

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 2015  
Kentucky Geological Survey  
Room 222, Mining & Mineral Resources Building  
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Ashley Bandy, Ralph Bandy, **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, Trent Garrison, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

## Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by President Donnie Lumm.

## President's Report:

Donnie mentioned that the recent ASBOG refresher course and Darwin Lecture Series went well. Bill Brab indicated that Dr. David Meyer of the University of Cincinnati, was appreciative of the opportunity to be the guest speaker. Dan Phelps estimated that there were approximately 100 attendees at the lecture. Donnie mentioned that the acoustics and sound system of Memorial Hall made it difficult to hear the speaker clearly. Richard Smath mentioned that if there are ever any concerns about the sound system during these lectures, the personnel in charge of acoustics typically sit on the front row and can make any audio adjustments needed.

A brief discussion was held about identifying a speaker for next year's Darwin Lecture. Dan is still working on obtaining a commitment from Dr. Neil Schubin. As a backup, Frank Ettensohn mentioned that he may be able to ask Dr. Phil Dobson.

## President Elect Report

Dan reported that he has several requests to visit schools but can't get the time off work to accommodate all of the requests. He asked that if anyone has any interests in visiting schools, to let him know and he can share the contacts. He shared a photo album of his trip to Antarctica with the group.

## Vice President's report

Faith Fiene indicated that she is assisting with the state science fair and has requested that the section provide awards as has been done in years past. She also requested that the Kentucky Section consider a maximum obligation of \$400.00 to support the event; \$200 of this amount would be used as a sponsorship. Faith stated that she would like to obtain two second edition versions of the book entitled *Smithsonian* to present to the winners. The Kentucky Section of AIPG has historically presented certificates and offered each winner of their respective division (Junior High and High School) a check for \$50. Donnie made a motion to support Faith's request(s). The motion passed.

## Past President's Report:

Bill Brab met with the University of Kentucky (UK) Geology Club on February 18, 2015 and was interested in chartering the chapter. He is working with National and Ron Wallace from the Georgia Section to identify the appropriate steps that need to be followed to accomplish this task. Bill expressed concern that obtaining a charter for the section does not appear to have many added benefits and could increase expenses for the section. He has a meeting set up with the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) Geology Club in early to mid April.

Bill reported that several of the students with whom he met, were interested in the Section hosting another outreach event. Faith indicated that Sarah's BBQ is a good option to consider. Frank indicated that he had spoken with the business about possibly hosting the event and they seemed receptive. Bill's initial impression was that "dead week" would be a good time to host the event. Trent Garrison reminded everyone that Masterson Station has been considered as a venue, but no obligation has been made as yet.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the January 17, 2015 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on February 25, 2015, and approved on February 26, 2015 after minor changes recommended by the Executive Committee had been made.

Tim also reported that he was contacted via phone and email by a company called "StarChapter". They indicated that they specialize in association management and represented themselves as having worked with several AIPG sections across the country. They asked Tim if he was still the Section secretary and if would be okay to send additional information via email. Tim cautiously agreed. After evaluating the information, Tim concluded that the company essentially sells association management software and they offer support. A quick review of the information on their website ([www.starchapter.com](http://www.starchapter.com)) suggests that their software is basically used to manage a website. They manage member and prospective member information and allow payments to be accepted online. There are data limits and an ongoing cost obligation of \$49/mo. (for small chapters with fewer than 100 members). The most recent information from National is that the Kentucky Section has 172 active members which means that the section would incur a one-time set-up fee of \$899.00 and our ongoing cost would be \$100/mo.

Tim forwarded the information Vickie Hill at National to ask if she is familiar with the company. She said no. Wendy Davidson also responded and confirmed that National is not associated with the group, but added that she recalls that a couple of sections reported that they had used them in years past. All agreed that there does not appear to be a benefit to utilizing these services. Donnie took an opportunity to recognize Richard for his work on the website, and thanked him for his efforts.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim DeCinque reported the following balances for the AIPG bank accounts:

Previous balance as of December 31, 2014	\$34,523.74
<b>Total Funds as of January 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$39,756.40</b>
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>+\$5,232.66</i>

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Donnie requested a summary of the expenses of the Professional Development Course which had an income of \$605.00 as compared to expenses of \$767.49. Trent suggested that we re-visit the cost structure of the event to make costs more consistent. Donnie indicated that this topic should be given additional consideration.

Gil Cumbee suggested that the section consider evaluating the effectiveness of the ASBOG review course by following up on test results to verify the number of participants who pass the test. All were in agreement. The next ASBOG exam is scheduled for March 6, 2015.

The finances for the Darwin Lecture Series were summarized as follows: the approximate expenses were \$665.91 (plus the pending invoice for printing), while the currently estimated income was \$550.00, but several other sponsorships are pending receipt.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that Larry Rhodes gave Jerry Weisenfluh a copy of pamphlet entitled "Tasks of a Professional Geologist" as prepared by ASBOG. Richard has added it to the website.

