

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, December 6, 2014  
Kentucky Geological Survey  
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building  
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Ralph Bandy, Rick Bowersox, **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Jerry Weisenfluh (Executive Committee members in **bold**). Daniel Skillman, John Krueger

## Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Bill Brab.

## President's Report:

Bill welcomed visitors and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve AIPG during his term as section President.

## President Elect's Report:

Donnie Lumm thanked Bill for his efforts and commented on serving as President next year. He indicated that he would like to continue on our current path, plus add a couple of additional more social gatherings where AIPG would meet with interested parties. The meetings may be held in Owensboro and/or Bowling Green.

## Past President's Report:

No report.

## Vice President Report:

Donnie deferred comments until later in the meeting.

## Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the November 1, 2014 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The minutes were approved on December 4, 2014.

## Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance as of September 30, 2014	\$33,161.10
<b>Total funds as of October 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$32,763.82</b>
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>-\$397.28</i>

Previous balance as of October 31, 2014	\$32,763.82
<b>Total Funds as of November 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$33,037.72</b>
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>+\$273.90</i>

Jim reported a profit of approximately \$1,800.00 from the Review and Skills for Professional Geologist Exam Course (ASBOG refresher) course. Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Tim seconded. The motion passed.

## Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that the site currently is up to date, and that it can be updated as information becomes available.

## **Discussion Points:**

### Spring 2015 ASBOG Refresher Course

Bill reported that he had lunch with Drew Andrews and they are tentatively planning to hold the course on January 30, 2015. Participants would receive a discount if they are registered by January 1, 2015. Bill suggested that the section consider offering a small stipend (using profits from previous courses) to

potential speakers because Drew will not be presenting the entire program in the future. Bill is conversing with representatives from Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio and Florida in the attempts to identify future speakers. The next ASBOG exam is scheduled for March 6, 2015.

Gil Cumbee reported he had been contacted by Henry Morgan who asked that he look into the results of the Spring 2014 administration of the ASBOG exam. Gil reported that 12 people did not pass the Fundamentals portion of the test. Of that number, 6 were from Kentucky. Henry asked if Gil could find out which schools the students were affiliated with. Henry expressed concern that some of the Kentucky schools may be falling short of fulfilling certain educational requirements. Bill said it would be interesting to compare the results of the next test to see if the review sessions hosted by AIPG are helping.

#### Darwin Lecture Series 2015

Bill indicated that plans with Dr. Dave Meyer "(University of Cincinnati)" are still on schedule. Dr. Meyer still has not responded to the section's willingness to pay him a stipend. The event is currently scheduled for Wednesday February 11, 2015 in Memorial Hall.

Richard reported that Collie Rulo is retiring at the end of the year and that she may not be available (through the university) to help with graphics in the future. She may still be available for hire on an hourly rate. Donnie mentioned that if she is hired by AIPG, then we would possibly have to provide her with a 1099 form.

Dan asked if he should follow up with Neil Shubin for the 2016 lecture. Bill said it would be a great idea.

#### Bahamas Carbonate Course

Frank Ettensohn reported that a minimum of 22 people are confirmed for the trip, so it will definitely happen. There are likely to be even more. The event will be held from March 13-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. General discussion about the scope of the course and travel arrangements ensued.

Bill mentioned that National will post this, and has posted other AIPG functions, on their website, which is ensuring good exposure.

#### 2014 ASBOG Meeting

Gil and Larry Rhodes attended the National ASBOG meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 10-15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Gil reported that ASBOG had solicited information (via a task analysis survey) from practicing geologists concerning areas of geologic focus, and requested that participants rank each question in order of importance to their profession. ASBOG will use the results of the task analysis to determine how much weight will be assigned to each field of study that is included in the test.

