

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Remote Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Ben Currens, Austin Dilla, Frank Ettensohn, Donnie Lumm, Donny Prater, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

President's Report

Donnie reported that he has been very busy with the preparations for the National AIPG Annual meeting and deferred additional comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla reported that his company, Thoroughbred Engineering, will be a sponsor for the 2023 National AIPG Meeting. He added that he will get in touch with Bill Brab about the possibility of presenting during the conference because they have a nice karst geophysics presentation that he feels will be useful. Austin added that he and Bill have an outreach meeting scheduled at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) soon and that he expects that Bill to have more information to share on the matter.

Vice President's Report

Megan Cleinmark reported that her abstract for the 2023 Southeastern and Northeastern Joint Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting that will be held in Reston, Virginia on March 17-19, 2023 has been approved. She added that she will present as part of technical session 43 on Saturday March 18, 2023.

Megan also reported that she has been putting information together for the upcoming Darwin Lecture which is scheduled to be held virtually on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm Eastern. She added that she has also sent out several requests for sponsorships for the event.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that on February 6, 2023, he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the January 12, 2023 KY-AIPG meeting to the Executive Committee for review and comment. The minutes were approved electronically after minor revisions on February 9, 2023. The final version of the minutes was distributed electronically to the Executive Committee following approval and prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab was unable to participate in the meeting but had provided copies of the Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee. In Bill's absence, Donnie read the Treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2023 as summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$21,348.83
Checking Account Credits as of January 31, 2023	\$1.11
Checking Account Debits as of January 31, 2023	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2023	\$21,349.94
Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2023	\$21,349.94
Net Change from previous report	\$1.11

Tim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Megan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date and the latest version of the minutes have been posted. There was a short discussion about the status of an email that had been received from a representative of the AIPG Colorado Section requesting the contract information for sister organizations. The information would be used to request support (financial or otherwise) during the AIPG annual meeting. Donnie indicated that the email had been forwarded to Tim, who indicated that he will take care of it.

Past President's Report

Donny Prater said he has not given up hope on Morehead State University and is still trying to contact someone there to coordinate student outreach activities. Donnie added that he will reach out to Charlie Mason to see if he can provide any assistance.

Donnie thanked Donny for preparing a very nice KY-AIPG newsletter that summarized the events of 2022.

New Business

2023 Darwin Lecture

Donnie reported that the Darwin Lecture will be held on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom and thanked Megan for spearheading the event and its planning. Megan added that she has edited the PowerPoint presentation that she was provided and asked everyone to share the event flyer on their social media accounts to promote the program. Dr. Lindsay MacKenzie, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology at Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington, will be the guest speaker. Megan will follow-up with Edward Lo to gain a better understanding of any restrictions on using his Zoom account. Donnie added that he sent out letters requesting sponsorships on January 31, 2023 and as of today's date, the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK), the UK Earth and Environmental Sciences Department and GeoScience Consultants have sent donations. He is hoping for a few more responses. Donnie reminded everyone that it is customary to offer speakers a stipend for speaking engagements and that this amount typically runs around \$1,000.00. The sponsorships are being requested to offset or recoup the stipend.

2023 Bahamas Trip

Bill Brab reported via email, that he has received four (4) registration forms for the event containing deposits or payment in full. He added that he is expecting another set of forms and full payment from Dr. Linda Kah, Professor of Carbonate Sedimentology and Geochemistry, University of Tennessee, and three (3) of her students. Dr. Frank Ettensohn added that a total of nine (9) people have committed to attending the course. Ten (10) participants are needed to make the trip profitable. Donnie indicated that the original

deposit deadline of February 13, 2023 will be extended to Monday, February 20, 2023 to ensure enough time has been allotted to receive additional registrations and initial payments from the attendees. The course will be held May 13-20, 2023 on San Salvador Island, Bahamas.

Student Outreach

Donnie acknowledged the KY-AIPG's efforts to meet with student chapters in the Fall of 2022 but the efforts were not fully successful. No trips were made to Northern Kentucky University (NKU) or Western Kentucky University (WKU). Austin reported that he has not yet reached out to anyone at Western Kentucky University (WKU). Donnie will provide Dr. Michael May's contact information to Austin to use as a contact. As at Morehead State University, no progress has been made toward identifying a suitable contact at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) but efforts are ongoing.

Student Career Day or Workshop for Spring Semester

Austin reported that he has been talking with Reagan Richardson, President of the UK Geology Club, who indicated that she would contact him to coordinate an outreach event when they are up and running for the semester. Austin added that Thoroughbred Engineering will participate in UK's Spring Engineering Career Fair this year and he will be attending that event. He hopes to encounter some geology students during that event. Megan suggested that Austin investigate the possibility of a career fair and volunteered to assist with this endeavor. Bill Brab will also likely be involved in this effort as he has PowerPoint presentations already prepared that can be edited as needed.

Donnie suggested that the KY-AIPG consider hosting an informal outreach event that would be open to students from all schools, possibly later in the year once the weather breaks. He will touch base with Bill Brab to discuss specifics.

Student Awards

Tim reported that he will very likely send the letters requesting student award nominations tomorrow. Currently the end of March has been selected as the target deadline for the submittal of potential award winners. Richard added that he needs to send out the requests for nominations for the Geologist of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and the DEI awards.

2023 AIPG National Conference

Donnie said the plans are continuing to progress and there are a lot of moving parts now. He added that given the area where the conference will be held, attendees are being urged to use public transportation or another form of transportation as opposed to walking out of concern for safety. He added that the awards ceremony will be held at the Newport Aquarium which will provide a nice venue. Half day trips to the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History will be available to those interested. During this timeframe, the museum will be hosting an outstanding Ordovician Paleocology and Paleontology exhibit.

All abstracts for the conference are due by May 1, 2023. Pricing for the event has not yet been established. As previously mentioned, seven (7) field trips will be run during the conference.

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS

DEI Speakers

Donnie stated that we need to develop a list of potential speakers for this event and requested that anyone with ideas for potential future guests bring them to his or Megan's attention. Donnie also mentioned that Mr. Ed Clement with the Marion, Kentucky Fluorspar Museum, passed away on February 2, 2023.

Frank indicated that the Annual Kentucky Science Fair will be held on March 25, 2023 in Richmond, Kentucky. The KY-AIPG typically presents awards for the middle school and high school entries. He said that Faith Fiene indicated that books that had previously been included as part of the award packet is no longer in print and that the extra copies have been used. Faith asked the KY-AIPG if they would like to continue to support the effort by providing the winner in each category with a check in the amount of \$50 and a certificate as has been done in the past. Donnie bought the measure to vote. Richard made a motion to support the effort by providing the awards and Donny seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donnie gave Ben Currens and John Popp an opportunity to make comments if they chose to. John indicated that he really likes the idea of getting together with everyone and would like to see that get scheduled. He also reported that interviews to fill the Kentucky State Geologist position that will be vacated by Dr. Bill Haneburg will be held soon. It appears that there may be meetings to assist in the evaluation of the candidates and John may represent the KGS Advisory Panel in this capacity.

Tim asked everyone to closely review the email that was sent out by AIPG National on February 8, 2023 and provide feedback when possible. The message referenced the requirements to hold office on the state level.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Donnie asked Frank and John if they had any recommendations for a representative road cut/outcrop that he can use as a stop during the field trip that he will be leading during the AIPG National Conference. Frank responded that it may be tough to find an outcrop exposing the entire Cincinnati section because it is so thick. He added that a large roadcut on I-275 near Petersburg before you cross the Ohio River exposes the lower part of the sequence.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ben seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.