

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, December 18, 2010
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Jim Howard**, Tom Lierman, **Charlie Mason**, Daniel Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:09 AM

President's Report:

Jim Howard reported that Sam Gowan (national AIPG President) has asked him what can be done to promote growth among sections. Jim is heading a committee of eight members for national to investigate this issue. A survey has been developed to determine the protocol for all sections. So far it has been determined that twelve AIPG sections are currently inactive. The goal is to determine how the sections that are more successful remain so. One of the considerations are should AIPG engage more participation by addressing more controversial topics.

Jim reported that he has written a paper entitled Geologists and Environmental Consulting that addresses stratigraphic analysis, facies relationships and environmental problem solving that will be published in an upcoming (February) issue of TPG.

President Elect's Report:

Frank Ettensohn indicated that it has come to his attention that current students are not receiving the same type of training (topics) that was taught when those developing the ASBOG tests were in school. The elements that are currently being taught have changed. Frank Ettensohn recommended that AIPG could offer some of these practical courses to provide these fundamentals.

Vice President Report:

No Report.

Past President's Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes were sent out email on 12/16/10 and three votes approving the minutes have been received as of today.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was emailed to Ex. Comm. members for electronic approval on January 3, 2011. The report was approved electronically on Jan. 4, 2011.

<i>Previous Balance as of November 18, 2010</i>	\$32,053.28
Total Account Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$31,778.04
General Checking Acct.:	\$832.13
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$3,936.07
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,009.84

PG Board Report:

Gil Cumbee indicated that the most recent Board meeting was held on December 6, 2010. The Board has developed an opinion (article) declaring a position on the issues that have been brought to their attention by the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Specifically, their contention that certain consultants and contractors have non-PG employees that are performing work on environmental projects, which appears to be against regulation. The Board is requesting that this article be published in all locally distributed media that is distributed among the geology community, including AIPG's newsletter. Jim made a motion to include the opinion in AIPG's newsletter. Tim Crumbie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that he published the section newsletter at the beginning of December. He still needs articles to include in future issues.

Old Business:

Frank indicated that the Dr. Jack Horner lecture will be in a couple of months. Richard and Collie Rulo are working on a poster/circular for the event, which will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Jim Cobb asked if a press conference would be held prior to his arrival to inform the public of the lecture. General discussion followed and it was determined that a conference may be appropriate if Mr. Horner's arrival schedule allows. Dan Phelps and Faith Fiene discussed identifying a media contact that may assist in publicizing the event. Dan is going to contact the Herald Leader in the attempt to identify a new contact that may be able to help. Mike Lynch may also be able to help publicize the event. Several other persons were named as possible contacts that may assist with publicity for the event. Media options currently being considered include newspapers, radio and television. Further discussion was held about how to generate sponsorships to assist in funding the event.

Jim Cobb suggested that AIPG develop a statement discussing the importance of paleontology and how it influences Kentuckians. This may spark more public interest in the lecture.

Frank asked if a reception should be held prior to the lecture. The consensus was that a reception could be planned, if Dr. Horner was interested, depending on his schedule. Jim Cobb indicated that if a reception is held, the Singletary Center may have the facilities available, again, depending on his schedule. Frank agreed to create a press release to publicize the event and see that it is circulated to the appropriate people.

Richard indicated that the current expenses include the rental of the room for the reception, rental of some of the projection equipment, the \$1,500.00 honorarium, and Dr. Horner's expenses (airfare, meals, motel). AIPG is expecting a cost of approx. \$2,500.00 but hopes to obtain sponsorships to off-set this.

Jim Howard brought up the topic of our professional development seminar to address the issues that caused our last effort to fail. Based on conversations with Ron Wallace (AIPG Georgia), it was determined that we possibly targeted the wrong audience and scheduled the event for the wrong date (summer weekend). Based on these conversations and speaker availability, April 19th, 2010 was chosen as the tentative date for the 2011 seminar. Currently, Jim has six speakers scheduled to present seven sessions. The current target is to have 30 registrants participate at \$75 each. Jim stated that AIPG needs access to a mailing list of all in-state registered geologists to notify of the seminar. AIPG should also advertise that the coursework should be eligible for continuing education units (CEUs) in various states which may attract participants from other states and professions. Certificates would have to be provided.

Jim Howard recommended a registration fee of \$75 up to 30 days prior to the event, and \$100 within 30 days of the event. A student fee of \$20 for early registration and \$30 would apply. AIPG will pay the travel expenses for Tyler Gass but the other speakers will pay their own way. Jim requested that

Tim provide a list of the certified companies on USTB website so that we can contact them and request a \$100 to \$150 sponsorship which will include one registration and the inclusion of their logo on printed material.

Frank mentioned that Cascade Caverns, which is still part of the Carter Caves system, could be one of the stops on the Spring field trip. He indicated that there are quarries nearby (outside the cave) that would be good stops to include in the trip. Dan Phelps indicated that the Cascade Caverns are closed from October through May because of the indigenous wildlife (bats). Charlie may have a contact that can resolve this issue. John Tierney was suggested as a choice for a speaker for the awards banquet.

New Business:

Jim Howard mentioned that National is working on having a student membership offered for free. The student would have to pay \$20 to receive the TPG if they chose to do so.

Dan Phelps made a recommendation that AIPG award Andy Meade, who was the science and technology reporter for the Herald Leader, for his service as he has recently retired. Jim made a motion that the Presidential Certificate Merit be presented to Mr. Meade at the spring field trip. The motion was seconded by many and passed unanimously. He and a guest will receive free registration to the field trip and the banquet. Frank also requested that Dan ask if Mr. Meade would be interested in speaking at the banquet, given his past experiences.

Richard stated that he has received two nominations to fill Steve Wyatt's position on the PG Board that will soon be vacated. This position cannot be filled by a geologist. Faith Fiene was wondering if AIPG could help build a pool of names.

The next meeting is scheduled on January 15, 2010 at 10am in Room 102 at KGS.

Jim Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.