Gil reported that a disproportionate number of questions on the exam are related to the western or coastal U.S. and that not very many were representative of the Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana area. Gil has contacted several people concerning the possibility of preparing questions that could be submitted to ASBOG for possible inclusion in the test that would address this apparent disparity. Gil recommended that those considering preparing questions visit [WWW.ASBOG.ORG](http://WWW.ASBOG.ORG) and look at some of the example tests for ideas. He also provided an informational handout during the meeting, and asked that potential question be forwarded to him so he can make sure they are in the proper format prior to submittal.

Larry handed out a summary of the minutes from the ASBOG annual meeting.

#### Eastern Unconventional Oil and Gas Symposium

Donnie reported that he attended the symposium that was held in Lexington on November 5-7, 2014. He estimated that approximately 90 people attended.

Donnie provided suggestions about potential topics that could be addressed during the 2015 short course that AIPG is attempting to co-host with the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA). Some of these ideas were obtained from the November meeting referenced above.

Gil reported that AIPG National hosts a symposium on fracking (hydraulic fracturing) and unconventional oil reservoirs, and was wondering if the Kentucky Section could find a way to utilize the information that they have already collected.

Rick Bowersox reported that he was a speaker at the symposium and that his presentation on tar sands was well received. He followed up on Frank's earlier comments that field trips and core samples should be used, indicating they would complement each other.

Donnie indicated that he would put together a list of potential speakers, which can be presented at the Section's January meeting, for consideration. The spring short course is tentatively scheduled for late April or early May of 2015.

#### KAS Annual Meeting

Frank reported that he and Charlie Mason judged posters and talks that were presented during the meeting. He feels that the geology section may have been better attended if it were held on a Saturday instead of Friday. Frank reported that the activity was under new direction so the format was somewhat different and did not appear to be very conducive to the geology portions. Dan reported that he attended also. Frank said the next meeting is scheduled to be held at Northern Kentucky University.

#### Officer Elections

Bill reported that Donnie would serve as President, and Tim, Richard and Jim volunteered to continue their positions as secretary, editor and treasurer respectively. Bill recommended that Dan serve as President Elect and Faith serve as Vice President. The above names would be added to the ballot. Donnie made a motion to accept the above nominations for the ballot and Jim seconded. Bill will develop a ballot and send it out via email, with a deadline date of December 15, 2014.

#### Update/Modernization of By-Laws

Bill said in reading the by-laws, he noted that some of the language was "dated". Members can now attend meetings virtually (Skype....) and do not have to be physically present to participate. There are no provisions for this in the current version of the by-laws. Gil recommended that a committee be established to make recommendations and that committee members contact National obtain copies of changes that have been made by other sections. Bill indicated that he would start working on this project and will solicit input from the Executive Committee, and follow up with National for recommendations to see if an outline is available.

#### Chattanooga GSA - Geology Careers for New Geology Graduates

Jim reported that he had been in contact with Ron Wallace with the Georgia Section of AIPG, who is requesting presenters for the GSA/AIPG co-hosted conference to be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. If anyone is interested, they can contact Bill or Jim for Ron's contact information.

#### Board of Registration Update

Gil suggested that section follow-up with the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA) to try to get their support for the effort to continue professional education. Donnie reported that Andrew McNeill and other oil and gas geologists can be difficult to contact because of their work schedules. Donnie reported that he would attempt to get input from Andrew on this topic. General discussion was held about whether continuing education is needed.

Gil reported that during the last meeting, it was discussed that the Board's primary purpose is to protect the public, not to promote the practice of geology. Gil indicated that the Board concluded that contacting local municipalities to notify them that geologists are allowed by law, to perform certain types of work, would qualify as promoting the practice of geology, as opposed to being protective of public. They determined that an effort of this nature should be handled by professional organizations such as AIPG.

Gil estimated that approximately 500 letters may need to be sent out, at least initially, to contact most municipalities. Subsequent work may be required. The general consensus was that AIPG could take the lead and bear the costs for this effort.

Gil reported that the next board meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Donnie recommended that the next meeting be scheduled for January 24th, 2015 at 10:00 am in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Donnie made a motion to accept the meeting date and Bill seconded. Donnie made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.