

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Megan Cleinmark, **Tim Crumbie**, Ben Currens, **Austin Dilla**, Daniel Draper, Frank Ettensohn, **Donnie Lumm**, John Popp, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and thanked everyone for the work they have performed throughout the 2023 calendar year. He added that the primary purpose of the meeting is to develop an election ballot for the 2024 KY-AIPG Executive Committee election.

President's Report

Donnie reported that the KY-AIPG has held 11 meetings so far this year *not* including the banquet that was hosted in June at the Sedona Tap House in Lexington, Kentucky. KY-AIPG's participation in hosting AIPG Annual Meeting contributed to the need to meet so regularly throughout the year. Reflecting on the year, Donnie added that the KY-AIPG roster currently consists of 36 CPGs, 24 Members, nine (9) Early Career Professionals, 27 student members, and two (2) associates who are not geologists but are involved in the organization for a total of 98 members.

Donnie added that this will be his last meeting as President of KY-AIPG and that he will hand the reigns over to Austin Dilla at the beginning of 2024. He also commented that he and a few other KY-AIPG members who attended the National AIPG Annual Meeting enjoyed the experience. Donnie has checked on the status of the proceeds from the annual meeting that are to be distributed to the local AIPG sections who assisted with the meeting and was informed the amount of the disbursements have not yet been determined. He added that he will follow up with AIPG National on this matter soon.

President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla reported that he has enjoyed participating in KY-AIPG and added that he has learned a lot about the organization. He indicated that he is looking forward to working with everyone in 2024 and that he has nothing else to report at this time.

Vice President's Report

Megan Cleinmark reported that this will likely be her last meeting sitting on the KY-AIPG Executive Committee and thanked everyone for their participation. She added that she has learned so much from everyone and indicated that this experience has been life changing for her career. Megan has renewed her dues with the Virginias Section and is going to try to help Mike Lawless revive the group which is not currently active.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the November 28, 2023 minutes were emailed to the Executive Committee for review on December 15, 2023. The minutes were approved by electronic vote

on December 18, 2023. Tim added that he emailed copies of the report to a couple of other members and stated that he would forward copies to other members upon request.

Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab shared the treasurer's report from the month ending November 30, 2023. The Treasurer's Report is summarized as follows:

Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2023	\$23,417.32
Checking Account Credits as of November 30, 2023	\$8.64
Checking Account Debits as of November 30, 2023	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2023	\$23,425.96
Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2023	\$23,425.96
Net Change from previous report	+\$8.64

Bill added that National AIPG has reached out to him regarding ACH deposits into our account and he provided authorization to allow direct deposit into the bank account. The deposit has not yet been received but is pending. Austin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Donnie requested to be reimbursed for the trip he made to Bowling Green (Western Kentucky University) to visit the Student Section on November 30, 2023. He added that the cost was approximately \$100.00 for mileage. Bill made a motion to reimburse for the travel expenses and Megan seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he is up to date on the website and that he is no longer experiencing issues with the Zoom application.

Past President's Report

No report

New/Ongoing Business

Bill indicated that the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists has a vacancy that needs to be filled. These recommendations are made by the Geological Society of Kentucky and KY-AIPG. Austin reported that he will be the person presenting any recommendations to the Governor's Office for review. Richard will provide Austin with the spreadsheet and a form letter that can be used for the submittal of nominees to the Governor.

Student Outreach

Donnie reported that he visited Western Kentucky University (WKU) November 30, 2023. He said there were about eight (8) students in attendance and he gave a short presentation about AIPG and Section activities. Donnie added that he has also been in contact with Dr. Jen O'Keefe from Morehead State University and will provide more information on that topic later.

Austin reported that he was contacted by a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), who expressed interest in helping with student outreach activities at the university. Austin added that outreach activities at the University of Kentucky (UK) and other colleges will be ongoing in the new year.

Officer Elections for 2024

General discussion was held about what needs to be done to complete the ballot. Donnie asked John Popp to provide the names of the nominees for open positions on the Executive Committee because his connection was unstable. John reported that Ben Currens has been asked to run for President Elect and Daniel Draper has agreed to run for Vice President. Bronson McQueen is another potential candidate to serve on the Executive Committee. John added that even though Marie Musial will not be able to serve on the Executive Committee at this time, the Section should take steps to keep her involved in the organization. She may be able to help with outreach activities at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Megan asked if it would be possible to establish 'at large' Executive Committee members. This could be an option that would allow new members to be a part of the Executive Committee. Richard said that GSK has two (2) Counselors At Large. John asked if this was allowed in the Bylaws and if it is something that should be considered. Tim and Donnie agreed that the KY-AIPG bylaws do not address this issue so it is something that could be considered pending a vote. Tim elaborated that the primary intent of the current meeting is to establish the nominees that will appear on the ballot. Finalizing the ballot does not disqualify other members from participating in the organization or serving in another capacity.

