure out what AIPG can do that would be of interest or benefit them. He indicated that the results could be presented to the Executive Committee for subsequent action. Dan asked Mark to put together a plan on how this idea would be executed, that can be presented at the next meeting. Andrew Katen added many of the mid-career geologists may be parents or have other obligations that require them to split their time between work, family and professional organizations. He suggested that it may be beneficial for the Section to host occasional child-friendly events. Dan mentioned that KPS hosts field trips every month which are popular with families.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Past President's Report

Donnie is going to the National meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, starting on September 10, 2016. He passed out copies of the Report to AIPG 2016 Advisory Board (outgoing), for review and comment. He

reported that AIPG National has selected a new Executive Director, Aaron Johnson, whom he met in Thornton, Colorado during the Executive Strategic Planning Advisory Committee meeting. Donnie elaborated that AIPG National is aware of the membership issue and is attempting to address it.

Donnie reported that five student chapters have been added in Kentucky over the past 2 years. He is currently working with Morehead State University to establish a chapter there. He reported that Bill Brab sent an email on August 5, 2016, indicating that several persons, two of which are student AIPG members, have registered for the Fundamentals of Geology preparatory short course that is scheduled for September 10, 2016.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the June 11, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on August 3, 2016. The minutes were approved on August 5, 2016 after a few edits were incorporated. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque emailed his financial report for the month ending July 31, 2016 as follows:

Previous balance as of June 30, 2016	\$37,503.85
Total Funds as of July 31, 2016	\$37,516.09
Net change from previous report:	\$12.24

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is up to date.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Dan reported that the University of Kentucky has named Dr. William C. Haneberg as the new State Geologist. Dr. Haneberg is scheduled to start on September 1, 2016. Dan mentioned that Gil Cumbee had contacted him by email, and recommended that AIPG invite Dr. Haneberg to a meeting or host an event to get acquainted. After a short discussion, the recommendation was made to wait until October before contacting him to allow him time to settle in.

Dan asked if there are any new developments relating to the Continuing Education (CEU) initiative. Mark reported that he has been reviewing past discussions on this topic and feels the potential for offering participation in the CEU program on a voluntary basis may be an option that should be given more consideration. General discussion was held about potentially adding a feature on the National AIPG webpage where members can voluntarily track their continuing education efforts. Tim indicated AIPG National already has that feature on their website. Donnie is going to send a copy of a PowerPoint presentation about the status of the Continuing Education effort to Faith Fiene.

The Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) is planning a field trip to Owingsville, Kentucky on August 27, 2016. They will be leaving from the Dairy Queen at Owingsville (located off of I-64 at Exit 121).

Donnie reminded everyone that GSK will be co-hosting the Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) conference which is scheduled to be held on September 25-27, 2016 in Lexington, Kentucky. He encouraged those interested to attend.

Charlie Mason reported that he and Frank Etensohn were considering hosting a joint event for GSK and AIPG. It would be a two day event split between visiting the Core Barn and a field trip to Morehead, Lewis County and Southern Ohio. Charlie reported that Jack Pashin may also be involved. The visit to the Core Barn could be sponsored by AIPG who could arrange for speakers, and the field trip portion would be sponsored by GSK.

Donnie reminded everyone to recall that Frank had urged AIPG to start planning for the Bahamas Short Course at San Salvador, Bahamas, which would be scheduled in March 2017. Faith reported that Frank is planning on being at the next meeting to present the developments so far. Frank had previously indicated that a minimum of eight participants would be required for the event to work out financially.

Faith reported that during her travels in the West, they had time to admire the construction along Highway 66. She said the signage they observed along the roadway reminded her of the field trips that the Kentucky Section hosts. She suggested that all professional organizations pool their resources to have safety and/or warning signs made that could be used during these excursions to warn oncoming traffic. Everyone seemed to be receptive of the idea. Dan volunteered to help find a resource for the signs.

Edward Lo added that the Section should be aware that some of the student members have scheduling conflicts (classes, data collection, and exams) which are out their control and limits their ability to attend meetings. He asked if it would be possible to consider occasionally hosting meetings during the week in the evenings. Richard added that parking on campus during the week would be problematic, and that any meetings would have to be held off-site. Edward added that students sometimes feel that attending meetings is just another obligation so they don't participate. He suggested that if the section publicizes the potential to network with professionals, it may spark more interest, as many have no idea what to expect after graduation. Donnie added that he will get with Bill Brab and attempt to host social/networking events at a reasonable time (on and off campus). Mark asked Edward to communicate with his peers for suggestions on potential venues. Andrew added that it would be good to have experienced professionals speak about the job market and trends in the industry. This could be beneficial to recent graduates as well as mid-career professionals. Faith suggested hosting panel discussions that can be held at several different locations that could address these topics.

Board of Registration Report

No report.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 17th, 2016 in Room 102 of the Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.