

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting
Saturday February 7, 2009
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, Jim Drahovzal, **Frank Ettensohn**, **Faith Fiene**, Trent Garrison, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Larry Rhodes, Tom Ryavec, Randy Shields, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**)

Meeting Convened at 9:45 AM

President Elect's Report: No report.

Past President Report: No report.

Secretary's Report:

The letters requesting nominations for the student scholarships were mailed to Morehead, UK, ECU, NKU, Murray State and WKU on January 27, 2009. The deadline to receive the nominations was set as March 27, 2009.

Vice President's Report:

Dr. Ettensohn provided a summary of the upcoming field trip that will focus on Devonian and Mississippian formations along I-64. Currently the trip is planned for Saturday April 18 and the banquet will be held at Carter Caves State Park in Grayson. He has a copy of the contract with the Park and stressed that only a few rooms are available on the night of the 17th, but AIPG will have a block of rooms for the night of the 18th. Room rates at the park are \$84.95/night for most or \$59.95 per night for state employees (proof required). Those interested in staying nearby at possibly lower rates can consider motels in Morehead or stay at the campground in the park. Cabin rentals are also offered.

Costs for the event have not yet been finalized. The cost information will be communicated electronically to Ex. Comm. Members by the end of February.

Currently, several options to obtain transportation during the field trip are being considered. These options include a bus and vans.

Discussion was held to determine if it would be possible to allow students to attend to the field trip free of charge. Dr. Ettensohn made a motion to allow students to attend the field trip (lunch and guide book included) free of charge. The motion, which was seconded by Richard Smath, passed. The cost of the banquet is not included.

Carter Caves requires the signed contract by 2/26/09. They also require a deposit of \$200 by March 17th which corresponds to the last date they will hold rooms. Participants will meet behind Ponderosa and Burger King (in Morehead) at 8:00 for registration. Depart time has been slated for 8:30.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance as of December 5, 2008 was	\$37,160.00
Current Balance as of February 5, 2008 -	\$33,319.76
Checking Acct.:	\$4,494.53
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$255.87
Student Award Acct.:	\$0.00 (closed).
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$28,569.36

A decision was made to transfer \$1,000 dollars from the general checking account, into the Outreach Account to help cover the costs of allowing students to attend the field trip free of charge. Motion made by T. Crumbie to accept Treasurer's Report as presented / seconded by R. Smath /passed.

PG Board Report :

Tom Ryavec reported that the PG Board will lose \$50,000 to the General Fund this year. Next year \$120,000 will be transferred out. The Board opposed these actions but to no avail.

The Board is considering requiring Continuing Education Units (CEUs) as part of geologist's professional certification. The board was advised that this would have to go through the Legislative Research Commission (LRC). Mr. Ryavec requested that someone from AIPG and KSPG attend the next meeting (April 6, 2009 at 1:30 pm) to discuss support for the program and potential requirements. The Board hopes to have the legislation drafted by the end of the year. Currently the Board would like to submit the proposal during the 2010 legislative session. General discussion about the relevancy and applicability of the ASBOG test (Practical and Fundamental sections) ensued. One of the concerns was that the Fundamentals portion of the test is not representative of the core courses taught at colleges and universities. Tom will submit a letter to ASBOG to convey our thoughts and concerns and discussed sending a couple of representatives from Kentucky to the national meeting.

Editor's Report – The first issue of the newsletter will likely go out in May. Richard would like to have the draft version of the field book submitted by the first of April to allow time for editing.

Old Business:

Outreach Committee Report - none

Faith indicated that there has been discussion of hosting outreach events similar to the one on global climate change (November 2008) on an annual basis. The general consensus was that in the current format, it is not known if the section can afford to continue host them unless a different approach that will help reduce costs is employed. The consensus was that we can continue to offer these types of programs, but we should consider co-sponsoring them which would ease the financial burden and still be supportive of outreach activities.

State employee career ladder effort: Dale Burton, who has recently retired from state government, is interested in working with Dr. Cobb and other state employees to get organized.

Awards: Larry Rhodes would like to have the awards a week to 10 days before the banquet in case a mistake has been made. He would like to have all nominations for Geologists of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards by March 1, 2009. Richard will send out the personal information to the Executive Comm. electronically for vote.

AIPG Display Stand: Richard Smath sent the template for AIPG's display to the vendor some time ago but they had made no progress. The vendor had asked for much more money so the materials were retrieved and given to Collie Rulo at the Survey who will be able to complete the work at a much lower rate.

Neon Sign: Charlie Mason will try to get the neon sign completed in time for the spring banquet. He is going to contact the vendor and try to accelerate the effort.

Displayed Award Plaque: Richard Smath looked into getting the plaque for the Lifetime Achievement Award that is on display at the survey, modified to accommodate more plates. The current plaque is full and only holds 12 plates. The vendor stated that it would be difficult to modify the existing plaque and recommended that we purchase either a new plaque that will hold 36 plates for \$150.00 or one that will

hold 48 plates for \$180.00. Charlie Mason made a motion to purchase the 36 plate plaque and Donnie Lumm seconded the motion. Passed.

Larry Rhodes indicated that National has been made aware of Ron Yost's passing.

New Business:

AIPG has issued the dues notification showing people in arrears. The Kentucky Section had about 12 members listed. Our section will send a notification letter to each person listed as a courtesy reminder.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled on April 4, 2009 at 9:30 in Lexington at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Lexington.