Donnie asked the two (2) Executive Committee candidates that are in attendance introduce themselves. Ben Currens introduced himself as a candidate for President Elect. He added that he is currently employed by the Kentucky Division of Water as an Environmental Scientist Advisor. Most of his work specifically relates resource characterization and groundwater modeling. Ben received his P.G. registration earlier this year and has been involved with KY-AIPG off and on for approximately ten (10) years. Daniel Draper reported that he is employed as a geologist by S&ME in Lexington, Kentucky. His job-related responsibilities include field activities such as core drilling and logging. He served as an industrial mechanic for a while before he went back to college (EKU) as a non-traditional student which is when he became interested in geology and land surveying. He added that he recently passed the ASBOG and is now a licensed geologist in Kentucky. Donnie asked what type(s) of changes/contributions he would like to make if he is elected as Vice President. Daniel indicated that he would like to concentrate/improve on outreach efforts and would like to make AIPG a worthy investment for the membership and profession. He feels that this could have contributed to the decline in membership. Austin provided some background information about Bronson McQueen, another candidate for Vice President, stating they met at Thoroughbred Engineering where they were both employed as geologists. Most of their work involved performing geophysical and geotechnical assessments. Bronson was more experienced with geophysics and has spent time in Madison, Wisconsin using these technologies to perform various investigations. He is a very intelligent young professional who Austin thinks will be an asset to the organization. Ben echoed Austin's comments about Bronson and said the same apply for Marie as he knows them both. Austin asked for input on what can be done to get all of the candidates active in AIPG. Richard revisited Megan's idea about establishing positions for Counselor(s) At Large, indicating that GSK has two (2), two-year positions and the terms are staggered. Having staggered terms has helped establish a 'pool' to fill other Executive Committee positions when they become available. Austin would like to discuss with Bronson, the

possibility of Executive Committee nominees who are not elected to serve on the committee in the capacity of Counselor(s) At Large. Bill agreed and added that as incoming President, Austin has the authority to establish any type of ad hoc committees that he thinks would be useful. He added that members need not be officers to be beneficial to the organization.

Austin made a motion to for Ben Currens to appear on the ballot as President Elect. Megan made the motion and Richard seconded. The motion passed. Austin then made a motion for Daniel Draper to appear on the ballot as the candidate for Vice President for the 2024 calendar year. Bill made a motion and Ben seconded. The motion passed. Ben made a motion to include Bronson on the Ballot as Vice President, Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Other Discussion Topics

Collaboration with GSK for Student Involvement

General discussion was held about how the AIPG and GSK could collaborate on outreach efforts and grow student participation going forward. Richard brought up the potential for revisiting the environmental geology workshop that had been considered before the COVID pandemic. Bill indicated that this is still a possibility if we are still interested. There was also discussion about using the resume/cover letter preparation and interviewing workshops that have been put on earlier, the Core Logging workshop that was held at the Core Barn and ASBOG training courses that have been hosted by AIPG. Bill added that ASBOG has created and endorses their own review course for the ASBOG test, but such a course could be used as a study group to supplement the ASBOG training. There was also general discussion about the fact that Drew Andrews, as Acting Director of the KGS and by default, part of the Board of Registration, cannot host the training courses he previously ran for ASBOG. Someone else would have to teach the course or Drew would have to no longer be serving on the Board or as the Director of KGS.

Darwin Lecture

Austin asked for ideas on who could speak during the Darwin Lecture Series in February of 2024. Richard added that Dan Phelps is usually the best person to contact for suggestions for speakers in this venue. Some of the recommended speakers now have agents and charge too much. The other issue is where to hold the event. In past years Richard had been instrumental in procuring a location and parking for the events but someone currently at the university would have to secure the venue. Austin suggested to start the process by asking someone reach out to Dan for recommendations. Donnie indicated that he would search online for possible guest speakers.

Board of Registration Update

Bill Brab reported that the last meeting was held on December 11, 2023. He added that one topic of discussion was that a number of Professional Geologists had not renewed their registration. As of the date of the meeting, approximately one-third of the membership (about 402 RPGs) had not renewed their licenses. He reminded everyone that September 30, 2023 is the official expiration date, but that a grace period extends to December 29, 2023. After this date, the licenses will be terminated and a significant fee would apply to get reinstated. Bill asked everyone to reach out to other practicing geologists to remind them about the pending deadline.

Bill asked Tim to send him a list of the candidates for the 2024 Executive Committee election and he will set up a ballot on Google Docs and a link to the document will be distributed to the membership for voting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Bill made a motion and Tim seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.