

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 19, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Mike Gragg, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Daniel Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Julie Ross, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

President's Report:

Frank welcomed visitors and said he would present his report later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

No report

Past President's Report:

No report

Vice President Report:

Trent indicated that he would present his report later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes for the January 2011 meeting were sent out email and approved by electronic vote on February 15, 2011. Tim volunteered to contact National to request that they update their link our section's website.

Treasurer's Report: Donnie reported that he had not finalized the new treasurer's report but would send one out prior to the end of the month. He provided a summary (verbally) at the meeting but the report was not voted on.

<i>Previous Balance as of January 15, 2010</i>	<i>\$31,978.04</i>
Total Account Balance as of February 28, 2011	\$30,841.51
General Checking Acct.:	\$838.27
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$3,701.02
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,050.49

The Treasurer's Report, dated February 28, 2011, was subsequently submitted to the Executive Committee (via email) on March 3 and was approved by a majority vote on March 4, 2011.

Board of Registration Report:

Last meeting was held on Feb. 7, 2011. The next planned meeting was for April 11, 2011 but an interim meeting is set for March 29th to address changes in the Kentucky Administrative Regulations that govern the operations of the Board. Gil Cumbee mentioned that the Board received a list of 151 PGs that are not likely to renew their certifications. Another special meeting scheduled for May 13, 2011 will be held at the Core Barn during the KGS Annual Meeting.

Editor's Report:

Richard received the email list from the Geology Board and attempted to test it by sending out test messages but he received more than two hundred kick-backs. He has corrected some of the names that were misspelled but others are not so easy to fix.

Old Business:

Frank said he's been receiving positive feedback on the Horner lecture. He went on to thank Dan and the Paleontological Society, Richard Smath, Charlie Mason Faith Fiene for their assistance. All were in agreement that the program was a huge success. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 people attended the event. Frank indicated that he made arrangements for event donors (that requested it) to meet Dr. Jack Horner during lunch at the Faculty Club, or dinner at Malone's. Frank and Charlie took Dr. Horner on a driving field trip the following day that he seemed to enjoy.

Gil mentioned that it would be a good idea to submit an article about the event to national for publication in The Professional Geologist (TPG). Faith suggested that we prepare an 'after action' report that could be referenced in the future and shared with national so that other sections can learn from our successes and mistakes. Both ideas were widely accepted. Frank again thanked everyone for their participation.

Frank and Jim Cobb spoke briefly about beginning to consider speakers for the event next year and possibly partnering with ANS. Ken Miller, Eugenie Scott (head of National Center for Science Education), Mike Collings, Phil Carey, Simon Winchester, Neil Degross Tyson were some of the names mentioned as potential speakers. Frank will follow up with ANS to check their cost and requested that Dan follow up with Eugenie Scott on her schedule. Dan checked online and Eugenie Scott's suggested honorarium is currently \$5,000. Dan indicated that the last time she visited she charged approximately \$500.00.

Regarding the professional development conference (scheduled for April 19th): Donnie has estimated it will cost \$500 for food, \$175 for materials (name tags & printed materials), and about \$1,100 in speaker costs (about \$1,800 total cost rounded). Trent had checked with Brenda Crabtree with the state and was able to get money approved to send several state employees. Trent indicated that the state could send about 12 people at \$50.00 each and that they have several already signed up for the event. Jim said that he may contact the professional engineers to see if they would be interested in attending. It is important that we get sufficient turnout to be able to offer the discounted rate to the state employees. Charlie proposed that we offer the \$50 discount to Kentucky state employees for the conference, Trent seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The annual spring field trip is scheduled for April 30th. Tom Lierman is going to be the field trip leader and Charlie, Frank and Steve Greb will be assisting. Charlie spoke with park employees who indicated that the Cave will be open at the time of the trip. The general consensus was that transportation arrangements would be made once we have a better idea of how many will be in attendance. Frank indicated that we are still considering asking Andy Mead to speak at the banquet. Dan had mentioned it to Andy earlier but at that point he was not sure if he would or could accommodate our request. Charlie said John Tierny would be another option if Andy declines. Donnie asked if we should use the same costs that we used last year. The general consensus was that the same costs should be sufficient. Charlie made a motion that the same costs be used and Richard seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Frank indicated that we could eat from the buffet for dinner if all were in agreement. Lunch could be provided by setting up a lunch line consisting of cold cuts and cookies. Frank said that student would be allowed to attend for free as during the past several years.

New Business:

Frank indicated that someone had asked about the possibility of CEUs or PDHs being offered for attending the professional development workshop. Gil indicated that certificates could be issued to verify that a person attended the workshop and that one CEU or PDH be awarded for each hour attended. Richard had already developed a template that could be used. The certificates could be made based on the registration list. Gil recommended that the acronym PDH be used as opposed to CEUs because PDHs directly relate to the number of contact hours while CEUs are not necessarily issued on an hourly basis. Additionally, CEUs are calculated differently based on the implementing agencies requirements. Gil further recommended that the Section keep records documenting attendees of each conference/trip. These records would be retained a minimum of five (5) years. Jim Cobb volunteered that Mandy at KGS could maintain the records of attendees. Donnie made a motion that a letter or certificate be created to verify the attendance of registrants to a workshop and field trips that offers PDHs. Charlie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank and Larry requested nominations for the Lifetime Achievement and Geologist of the Year awards.

The Illinois/Indiana Section has requested that at least one AIPG member from each surrounding state serve as a liaison to help with marketing the National Meeting. The communication was interpreted as a request to assistance in obtaining sponsors and exhibitors for the event. Donnie Lumm volunteered to respond to the Illinois/Indiana Section by e-mail and provide an attached list of meeting sponsors and exhibitors who participated at the 2005 AIPG Annual Meeting hosted by the Kentucky Section

Natural History Museum: In the late 1990s a plan for establishing the museum passed legislation but was not granted funding. The framework is already in place. One of the first objectives revive this effort would be to develop a list of donors/sponsors to provide the funding for the museum. Frank has requested that Don Chestnut come to our next meeting to speak about this more. Frank indicated that this museum would have to be a goal of many other organizations, not just geologists. The museum is set up as a 501c3 therefore contributions would be tax deductible. Jim indicated that the costs to fund the museum cannot be funded by one-time contributions because costs will be on-going. Faith recommended that AIPG cannot do this alone but may be able to participate in a strategic support group. Frank recommended that we table this discussion today and agree to develop a plan to get this initiative underway.

Science Fair: Faith requested that our section award two books and two \$50.00 checks for the winners of the science fair as we did last year. Frank took a vote and all were in favor.

Highway Geologists Symposium at the downtown Hilton July 25th - 28th. The deadline for the call for papers is March 1, 2011.

Jim mentioned that the KGS annual meeting is usually the largest in the industry. Jim has arranged for Patrick Leahy, Executive Director of American Geological Institute (AGI) to speak on the future of the profession of geology. The PG Board will also have a meeting during the day. Jim is requesting that the professional and practicing geologists pull together, support and attend the meeting. Jim stated that we need to reach out to the professionals in Kentucky to spark and maintain interest in the profession. Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011.

The next meeting is scheduled on March 26th, 2011 at 10am in Room 102 at KGS.

Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.