

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, December 7, 2019
Kentucky Geological Survey

Conference Room 102, UK Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Megan Cleinmark, **Tim Crumbie**, Frank Ettensohn, **Trent Garrison**, **Edward Lo**, **Donnie Lumm**, Aisha Malik, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, **John Popp**, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

President's Report

Donnie reported that he will prepare a summary of the year's activities that can be posted on the website as the newsletter. He added that KY-AIPG has ordered several issues of the Student Issue of The Professional Geologist (TPG). These magazines will be distributed to the various universities around the state that still have geology programs in the fall.

President Elect

Edward Lo reported that the outreach event the East Kentucky Science Center (EKSC) is scheduled for December 14, 2019. He has already accumulated most of the material he needs for the event but asked if anyone had any additional that could be used. Edward reported that he did not apply for the external funding to help finance the event and he requested that KY-AIPG provide funds to create an AIPG banner that can be displayed. Richard mentioned that KY-AIPG already has a banner and a neon sign that could be used. John Popp volunteered to accompany Edward on the trip. Donnie reminded Edward to submit his fuel tickets to Bill Brab and that KY-AIPG would also reimburse him for one meal.

Vice President

John Popp reported that he has contacted a couple of people about potentially serving on the KY-AIPG Executive Committee for 2020. He said that two of the three have expressed interest but none have committed.

Secretary

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the November 9, 2019 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on November 30, 2019. The minutes were approved by majority electronic vote on December 6, 2019 after the recommended revisions were made.

Treasurer

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2019. The report is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2019	\$24,555.25
Checking Balance as of November 30, 2019	\$24,558.27
PayPal Account Balance as of November 30, 2019	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2019	\$24,558.27
Net change from previous report:	+ \$3.02

John made a motion to accept the report with a minor revision noted by Bill during his presentation, Tim seconded. The motion carried.

General, short discussion was held about using PayPal or similar service to accept payments for future events. Megan Cleinmark reported that most young people are currently using Venmo. Donnie added that the KY-AIPG could still accept checks but would not advertise it.

John mentioned that KY-AIPG should strive to meet in other locations to attract remote members. Zoom and other web conferencing options were briefly discussed. Donnie tabled further discussion until the next meeting.

Communication Coordinator

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date and he is waiting to upload the minutes from the last meeting.

Past President

No new report.

Education/Community Outreach

Donnie reported that he thinks Executive Committee members of the KY-AIPG have met with all of the colleges in the state with geology programs during 2019. KY-AIPG will continue efforts to establish a student chapter at Morehead State University.

Other Discussion Topics

Ballot vacancies: Nominations are needed for candidates to serve as President elect and Vice-President next year. The floor was opened for discussion. Megan provided information on her background and indicated that she's been a member of AIPG and several other professional organizations. She announced her interest in running for office and is agreeable to serving as vice president or president elect. John nominated Megan as the candidate for President Elect and Bill seconded. The motion passed. Donnie nominated John to serve as the candidate for Vice President in 2020 and Trent seconded. The motion passed. Donnie requested that the ballot be finalized and sent out on Monday, December 9, 2019. The voting period would be December 9-20, 2019.

PG Board Update

Bill reported that the next meeting of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board) is scheduled for December 9th, 2019. The office has moved to 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. At the meeting, they plan on discussing the sunset regulation review. Bill also reported that nine people recently passed the ASBOG test. Two passed the PG portion and seven passed the FG portion. Bruce Scott has replaced Steven Wyatt as the At Large member serving on the Board and Mark Sweet was sworn in as the Board Chairman during the last meeting.

The next ASBOG test is scheduled for March 20, 2020. The deadline to register for this sitting is January 20, 2020. Bill cautioned about scheduling the Darwin Lecture on a date that would conflict with the ASBOG schedule.

Richard would like to have a discussion about the process for making recommendations for candidates to serve on the Board to the Governor. Historically he has submitted three recommendations (annually) for consideration to the Governor on behalf of the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) and AIPG. He added that now there appears to be other ways of making these recommendations.

Donnie followed up with Dan Phelps on the status of the Darwin Lecture speaker, as the previous option has become too costly. Dan is now considering contacting Lee Allen Dugatkin with the University of Louisville (U of L), author of “How to Tame a Fox”, but has not contacted him yet. He asked if KY-AIPG would be interested. The answer was a resounding yes. The UK biology department seems to be interested in this speaker too. Donnie mentioned that Joe Devera, adjunct faculty member at Southern Illinois University, could possibly serve as another option.

Donnie recommended that February 13th, 20th or 27th be considered as potential dates for the 2020 Darwin Lecture. Richard mentioned the event can be hosted at the UK Agricultural Center or in the B&E Building, but parking will be difficult either way. Trent mentioned that Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) has mentioned that they are interested in hosting AIPG events, including the Darwin Lecture Series.

Donnie requested suggestions for outreach events that could be held in 2020. Bill mentioned the resume writing workshop that has been discussed earlier is still a good option. John reported that the Southeast Section of the Geological Society of America (GSA) will host their regional meeting on March 20-22, 2020 in Reston, Virginia. He has been asked to give a presentation about “Geology in the Workplace” which can cover literally any topic that relates to working in the professional world. John offered to present that lecture to any of the geology clubs that might be interested.

Edward reported that the next UK Geology Club meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2019.

Dan reported that Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) will have their annual party in this room on December 13, 2019 and added that they have a field trip scheduled in the Monterrey area for next Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Frank mentioned that he has received requests for a short course on carbonates (mega and microscopic work). He said those who requested it seemed to be more interested in limestone composition than structure. Donnie indicated that he can contact one of the interested parties to discuss further.

Edward recommended that the next meeting be held in this room on January 18, 2020.

Trent motioned to close the meeting and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.