

## **Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting**

# **Saturday December 5, 2020**

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

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

### Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

### President's Report

Edward reported shared the draft text he has prepared listing the criteria for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) award. The initial draft text was as follows:

The annual DEI award recognizes an individual for documented initiatives and work to foster a more inclusive geoscience community across the Commonwealth during the previous calendar year. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Sustained work with an underrepresented minority group
- Improving physical and digital access to Kentucky field sites
- Geoscience community outreach to students and the public community

The award will be presented for the first time in 2021 with a focus on students, recent graduates and early career professionals.

General discussion was held about the verbiage to make it more specific to DEI the initiative. Edward indicated that he will modify the criteria per our discussion and circulate at a later date. Richard Smath suggested that this award could replace the Geologist of the Year award because the requirements could overlap to some extent. Edward also reported that he wants to include a list of anti-racism resources to the KY-AIPG web page similar to Minnesota's statement. <https://aipgmn.org/statementonanti-racism>

### President Elect

Megan Cleinmark followed up on the Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) Environmental Science and Technology Advisory Board meeting that was held on November 13, 2020. The panel has decided to establish an outdoor classroom where students can see and experience various aspects of the environment. She indicated that BCTC already has several contributors that have volunteered to install monitoring wells, excavate test pits, provide some materials for dye tracing. She envisions this as an opportunity for AIPG to provide support financially or 'in-kind'.

### Vice President

John Popp commented that he has no formal report but commented (partially in reference to Megan's remarks) that there are many opportunities for AIPG to get involved in educational and outreach efforts.

### Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the October 24, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members for comment and review on December 2, 2020. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on December 4, 2020 following minor revisions.

General discussion was held about recording future Zoom meetings to archive them. Bill indicated that recording meetings could become the default practice which could be announced at the beginning of each meeting. Anyone who would object could do so before the meeting starts. The Executive Committee was in general agreement on this matter.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared a screen shot of the Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending October 31, 2020 and November 30, 2020. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of <b>September 30, 2020</b>	\$24,004.73
Checking Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$24,005.75
PayPal Account Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$24,005.75</b>
Net Change from previous report	+\$1.02
Total Operating Funds as of <b>October 31, 2020</b>	\$24,005.75
Checking Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$24,006.73
PayPal Account Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$24,006.73</b>
Net Change from previous report	+\$0.98

Richard made a motion to approve the October and November Treasurer's report as presented; John seconded; the motion passed.

#### Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard stated that the October 24, 2020 meeting minutes are posted on the KY-AIPG website. He added that he will move the link for the KY-AIPG DEI statement from the front page to the Policies and Procedures. He will also add the link to the Minnesota's Racial Justice and Geology Resources and Statement on Anti-Racism to the KY AIPG web page.

#### Past President's Report

No report - John Popp reported that he reached out to Donny Porter and let him know that the Executive Committee has approved him to appear on the ballot to serve on the 2021 Executive Committee and offered him congratulations but has not heard back.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2020 Executive Committee Officer Election

Tim reported that he emailed a draft version of the 2021 ballot to the Executive Committee on December 4, 2020. Edward created an online version of the ballot on Google Docs that will serve as another option for those who prefer to place their vote in that way. A link to this online platform will be included in the text accompanying the email ballot that will be distributed on December 7, 2020.

## **OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

### Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Bill reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday December 14, 2020 and it will be held virtually.

### Kentucky DEI Forum:

Edward will contact Laleh Cote, STEAM Education PhD student in California, again to see if she can serve as the guest speaker during the December meeting (she had to cancel in November). He then asked for suggestions for future DEI speakers. Edward reported that Trent Garrison has political contacts that could potentially serve as future DEI speakers or he could potentially serve as a speaker himself. Bill indicated that Trent has recently started a podcast on Facebook called Prodigious Kentuckians and suggested that KY-AIPG could potentially collaborate with the show as an option for a DEI event.

### Darwin Lecture

Edward asked if anyone has ideas for a speaker for the 2021 Darwin Lecture. General discussion was held about contacting last year's speaker, Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, Founding Director of the Jean and Rick Edelman Fossil Park, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ, to see if he would be interested in presenting virtually. Edward indicated that he would also reach out to Dan Phelps to see if Dr. Lee Dugatkin, author of "How to Tame a Fox," is interested in giving the talk. Dugatkin was invited last year but was unable to present due to personal reasons.

John added that there had been previous discussions about utilizing the services of a local speaker that could help spark interest in younger students about the geosciences in Kentucky. Megan asked if anyone has heard about the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) series called EONS. She indicated that she has a contact at PDS that does a lot of outreach and thinks that she would be a great resource for KY-AIPG.

Bill and Edward discussed that KY-AIPG has two separate email accounts and users need to be mindful of how each account is utilized. The [kyaipg@gmail.com](mailto:kyaipg@gmail.com) address is reserved for the Treasurer's exclusive use whereas the [kentuckyaipg@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckyaipg@gmail.com) account will be the main email address for the public moving forward.

Edward said he will meet with Megan and the new President Elect to share information and responsibilities of their offices in the new year.

Bill noticed that the example Student Award Solicitation letter that is posted in the Policies and Procedures section of the KY-AIPG webpage still shows Larry Rhodes as the nominating chairman and references the wrong post office box. Bill shared his screen to show proposed revisions to the document. General discussion was held about which of the two KY-AIPG email addresses should be used under what circumstances.

Edward thanked everyone for a good year and indicated that he hopes to continue to assist in moving KY-AIPG toward previously existing and newer goals that have been established for the organization.

### Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled via email at a later date. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.