

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 1, 2014
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Jim DeCinque**, Faith Fiene, Catherine Garrison, **Trent Garrison**, **Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Justin Spears, Lacey Spears (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

The meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Bill Brab.

President's Report:

Bill welcomed all attendees and each person was given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

President Elect's Report:

Donnie Lumm shared that he is glad to be back on the Executive Committee because his work schedule has changed to allow him more time. Donnie shared that he has noticed significant changes in the field of geology and stated that geologists need to market themselves in areas that have more of an economic impact. Some examples are commercial limestone mining (quarrying) and geologic hazards (such as landslides). He further stated that AIPG should continue with the public outreach efforts such as the programs that have been offered over the past couple of years.

Past President's Report:

Trent thanked everyone for opportunity to serve as the section President last year, and mentioned that he has a couple of other items that he will address later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

See President Elect's comments.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the December 28, 2013 meeting were approved electronically approximately two weeks ago. The minutes were approved unanimously. Tim also reported that AIPG National has mailed the tax form for completion by each section, and that the Kentucky Section purchased 10 copies of the student addition of the TPG, as approved an electronic vote initiated by Bill.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Previous Balance as of November 30, 2013</i>	<i>\$31,695.15</i>
Total Account Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$31,603.18
General Checking Acct.:	\$224.94
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$31,603.18

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Trent seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Editor's Report

Richard reported that the meeting room to be used following the Darwin Lecture has been reserved from 6 pm – 11 pm, and that he has contacted the audio visual department and most of the arrangements have been finalized or are being addressed. He has also been working with Collie Rullo to complete the poster and program, both of which have been approved by Dr. Knoll. Richard stated that he is going to hand deliver the announcement to the WUKY radio station. Dr. Andrew Knoll is scheduled to speak at Memorial Hall as part of the Darwin Lecture Series. The event, which will be held on February 13, 2013, is entitled "*The Deep History of Life*".

Richard indicated that he has prepared an end of the year newsletter to summarize the Section's activities for submittal to AIPG National, which will be finalized once any comments are received.

Donnie volunteered to pick Dr. Knoll up at the air port. He is scheduled to arrive around noon.

Trent reported that Bill has requested that he do the short presentation introducing AIPG, its history and purpose. Trent also indicated that he will also introduce Dr. Knoll.

Kentucky Section Budget

Gil Cumbee prepared a extensive report summarizing his evaluation of the Section's finances. The information used to compile this data was obtained from past, annual tax reports that are provided to National. Gil cautioned that the way things are categorized on that report may vary from year to year as the treasurer changes.

Gil used information from the tax categories over the last five years and averaged them to get the initial numbers. He recommended not budgeting 100% of the average in each category so he provided numbers showing the 75% and 50% of the 5 year averages for consideration. During his assessment of annual income, he noted that the income from dues has been declining fairly steeply since 2007. Gil suggested that the section preserve the cash currently used as working capital, and develop a way replace it as it is spent. Trent suggested that this could be accomplished by field trips, ASBOG training classes, seminars and similar events. Subsequent discussion about potential sources of revenue such as sponsors and other professional organizations ensued.

Bill proposed that we continue the discussion during the next meeting because this is a complex issue and deserves serious consideration.

2014 Spring Social Event for Students

General discussion was held about ways to continue providing these events while minimizing costs. Catherine suggested that AIPG reach out to the contractors and consultants that participate in these events, to see if they would be willing to provide support. Several other ideas were also discussed.

Spring Short Course – Aquifer Characterization

Bill has contacted several people/companies in the attempt to identify presenters the Spring short course, but is finding that many have schedule conflicts. Several other potential presenters were suggested during meeting. Bill is currently considering the middle to the end of April for the event, but may have to move it earlier to accommodate potential presenters. He does not want to conflict with the May 16, 2014 date for the KGS Annual Seminar. Bill would like to spend half of the day outside and half of the day inside. Donnie suggested that at least three different speakers should be considered to make the short course interesting.

Darwin Lecture Series 2014

The event is scheduled to be held at 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall on Thursday, February 13, 2014. Parking structure #2 will be open at 5pm. Donnie will be picking up Dr. Knoll from the airport. Donnie asked of there will be an opportunity to meet Dr. Knoll after the lecture. Jim Cobb recommended taking him to the Faculty Club for a light dinner before the lecture. Donnie suggested that we should keep any simple so as not to be too taxing on Dr. Knoll. All agreed.

ASBOG – AIPG Sponsored Refresher

Trent suggested that the section consider hosting one or two training courses per year. The event should be spread over two days. The general consensus was that it would make more sense to have multiple speakers instead of having one person cover all of the topics. The ASBOB tests are being offered in March and October. Catherine suggested that the section consider having a representative present from each university, to assist in the training. Bill and Trent will continue working to this end.

Board of Registration Report

Gil reported that the next meeting is February 3, 2014.

Annual Awards

A short discussion about the annual awards was held. The deadline for award nominations is March 1, 2014, but this date can be changed because the Annual Seminar is so late in the year (May).

Faith Fiene reported that the Kentucky State Science Fair is in Richmond at the Alumni Coliseum on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). The event is scheduled to be held on March 29th, 2014. She asked if AIPG would provide awards for the best project at the middle school and high school levels as they have in the past. In prior years, AIPG provided a check for \$50, a certificate and a book to the winner of each category. She asked to have the latitude to provide a third award if there are team entries. Jim asked if we were going to continue to provide support for the winners to travel to the national science event. Last year the section provided \$200.00. Donnie made a motion not to exceed \$150.00 for the winners, and \$200.00 for travel to the national event. Richard seconded the event. The motion passed.

Jim Cobb thanked Dan Phelps and Trent for their outstanding performances during their interviews on WEKU. He said that it is very difficult to remain calm and sound intelligent when in some adversarial situations.

Trent made a motion to dismiss the meeting and Jim DeCinque seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm. The next section meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 22nd, 2014 at 10:00 at the Survey, Room 102. Donnie made a motion for this meeting date. Jim DeCinque seconded.