

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Edward Lo, Donnie Lumm, John Popp, Donny Prater, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Megan Cleinmark called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

President's Report

Megan reported that she has been working on the pending Darwin Lecture scheduled online for February 18, 2021 and will address her efforts later in the meeting. She added that Trent Garrison forwarded a copy of the announcement for the virtual National AIPG Executive Board Meeting which will be held on February 27, 2021 from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm (Mountain). She offered to share the announcement with anyone interested in participating.

President Elect

Donny Prater indicated that has no new information to report at this time.

Vice President

Donnie Lumm indicated that he will defer his comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the January 16, 2021 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members for comment and review on February 9, 2021. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on February 12, 2021 following minor revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab emailed a copy of the Treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2021 to those in attendance. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$24,007.75
Checking Balance as of January 31, 2021	\$24,008.77
PayPal Account Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2021	\$24,008.77
Net Change from previous report	+\$1.02

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report period ending January 31, 2021, and Tim seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is current.

Past President's Report

Edward Lo reported that he has posted the announcement for the Darwin Lecture on the Sigma Gamma Epsilon (SGE) web page. SGE is a student honor society at the University of Kentucky. Edward also

reported that he has organized a virtual tour of the Cincinnati Museum with the curators. The tour will be held virtually on February 27, 2021 at 10:00 am and will replace the DEI lecture for this month. He requested suggestions for 'themes' for the event so that the guides at the museum can organize the tour. He suggested something representative of under-represented populations in the geosciences to conform with the DEI series. Megan suggested a theme concerning the Galapagos Islands in commemoration of Charles Darwin. Another suggestion was made to concentrate on the Pleistocene Era. Edward will make these suggestions to the museum personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Darwin Lecture Update

Edward redesigned the PowerPoint presentation that has been used to introduce AIPG and the guest speaker during past Darwin Lectures. The presentation was shared with the attendees and general discussion was held about minor revisions. Donnie suggested that someone verify the title of the lecture to make sure it is correct before the presentation. Megan indicated that she will contact the guest speaker, Dr. Lee Dugatkin this week to verify the information. She also suggested adding a slide that would list the sponsors for the event. Donnie offered suggestions for making the introduction and added that it might be good to have an idea of when the talk will end as historically, a short period for question and answer follows. General discussion was held about the logistics of how the question and answer portion of the event is will work using Zoom as the platform and ways to make it go smoothly.

Donnie reported that he sent email requests for sponsors of the Darwin Lecture (\$100 donations) to the following organizations: University of Kentucky Earth & Environmental Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Geological Survey, Geological Society of Kentucky, Kentucky Academy of Science, Shield Environmental and Geoscience Consultants. All but one of the potential contributors have replied.

Student Chapter Outreach

Donnie reported that he has emailed Dr. Fred Siewers and Dr. Michael May at the Western Kentucky University (WKU) Geosciences Department, and to Jen O'Keefe at Morehead State University (MSU) on January 17, 2021. His intent was to schedule a campus visit or have a remote meeting, depending on COVID-19 protocols. He received prompt responses from WKU and MSU who provided the appropriate Geology Club contacts. He added that he was able to schedule an outreach meeting via Zoom with the WKU Geosciences Department. The meeting will be held on March 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm Central Time (6:00 pm Eastern). He has not received a reply from the MSU student representative and will attempt to contact them again in the near future.

Bill added that he will use the text of Donnie's email (for uniformity) and will reach out to NKU & ECU this week. Edward spoke with Dr. Freeman at UK who indicated that there is not enough interest in the undergraduate program to keep the Geology Club going at this point, but they will make additional attempts revive the group. Bill asked if there is any interest from graduate students. Ed replied that the geology club was specifically structured for undergraduates and that there are different organizations that more directly relate to graduate students.

Megan emailed Dr. Cetin at Murray State University and is awaiting a reply. Tim added that he will be sending out the requests for student award nominations soon and will copy Megan so that she will have the contact information for the appropriate colleges and universities.

Edward asked if AIPG would have an issue working with the UK SGE Chapter instead of the UK Earth and Environmental Science Department Geology Club. The general consensus was there should not be a problem. Edward encouraged this relationship as many of its members are preparing to embark on their professional careers.

February DEI Speaker

Megan reiterated that the tour of the Cincinnati Museum will replace the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) meeting this month. She will develop a flier that can be circulated to interested parties.

Field Safety

Edward brought the topic up because it is a consideration in the professional community that many students may not recognize as an issue. The topic has facets that are required by federal government as well as those that apply to the working environment, whether urban or rural. Donny added that there is a certified safety professional and would be glad to assist on this front. General discussion was held why this topic is important and all agreed it would be beneficial for students to be made aware. Megan asked if this could be used as a DEI topic. Edward said yes and it could be set up as a panel discussion.

OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Mark Sweet reported that there has not been much activity with the Board of Registration (Board) recently. The February 15, 2021 meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

The next ASBOG scheduled for March 19, 2021. The registration deadline for the test was January 19, 2021. William 'Drew' Andrews had an abbreviated review course on February 4, 2021 and held a second one on the February 11, 2021.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 online via Zoom. Bill reported that he has not reviewed any applications for Professional Geologist recently. Mark added that they have started reviewing applications electronically instead of during the meetings, which has increased the efficiency of the meetings.

Mark added that his term on the Board officially expired in June of 2020 and indicated that if anyone is interested filing the position, they can apply for it even though he hasn't resigned yet. Bill added that the process has changed and currently anyone can apply through the state's website.

Donnie mentioned that it's getting close to the time to send out the award request letters to the colleges and universities. Tim added that he will the solicitations out soon.

John reported that the 19th annual Kentucky Science Fair is scheduled for March 27th, 2021 and will be held virtually again this year. He stated that anyone is interested in participating as a judge and let him know and he will forward the information to them.

Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2021 at 10:00 am. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Donny seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.