

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Friday, February 10, 2012
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Dan Phelps, **Richard Smath**, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 7:44 pm

President's Report:

Charlie Mason welcomed all in attendance and reported that he spoke with Jim Howard who was preparing to attend a national AIPG meeting in Tucson, Arizona. Charlie received an email from Charlie Cavanaugh, AIPG's new national vice president, asking what he can do to help the sections. Charlie recommended that they provide publicity for the sections and that they improve the quality of the membership cards.

President Elect's Report:

Trent Garrison reported that he assembled a list of all of the active geology organizations that he could think of. The purpose is to have a database that can be utilized by the Kentucky Geologic Consortium (KGC) as needed. Trent further reported that Richard Smath had requested that he hold off on setting up the new web page for KGC as had been discussed earlier, because they may be able to work it into the Kentucky Geologic Survey's (KGS) website.

Past President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn reported that he will hold his comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Bill Brab reported that the posters and brochures for the Eugenia Scott program have been completed and distributed.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the January 21, 2012 meeting were mailed out (electronically) to all Executive Committee Members, on February 2, 2012. The minutes were approved on February 10, 2012. Copies of the minutes were provided to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of December, 2011</i>	<i>\$40,187.89</i>
Total Account Balance as of Jan. 31, 2011	\$40,302.71
General Checking Acct.:	\$483.96
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$12,772.13
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,046.62

Bill made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Registration Report:

No report.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that he has been keeping the website current and disseminating information to the membership as needed.

Old Business:

February 2012 Professional Development Seminar:

Charlie asked if anyone has contacted the newspapers for publicity. Dan Phelps indicated that he has contacted Linda Blackford, a reporter at the Herald Leader. Dan asked for posters/literature to hand out at a science fair this weekend. Both Frank and Faith indicated that they have additional material that he can distribute. Richard said he would follow up with Mike Lynch. Charlie and Frank reported that they have distributed information concerning the event to their respective schools. Trent indicated that he has compiled a list of contacts indicated he will notify them.

Dan reported that Dr. Scott will be staying with a friend from Transylvania University on Tuesday and that she will check into the motel at some point on Wednesday. Donnie indicated that the section has offered to pay \$10 each morning of her stay for breakfast in the hotel if she so chooses. Dan stated that he is attempting to host a brunch at Joseph Beth's Book Store at about 11 am on Thursday before the talk. Frank, Charlie and Dan discussed the possibility of having lunch/dinner at the faculty club at around 5:00 pm with a limited number of guests to 5 or 6 people.

A partial list of contributors for the event is as follows: \$150 from EKU, \$250 from the Kentucky Academy of Science, \$500 from the UK Biology Department, \$250 Morehead, \$500 from the Kentucky Paleontological Society and \$100 from the UK Geology Department. Charlie plans to acknowledge each of the supporters prior to the conclusion of the event.

Tom Lierman asked if parking arrangements have been made and if the campus police have been contacted regarding traffic/crowd control. Frank mentioned that they should at least be made aware of the event and that he would notify them. Richard has already made the parking arrangements for the event. Parking tokens should be issued at the faculty club when participants are ready to leave the faculty club. Richard indicated that the parking restrictions will be lifted at 3pm.

The Recital Hall seats nearly 400 people. The cost of utilizing the hall will run approximately \$734.75. Bill asked about volunteers that could help at the event. Dan indicated that the KPS has volunteers willing to help where needed. The Singletary Center has ushers on staff and event volunteers should not interfere with their operation.

Charlie will be the Master of Ceremony (MC) and will give an overview of AIPG, past and potential future speakers, and a little about Charles Darwin from a geology standpoint. He will then turn the program over to Dan who will introduce Dr. Scott. Tentatively there will be a short question and answer session following the presentation. A microphone will hopefully be available for those who have questions. Richard will look into securing a microphone for use. A smaller gathering will be held in the President's room after the talk to afford attendees the opportunity to meet Dr. Scott. Donnie asked that anyone who has incurred expenses during the process of setting up the event contact him so they may be reimbursed.

Geology Short Course to San Salvador (March):

Frank reported that he thinks we may be near reaching the minimum number needed to host the trip. It appears there are at least 28 people signed up to go. The maximum number allowed, excluding the trip leaders, is 30. Frank indicated that he is willing to put the plane manifest together and that additional information (health questionnaire, passport number.) is required and should be assembled within the next week. Donnie reported that the plane has been reserved with a deposit of \$8,500.00, equal to one-half of the charter cost. The balance of the charter cost (\$8,500.00) will be due on March 7. The passenger's fare (student: \$1,030.00 and professional: \$1,080.00) will be due on the February 17th, with people qualifying for a refund through February 27th.

Trent asked if someone could video some of the stops if he is unable to make it. The video(s) could be posted to the section's Facebook page when the trip is finished. Frank and Charlie stated that they thought they should be able to find someone to record some footage.

Frank asked about the availability of evaluation forms to review after short courses. Charlie stated that he may have a form that he can modify to serve the purpose our need. Richard recommended that if anyone is

interested in receiving professional development hours (PDHs) for attending the event, they can be mailed after the trip is over.

New Business

Charlie brought up the fact that the Kentucky Board of Registration has requested that the Kentucky Section of AIPG be a sponsor for a field trip to Jephtha Knob during the upcoming ASBOG conference. The amount of the requested sponsorship was \$250.00. Donnie made a motion to make the donation, Richard seconded and it carried unanimously.

Faith Fiene asked if the section would be agreeable to provide two awards at the State Science Fair this year, to be awarded to students with the best science projects. The fair is scheduled to be held on the last Saturday in March. Faith made a motion that AIPG pay for the cost of 2 books (middle and high school) and a \$50 check for each of those two levels, to be given as awards to the winners of the best science projects. A provision to purchase another book would be available in each category if a team were to win. Frank seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Donnie mentioned that it's time to send out the requests for nominations to universities. Charlie stated that if these awards are to be presented at the annual KGS Banquet (May 18th), a deadline of the first or second week in April should be established.

Donnie passed out a copy of a letter he received from Robert Fox who submitted a nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Donnie shared an email from Beth Barnes regarding the potential internships for assisting AIPG with hosting events as discussed in the future. The response essentially indicated that an intern would have to be directly supervised by an event planning professional and that the position(s) would have to be paid. The Kentucky Section of AIPG does not have the ability to hire employees. There appeared to be a significant amount of requirements that we were not aware of so the option was abandoned.

Trent asked if there is still interest in 'live-streaming' the meetings over the internet so that those who are not local can participate. He also mentioned that the section should consider occasionally hosting meetings on Friday evenings where a speaker could be present.

Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Frank seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at 10 am @ KGS, in Room 102.