

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2015
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, Jim DeCinque, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, Trent Garrison, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, Richard Smath, Jerry Weisenfluh (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Donnie Lumm.

President's Report:

Donnie reported that he has received a report form from National AIPG to complete and submit to the Advisory Board. Donnie will serve as the Kentucky Section delegate for the Advisory Board Meeting on September 18, 2015, prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, September 19-22, 2015. Donnie reported that he will be preparing a summary of section activities to present at the meeting.

President Elect Report

Dan Phelps reported that on October 14th, 2015, from 6-9 pm, the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) will host their annual Open House. Trent added that the University of Kentucky (UK) Geology Department will also host an open house at this time. Donnie suggested that these events be added to the section website.

Vice President's report

No Report

Past President's Report:

Bill Brab reported that he has received the official paperwork from National AIPG for the newly issued UK and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) AIPG charters. He has contacted both sections about the potential for hosting a social event near at each campus. Trent Garrison and Bill are planning a visit Ethereal Brewing to see if that location will be good for the UK event. The proposed date for the event is September 3, 2015.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the July 18, 2015 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on August 12, 2015. To date, the minutes have been approved by four Executive Committee members after minor revisions. Donnie indicated that four votes would be sufficient to constitute a majority.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim DeCinque provided Treasurer's reports for the month ending July 31, 2015. The following balances were reported for the AIPG interest bearing checking account on the referenced dates:

Report dated July 31, 2015

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| Previous balance as of June 30, 2015 | \$39,230.92 |
| Total Funds as of July 31, 2015 | \$38,838.23 |
| Net change from previous report: | (\$392.62) |

Bill made a motion to accept the June 2015 Treasurer's report and Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that he received notification from Elsevier indicating that the fourth and final edition of the Coal and Peat Fire book is out, and that AIPG members qualify for a discount.

Richard also reported that the issues he had been having accessing the web page have been resolved.

Discussion Points:

New Student Charters Issued

Donnie reported that new charters for student AIPG chapters were issued by National AIPG, to the University of Kentucky on July 20, 2015, and Northern Kentucky University on July 31, 2015. The charters are issued as signed letters, and \$100.00 will be provided to each chapter (from national) as seed money. Donnie asked Bill to work with Jim to establish money management accounts for the section and indicated that he feels that the Kentucky Section should remain aware of the developments and financial status of the chapters.

Gil suggested that a link be added to the Kentucky Section web page so the chapters can have their own portal. Donnie suggested that the Kentucky Section meet with the new chapters over the next couple of weeks to help get them up and running before they get too busy with coursework.

Gil stated that it is incumbent upon the Kentucky Section, to take responsibility for these student organizations to make sure they don't fall apart. Dan reported that the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) has a meeting scheduled at NKU this fall, and that may be a good opportunity to meet with the new chapter.

Professional Geologist Exam Preparation Short Course (August 29, 2015)

Bill reported that the Florida Section of AIPG, which had planned to sponsor a professional geologist exam preparation short course, recently cancelled the event due to low enrollment. Bill had planned to assist with and attend the event. The Florida Section is going to publicize the event and attempt to host the course next year. Apparently new regulations are being vetted in Florida that may have had some impact on participant numbers.

Bill reported that the Kentucky Section currently has two participants registered for the Kentucky course, which is scheduled for August 29, 2015. He would like to set a deadline date to determine if the course will be held or not. He estimated that eight to ten participants will be needed to break even. The group agreed that Friday, August 21, 2015 will be the deadline to determine if the course will be cancelled. Bill asked Richard to send out another notification (via email) that indicates that the class will be cancelled if fewer than eight registrants are received. It was agreed that the Early Bird registration costs be extended for use as the primary costs as a possible incentive. (The early bird cost for the Kentucky review session is \$100 for non-AIPG members, \$75 for AIPG members, \$85 government employees, \$20 for students, the session is free for student AIPG members. After August 8, 2015, these rates will increase to \$125 for non-AIPG members, \$100 for AIPG members and \$110 for government employees.)

