

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2013
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, **Trent Garrison**, Filiberto Gomez, Donnie Lumm, Dan Phelps, **Richard Smath**, Ann Watson (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

The meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Trent Garrison. Trent recognized visitors and announced that some attendees are en-route and may be a little late.

President's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred his comments until later in the meeting

President Elect's Report:

No report.

Past President's Report:

No report.

Vice President Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the May 2013 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members earlier in the week. The minutes were approved unanimously. Tim also reported that Charlie Mason did not receive his Past President Award during the spring meeting. Tim will give the plaque to Charlie at the next meeting. Ms. Anna Roa, one of the student award recipients this year, sent a thank you note for the award and apologized for not being able to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Previous Balance as of June 30, 201</i>	<i>\$33,434.24</i>
Total Account Balance as of July 31, 2013	\$33,436.23
General Checking Acct.:	\$463.44
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$33,436.23

After presenting his report, Jim mentioned that he is noticing a downward trend in the balance of our banking accounts. He suggested that the section consider preparing a budget of sorts, prior to approving each planned "event", to determine the financial ramifications.

Richard Smath made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Tim seconded. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that he continues to keep the web page current as information becomes available. He's also waiting for the Student Center to contact him about the availability of Memorial Hall for the upcoming Darwin Lecture Series. Dr. Andrew Knoll from Harvard will be the speaker but a date has not been set for the event as yet.

Gil Cumbee gave a presentation on his continued review of the Section's finances from April 2000 through 2012. His summary offered comparisons of the financial categories that National requires in their annual tax report. Gil reported that the Section's annual expenses have ranged from \$3,636.85 in 2002, to \$38,765.64 in 2005 (which was the last time the section hosted the national meeting). While his data

shows an increase in income, it also shows an increase in spending. His evaluation of the section's annual profit/deficit currently shows that during four of the past five years, the section has been running a deficit.

Trent discussed his financial observations of the West Sixth Street Brewery event and talked about how expenses could be minimized if the event is hosted again in the fall. Trent mentioned that he had received a comment requesting that more employers be present at future events. Trent went on to explain that the event is not designed to be a "job fair" and that while there are opportunities for employers to attend, the event is designed to be more of a networking opportunity. Dates currently being considered for the next student social event include October 4, 5th, 11th and 12th, 2013.

Frank Ettensohn mentioned that years ago, all geologists used to meet once per month at the Unitarian Church to network. He mentioned that on occasion, speakers would attend the events. He also mentioned that geologists also used to meet monthly at the Springs Inn, but that venue is no longer available. Dan Phelps indicated that he has contacts at the Unitarian Church and can check on availability. Trent suggested an event of this nature could be made available to other professional organizations like KGS, who could possibly share the expense.

Ann Watson asked if colleges or university stress the importance of networking to students. She indicated that students should be aware of the importance of networking and the opportunities.

Next Generation Science Standards

Trent, Dan, Ann and others, attended a Kentucky Board of Education meeting discussing the above captioned topic, and they had concerns about the credibility of one of the speakers at the meeting who presented himself as a consulting geologist. After general discussion and a brief review of portions of the Board of Registration's regulations, and it was not apparent that the law was broken hence the Board may not be able to proceed with disciplinary actions. The suggestion was made that letters be written to the Board of Education requesting that the speaker's credentials be reviewed.

Board of Registration Report

Gil reported the next Board meeting will be held at 9 am on August 5, 2013. It will start at the Core Barn, then relocate to an administrative regulation review committee meeting at the capital annex in Frankfort, where the proposed changes to the existing regulations (201 KAR 31:010-090) will be voted on. After this meeting, they will reconvene at the regular meeting location on Leawood Drive in Frankfort,.

Gil reported that the Board will be sending out questionnaires to members as part of their renewal, to obtain more information about their 'areas of expertise'. He also reported that memberships are now required to be renewed biannually (once every two years).

Ann reported that the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (KSPG) is hosting an ice breaker/banquet on Friday Sept 20th, 2013 and a field trip will be on Sept 21st. The trip will leave from Somerset and cover areas in Berea, Liberty and Burkesville. She also reported that rooms are currently available at Lake Cumberland State Park Lodge. Cost is \$40 for KSPG members or \$50 for past due members or non-members. Student cost is \$10. Lunch will be provided but breakfast and dinner on Friday will not. Frank reiterated that the Borden and Ft. Payne formations will be correlated using the Floyds Knob glauconite bed. Charlie Mason and Tom Lierman will assist on the trip.

The 50th National AIPG Meeting is coming up and in October 23-26th, 2013 in Denver, Colorado. Trent said the section report is due September 23, 2013 and he will prepare the document. Trent also reported that the national GSA meeting will be held on October 27th -30th, 2013.

Trent reported that the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) meeting will be held November 8-9 in Morehead.

Trent mentioned that national AIPG is looking for four (4) members to serve on the national advisory panel.

Trent indicated that someone had commented on the section's Facebook page, asking why financial support (sponsorships) has not been sought from the larger companies in Kentucky.

Dan announced that the Paleo Club will have a meeting on August 30, 2013. He mentioned that this is the 20 year anniversary for the club.

Jim made a motion to adjourn and Filberto seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

The next section meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14th, 2013 at 10:00 at the Survey, Room 102.