

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday August 20, 2020

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Frank Ettensohn, Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, John Popp, Richard Smath.**

## Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

## President's Report

Edward indicated that he has been thinking about how AIPG can facilitate more effective interaction between students and the professional community. He added that the University of Kentucky (UK) Geology Club is essentially not functioning at the present without a leader

## President Elect

Megan Cleinmark reported that she and Edward have discussed options to increase exposure on social media and how the KY-AIPG with this endeavor. Megan deferred further comments until later in the meeting. She added that she is no longer on maternity leave and has returned to work.

## Vice President

John Popp report that he has reached out to Karen Rose with synTerra and they discussed AIPG's desire to reach out to youth. He said they will remain in touch about the topic.

On August 3, 2020, after discussing with Edward, John added that he ordered ten (10) educational kits from the American Geological Institute (AGI) that can assist with outreach opportunities. He is working on ideas how this material can be used in schools. Richard Smath and Steve Greb are the outreach contacts at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). The KGS has an abundance of information and materials that can be used in this effort. John added that there are currently no opportunities to visit classrooms in-person due to COVID-19 limitations. He indicated that he may start contacting teachers in Jessamine County to try to get ideas how KY-AIPG can assist in the current environment. John also reported that he reached out to Dr. Vins Sutlive, Dean of Science at Asbury University, to see if they have anyone who could help with updating/maintaining the KY-AIPG website in the future. He is awaiting a response.

The KGS Advisory Board will have a zoom meeting on September 11, 2020 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Edward suggested that as part of potential outreach efforts, that volunteers in the professional arena could offer virtual tours of their places of work, if only to show samples or equipment they use. These things could give insight as to some of the things that are required in the professional arena. He said that correlations could be drawn between coursework and the types of tasks that are performed in the field. This could be shown using video clips and pictures.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members for comment and review on August 17, 2020. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on August 20, 2020 following minor revisions.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the July 31, 2020 Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee via email on August 20, 2020. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of June 30, 2020	\$25,290.84
Checking Balance as of July 31, 2020	\$25,111.51
PayPal Account Balance as of July 31, 2020	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Operating Funds as of July 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$25,111.51</b>
Net Change from previous report	-\$179.33

John made a motion to accept the July 31, 2020 Treasurer's report as submitted and Donnie Lumm seconded. The motion passed.

#### Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he needs to add the July minutes to the website and that he has reached the limits of his capabilities regarding he can do on the web page. He added he solicited assistance with posting the KY-AIPG diversity statement on the website and it is now available for review. He's also working through the details of migrating all of the files from the server on campus to his laptop. This is necessary so he can access the files he needs while working remotely.

#### Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm thanked those who were able to attend the July 30, 2020 KY-AIPG annual awards presentation at his home that was hosted via zoom. He reported that the Geologist of the Year Lifetime Achievement and the two Student Awards were presented during the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Biennial Bahamas Trip

Edward reported that Frank Etensohn has indicated that he would still be interested in hosting the trip if allowed given the current COVID-19 restrictions. He suggested pushing the registration dates back a couple of months, possibly until January 2021, to see what the level of interest will be at that time. General discussion was held about whether the field trip should be hosted this year because of all of the uncertainty. It was ultimately decided that the topic of the Bahamas trip should be tabled for the time being and that other potential options should be considered. Donnie suggested that a potential alternative to this trip would be to offer a two- or three-day trip, possibly hosted by Dr. Etensohn, to the southeastern US to explore similar carbonate depositional settings in a domestic setting. John reported that he had visited a Bahamas website that indicated they are currently considering whether to allow foreign travelers to visit during this time.

#### Research Symposium of UK Earth and Environmental Sciences (ReSEES)

Edward reported that this program is being organized for all of the geoscience programs in Kentucky. He thought that since this is the inaugural year, it would be a good opportunity for KY-AIPG to sponsor the event and promote outreach. The program is scheduled to be held on October 2, 2020 and is a collaboration

between KGS, UK Geosciences and UK Alumni. It is currently planned to be held virtually and they are looking for judges and/or presenters. John asked what would KY-AIPG be sponsoring and how KY-AIPG would be involved. He requested more information and that he would may be interested in judging the event. Edward replied that the sponsorship would likely cover student awards or honorariums for speakers. He said KY-AIPG could potentially attract students from geoscience programs at other colleges or universities. Edward said he will obtain more information about the program and provide additional details at a later meeting.

Edward asked if Continuing Educational Units (CEUs) could be awarded for attending or participating in this program. Bill responded that the event might qualify for CEUs but the process is arduous and it is difficult to get an event approved for CEUs. He said to avoid this process, KY-AIPG has historically issued Professional Development Hours (PDHs) instead. This process places the responsibility on the attendee to go back to their respective regulatory agencies to see if and how they would convert to CEUs. Edward then asked if PDHs could be awarded for an event like this. The answer was generally -yes.

#### KY-AIPG Ally for DEI Award

General discussion was held about whether the KY-AIPG By-Laws would need to be changed to create such an award. Tim indicated that the Bylaws don't specifically address this topic but the Policies and Procedures do. Bill added that if it's not in the Bylaws it should be relatively simple to change the Policies and Procedures.

#### KY-AIPG Virtual Presence

Edward reported that he has established new accounts on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn and has posted the statement KY-AIPG on Racism in the Geosciences. He will work with Megan to develop content. Megan added that she thinks this is good opportunity for KY-AIPG can generate more interest.

#### Fall Short Course

Edward asked for recommendations for a Fall Short Course. He suggested that options should be considered to host a virtual field trip or something similar, that could allow those interested to participate remotely. Donnie stated that young geologists are still interested on how to land their first job in geology. He added that they still need guidance on how to write reports and prepare resumes. Edward added that 'breakouts' sessions can be held on Zoom and multiple mini-courses can be hosted simultaneously. Donnie suggested that the program be titled 'Early Career Development, Condition of the Current Job Market' or something similar. General discussion was held about when such a program could be held. Early to mid-November was offered as a potential option. More thought will be given on the topic and further discussion will be held at a later date.

#### Other Topics of Discussion

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Bill reported that the August 10, 2020 meeting was canceled. The October 2, 2020 test date is still on schedule. Bill added that approximately 30 people registered to take the exam at this time.

The National ASBOG meeting that was scheduled to be held in November but has been canceled. The Council of Examiners meeting is tentatively scheduled for the middle of October.

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) is using the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) portion of the ASBOG exam to show how their program is preparing their students for the job market. They are covering the cost for their students to take this portion of the test.

Participation in the Kentucky Geoscience Forum on August 31, 2020:

The next Kentucky Geoscience Forum meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Edward reported that is considering asking Anna Norman, Laleh Coté and a member of the AIPG National Executive Committee to speak during the meeting as panelists. General discussion was held about what subject matter should be covered with this forum, which is also intended to bridge the gap between students and professionals. It would give students an idea of what to expect when they enter the professional field, what they need to do to prepare.

#### Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The meeting can be in-person if enough agree, and will also be broadcast via Zoom for those who can't, or prefer not to attend in-person. John made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tim seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.