**Discussion Points:**

Bahamas Carbonate Short Course Update (March 14-21, 2015)

Frank Etensohn indicated that plans for the short course appear to be going well. He reported that ten students, nine professionals, eight family members and two trip leaders are signed up. Some are having issues scheduling travel to the island because of the number of people going and the size of the airplanes. Charlie Mason indicated that he is having some issues with travel arrangements and may not be able to make the trip. He suggested that another participant may be able to assist Frank.

Frank said he has a bill from the hosting facility for just over \$10,000.00, but two to three people have withdrawn since it was received, so the cost of the invoice will be adjusted down. The Section has collected in excess of \$14,000.00 for this short course and still has the potential to host a profitable trip. Jim asked that Frank request to pay the invoice soon because he will be leaving on a business trip in the near future.

Bill reported that Drew Andrews will be able to continue to assist in teaching the ASBOG refresher course for a while if needed, but thinks the responsibilities should be shared. Bill indicated that he and Todd Hendricks would be interested in teaching portions of the course. Todd could teach the general geology section and Bill is interested in teaching hydrogeology.

#### 2015 Spring Short Course Update (April 17-18, 2015)

The coursework is entitled *Unconventional Oil and Gas Reserves*, and is being currently planned to be held over a two day period as summarized below:

Part A – The technical session, will be held from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Prospective speakers for this section would include Harry Callicotte (ECSI), Kim Collings (Ky. Division of Oil and Gas), Dave Harris (KGS), William Gilliam (Terra Nova), Brandon Nuttall (KGS), Boyd Gray (Rubicon), Phil Waters (Cardno-MMA) and Donnie Lumm (ECSI).

Part B – The field portion, will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The trip will focus on the petrology, stratigraphy, and depositional environments of prominent hydrocarbon-rich units in northeastern Kentucky, giving special attention to the Upper Devonian gas-shale units (lower Huron and Cleveland Shale). Frank suggested that the group stop at Boyd Gray's office which is near the area where the field trip is planned. Boyd specializes in geo-steering and the stop could be used as the lunch break. Charlie suggested that the old Walmart parking located on the south side of the interstate be used as the departure place. The field trip leaders will be Frank Etensohn (UK), Charlie Mason (Morehead), and Tom Lierman (EKU)

Donnie asked Bill to modify the registration form that was used for the karst short course for use during the current event. Larry asked about offering professional development hours/continuing education units and Donnie responded that they would be offered for each day.

Frank mentioned that AIPG is hosting a similar course in Columbus, Ohio the same weekend and was concerned about conflict. Donnie mentioned that the event in Columbus is scheduled for April 22-24 and as a result, there would be no scheduling conflict. Faith mentioned that the event is only six weeks away and the Section has not started advertising or discussed cost. Donnie recommended that the Ky.-AIPG registration document give participants an option to attend either day or both days.

#### KGS Annual Meeting (May 15, 2015)

Larry has not received any nominations for the annual awards. In light of this fact, Donnie asked Richard to extend the deadline date to April 24, 2015. Bill requested clarification of the requirements to qualify for the Lifetime Achievement Award versus the Geologist of the Year Award.

#### AIPG Section By-Laws Update

Bill reported that he has reviewed our by-laws and compared with other Sections. He said the wording was similar, but is still concerned about the language in Section 3.3.1, which defines what is required to have a quorum. He suggested that Section 4.1.2 (Meetings) and several other sections be revisited to verify applicability.

#### Update of Income and Expense Trends

Gil prepared a Power Point presentation giving an overview of the Section's income and expenses during the 2014 calendar year. Income in 2014 was approximately \$11,511.28. He also looked at income over time, comparing annual income amounts from 2000 to present, which shows an increasing trend. The income section of the report was further broken into categories including membership dues, annual dues & donations. The portion of the report showing expenses indicated that the Section incurred about \$8,500 in costs during 2014. According to the data, the expense trend since 2000 is increasing. The category was also subdivided into dues, donations, meetings and conventions, scholarships and donations.

#### Board of Registration Update

Larry reported that the last Board meeting was January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the next one will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Gil indicated that AIPG is planning on sending out copies of letters to 120 County Judge Executives *and* County Extension Agencies which would essentially double that number to 240 letters. Donnie recommended that it would be more efficient to email the letters if the addresses can be obtained, but suggested the copies be sent both electronically and physically.

Gil spoke with Randy Kath, who is the 2015 president of the executive committee for ASBOG, who indicated that the organization will incur some unexpected expenses this year as a result of some legal issues. Gil assured that the additional expenses will not affect the exam schedule but several changes should be expected in the future as a result of the recent developments.

Charlie suggested that the section consider recognizing or honoring Dr. Tom Lierman, former professor at Eastern Kentucky University, for his contributions to the Section. He is not an AIPG member and therefore would not qualify for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Donnie agreed.

Donnie recommended that the next meeting be scheduled for April 4, 2015 at 10:00 am in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Jim made a motion to accept the meeting date and Dan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.