The next ASBOG test is scheduled for October 2, 2015.

Fall Professional Development Conference - Shallow Subsurface Geophysical Methods:

Bill followed up with Dr. Thomas Brackman with NKU/Cardno, who indicated they will be able to participate in the Professional Development Conference that is scheduled for late September or early October at the KGS Core Barn as had been discussed. The field portion of the course would be moved outside after 3:00 pm, which is when the Core Barn has to be vacated.

Bill spoke with Seth Carpenter and Matt Crawford with KGS about the possibility to host talks about earthquakes, landslides and geophysics. He has also discussed with the potential to present during the event with John Mundell of Mundell and Associates.

Donnie suggested that Bill establish possible dates (October 9 or 16th) for the event so as not to let efforts languish.

Student Outreach Planning (WKU, Murray and Morehead)

Trent suggested that the Kentucky Section consider hosting a student outreach event at Apollo's Pizza in Richmond for Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). He suggested that holding the event on a Thursday would be best. Trent estimated that up to 25 students and faculty may attend.

Donnie asked if a not-to-exceed cost should be established for the event. The consensus was that \$250 could be used as a not-to-exceed amount for each student outreach event. Bill made a motion that a budget of \$250 be adopted for each student outreach effort. The motion passed.

Donnie indicated that he will contact Charlie Mason to discuss the possibility of establishing a Morehead Chapter. Bill reported that he has also contacted Murray State about establishing a student chapter there. At this point, AIPG is being introduced to the Western Kentucky, Murray State and Morehead campuses. Before moving forward and planning outreach activities at these campuses, the level of interest needs to be gauged to determine if there is enough interest.

Proposed Amendment of Section By-Laws (update):

Bill presented several recommended changes to the section By-Laws that had previously been provided to the Executive Committee by email, and opened them for discussion. Once the changes are agreed upon, a copy of the recommended revisions are required to be submitted to National AIPG for approval. The deadline date by which the By-Laws must be received to be considered for review during the current year annual meeting is today. If the changes are accepted, AIPG National may have time to include them on the agenda for voting and approval at the Annual Meeting this year.

Numerous amendments to the By-Laws were discussed and a final draft version developed. Dan made a motion to accept the recommended amendments to the By-Laws, Faith Fiene seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Items

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Jerry Weisenfluh reported that the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board) is still investigating the potential for requiring continuing education for professional geologists. He passed out information indicating the when the EPA issued its final rule on the disposal of coal combustion residuals, the excluded registered professional geologists from the list of professionals who would have the authority to certify compliance with the rule. The EPA reasoned that professional geologists are not held to the same standards as professional engineers, are not subject to the same rigorous testing as engineers, and are not governed by licensing boards in all 50 states.

Jerry indicated that he believes a new poll be conducted to determine the current level of interest in requiring continuing education. Jerry has drafted text to this effect and asked if the Executive Committee would agree to have this survey conducted in their name. He asked for input and suggestions for possible questions to include on the survey from the Executive Committee.

General discussion was held about whether to make continuing education a requirement, or voluntary. Gil reported that Mississippi currently utilizes a voluntary continuing education program. He calculated that only 5% of their registered professionals participate in the program.

Following extensive discussion on the issue, all were in agreement that the survey should be conducted. Donnie asked Faith and Dan to help Jerry draft the survey. The draft survey will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. Once approved, the survey will be made accessible on-line. The consensus was that the survey should be kept short in nature, but the information is needed to determine if the effort to pursue a requirement for continuing education is worthwhile and necessary. September 1, 2015, was established as the preliminary deadline by which the survey would be finalized. The deadline to respond to the survey could be set approximately 15 days later.

Tim made a motion to move forward with the initial steps of initiating the survey as discussed above. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on September 12, 2015 in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. The meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm