

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Wild Figs and Books  
746 N Limestone Avenue  
Lexington, KY 40508

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, Trent Garrison, Catherine Garrison, Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, John Popp, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet.**

## Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

## President's Report

Edward reported that the most important item of discussion for the Executive Committee meeting was to discuss and identify potential candidates for the 2020 Darwin Lecture that is hosted annually by KY-AIPG. On February 11, KY-AIPG Executive Committee members were notified by an email forwarded from Daniel Phelps, President of the Kentucky Paleontological Society and serving as the KY-AIPG contact for the Darwin Lecture, from Dr. Lee Alan Dugatkin, who due to health issues, indicated that he had to cancel his commitment to serve as the speaker for the Darwin Lecture on February 27, 2020. Edward mentioned that he had a potential substitute in mind and that he would discuss this option and others later in the meeting. Regardless, the date of the Darwin Lecture would have to be postponed until a later date when a substitute could be identified and scheduled.

Edward also reported that a Graduate Research Symposium is being planned for Fall 2020 and would be open to participation from all Kentucky universities. Edward said that he plans to meet with UK faculty about the Symposium in the near future.

## President Elect's Report

Megan Cleinmark reported that she contacted Dr. Mike May and Jessica Garrison, Geology Club President, at Western Kentucky University (WKU), for a student outreach event. Her visit is scheduled for 10:45 am local time Friday, March 20, 2020. Megan said that she planned to discuss some of her current job duties and work experience and her outlook for geoscience students beginning a career. Megan said that she needed some KY-AIPG PowerPoint slides to provide an overview of the Section for students and Bill Brab offered to provide them for her.

## Vice President's Report

John Popp reported that the AIPG periodical "The Professional Geologist"(TPG) Student Edition of January-March 2020 was released and indicated that the periodical is a good item to distribute at KY-AIPG outreach events at campuses. John reported that he is giving an oral presentation on "Geoscience Careers in the Mining Industry," which will be given during the session "Geoscience Careers for New Geoscience Graduates" on March 22, 2020 at the Southeast-Northeast Section Meeting in Reston, VA. John indicated that while preparing for his presentation he had sent emails to approximately 10 professionals in the mining

industry and asked for their opinions regarding the outlook for the career placement of geologists and potential salaries in mining and exploration. However, he had not received much response from these persons. Trent Garrison provided the name of the Kentucky Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a potential contact and added that American Geological Institute (AGI) has useful reference information that can be accessed online.

Secretary's Report

Donnie Lumm, recording the Minutes for today's Executive Committee business meeting, reported that the Secretary Tim Crumby's Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of Saturday, January 18, 2020 were distributed on February 12, 2020 by Secretary Crumby. The draft minutes were subsequently edited by the Secretary and approved by a majority of electronic votes on Monday, February 17, 2020. Copies of the finalized edition of the Minutes were emailed by the Secretary to Executive Committee members on February 17, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Bill distributed and read aloud, a printed copy of the current Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2020. A summary of the Treasurer's Report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$24,478.63
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2020	\$24,451.41
PayPal Account Balance as of January 31, 2020	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$24,451.41</b>
Net change from previous report:	\$ -27.22

Edward offered an opportunity to discuss the Treasurer's Report, but there was none. John made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and Megan seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath indicated that National AIPG recently updated the host internet service by contracting another web based client that provides service to the KY-AIPG website and other Section websites, but that this update inadvertently caused Richard to lose the ability to update the text or other information on the Section website for a few days. According to Richard, the technical problem was caused by a new HTML code that was introduced by the new client server which broke the existing links to the KY-AIPG website. This issue was resolved thru Richard's email communications with National personnel and the reset of a new Internet Protocol (IP) password.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he sent requests for monetary donations and sponsorship for the Darwin Lecture on January 31, 2020 to the Geoscience Departments at the University of Kentucky (UK), Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Morehead State University (Morehead), as well as to the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS), the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS), Geoscience Consultants, and Shield Environmental. Donnie indicated that he had suggested a donation of \$100 and had received a positive reply from Shield and Geoscience Consultants. Trent, currently the President of KAS, said that the KAS officers had recently discussed agreed to provide \$100 donation as well.

### Education/Community Outreach: Darwin Lecture

Edward reported that the Darwin Lecture, originally scheduled for February 27, 2020, had to be cancelled and would more likely be rescheduled in April to allow for a substitute to be found. He also stated that the venue might need to be moved to UK's Memorial Hall or the Seay Auditorium, depending on availability of the facility.

Regarding the recent chain emails about potential Darwin Lecture substitutes and opinions of their quality, Donnie mentioned that in his opinion it was important for Executive Committee members to be sensitive and monitor the tone of their written communications. He suggested that to avoid potential backlash, Executive Committee members should restrict their email communications regarding speaker substitutes and opinions of potential co-sponsors, to KY-AIPG officers only, and to refrain from including persons not affiliated with KY-AIPG in the email chain.

Richard stated that he added a notice on the KY-AIPG Website that the Darwin Lecture had been cancelled and added that he needed to contact the UK Parking and ask that the special parking restrictions for the event be removed.

Frank Ettensohn stated that he was acquainted with and recommended Dr. Peter Dodson, Professor of Anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, who is knowledgeable and has extensive research of certain species of dinosaurs. Frank stated that he would attempt to contact Dr. Dodson for an invitation to speak at the Darwin Lecture.

Edward stated that he has also considered contacting Dr. Michal Kowalewski, Thomson Chair of Invertebrate Paleontology at the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, and Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, Founding Director of the Jean and Rick Edelman Fossil Park, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ. There was general discussion that Edward would need to draft a letter of invitation to each speaker, noting the significance of the Darwin Lecture and stipulating the expenses covered (food/lodging/travel) and a monetary stipend. Moreover, the day of the lecture would be stipulated as on a Monday thru a Thursday, the date of the lecture would be open to the speaker, but because of Spring final exams, it should be scheduled no later than the third week of April 2020.

### Campus Outreach

Bill reported that he participated as an interviewer in the mock geoscience job interview workshop conducted at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in Richmond on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Bill said that Dr. John Malzone (EKU), scheduled the event from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to allow one and a half hours for mock interviews, follow-up and feedback. Seven (7) student members of the ECU Geosciences, participated and were interviewed by professional volunteers. Bill indicated that he interviewed two (2) student participants.

John volunteered to visit Northern Kentucky University (NKU) for a campus outreach event later this Spring and said that he would schedule a date with them. Trent stated that Dr. Sarah Johnson is the contact at NKU. Bill stated that he would contact Dr. Rebecca Freeman at UK to visit their Geoscience Department and noted that the UK Geology Club meets on Wednesdays. Bill also said that he plans to meet at UK Tuesday, March 3 at 4 pm talk to the EES 295 class, followed by a cover letter and resume building

workshop from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Slone Building. Bill said that he will use a format that is similar to, and follows, the “Meet your Mentor” program series developed and presented by “Operation Unite” and the California Section of AIPG and the article “*Getting a Job – Resumes, Networking, and Interviews*” published in the AIPG National TPG Publication dated January/February 2013 (pp 43-52).

Donnie reported that he will contact Dr. Jennifer O’Keefe at Morehead State University to schedule a campus outreach visit to the geoscience students of the Earth and Planetary Studies Department.

#### Letters of Nomination for Student Awards, Geologist of Year, Lifetime Achievement

Donnie stated that Secretary Crumbie had sent emails to the all of the Kentucky geology departments seeking a request for letters of nomination for KY-AIPG Student Awards. A deadline of March 30, 2020 was requested for submission of letters.

Richard stated that he had sent emails to all Section registered C.P.G.’s, Members and Young Professionals requests for nominations for Geologist of Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Donnie mentioned the need to consider the location of the KY-AIPG Awards Banquet/Annual Meeting, typically held in May. In 2019 it was held at Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Slade, KY. Donnie suggested Blue Lick’s Battlefield State Resort Park near Carlisle, KY or at another location. Mark Sweet suggested Arlington Mansion, a facility owned by EKU, in Richmond, KY. Edward suggested the Hilary Boone Faculty Club on the UK campus. Donnie suggested that Edward and Megan research the potential venue sites and propose a solution and report it to the Executive Committee at a future Section meeting.

Faith Fiene reported that the Kentucky State Science and Engineering Fair is scheduled for March 28, 2020 at EKU in Richmond. Faith asked for a \$200 annual administrative donation to the Fair, and if there is a high school and junior high winner, to donate a \$50 check for each, a Smithsonian Earth book, and a paper certificate. Donnie Lumm made a motion to donate \$200 to the Fair and an additional \$50 for a high school winner and \$50 for a junior high school winner, John seconded. The motion passed.

Megan attended a venue at American Women of Geosciences (AWG), social at West 6<sup>th</sup> Brewery in Lexington on February 13, 2020. She stated that there were approximately 30 persons in attendance. Megan added that the group needs some direction or goals.

#### KY Board of Professional Registration

Board Member and Chair Mark Sweet reported that he would like to have KY Section formally recognize Steve Wyatt, Professional Engineer, former Board Chair, for his 11 years of service and at large membership, before the presentation by the guest lecturer at the next Darwin Lecture. There was general agreement for this acknowledgement. R. Bruce Scott, former secretary of Cabinet for Energy and Environment, is the new at large member. Mark stated that he may decide to resign at the end of his current term, but that he had not yet decided. He also indicated that the Board has not produced a newsletter during the prior three years because of a postage cost issue. Mark stated that the last Board meeting was Monday, February 10, 2020, the next scheduled PG exam is March 20, 2020, and the next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020.

Adjournment of Meeting

Edward suggested that the Section should provide a small monetary donation to Wild Figs and Books for the use of the facility seating and tables. Donnie Lumm made a motion for the Section to donate \$30, and John Popp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Edward said that he would like to schedule the next Executive Committee meeting for 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Edward did not have a specific location but that it would likely be another coffee shop or small bistro.

Edward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Bill seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.