

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Kevin Cary, **Tim Crumbie**, Jim DeCinque, Frank Ettensohn, **Trent Garrison**, Bill Haneberg, Charlie Mason, **Dan Phelps**, John Popp, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**, William Gilliam.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Mark Sweet. Mark welcomed all that were in attendance.

President's Report

Mark thanked Dan Phelps for his efforts as section president during the 2016 calendar year. Trent Garrison reported that at 2:00 pm in Richmond today, a gathering will be held at The Beer House as an informal celebration of life for Dr. Tom Lierman. Mark mentioned that the deadline for making nominations to National AIPG for annual awards is January 15, 2017 and asked if anyone had nominations, to please let him know.

Mark mentioned that he had recently spoken with National AIPG and requested an updated Kentucky membership list. This information could be used as a potential source for contacting current AIPG members to increasing participation. Mark reported that he is also planning on working with Melissa Dieckmann at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) to build a database of current and past students who could be contacted as potential future AIPG members. He also indicated that ECU has recently established an AIPG Student Chapter.

Bill Brab sent word by Trent, that the PG Exam review course is scheduled for February 11, 2017 and only two participants have registered so far. Bill Haneberg added that hosting a student workshop concentrating on how to prepare resumes would be a good option for an outreach event this spring.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the December 3, 2016 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on January 11, 2017. The draft minutes were approved (by electronic vote) after minor changes. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Jim DeCinque seconded. The motion passed.

Larry Rhodes reported that he attended the National ASBOG meeting in Lawrence, Kansas in November of 2016. General discussion was held about how the review process works and how the content of the test is determined. Charlie Mason reported that to be able to participate in the review process, you have to be sanctioned by the Board of Registration.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque handed out copies of the financial report in Bill Brab's absence.

Balance as of November 30, 2016	\$36,116.00
Total Funds as of December 31, 2016	\$35,939.24
Net change from previous report:	-\$176.76

General discussion followed about current and past year budgeting and cash flow. Tim made a motion to accept the report, Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Jim reported that he has completed the annual financial report that is sent to National AIPG each year and provided copies to the committee for review. It is not due until March but he wanted to give the committee time to review it prior to submittal. Trent made a motion to accept the annual report as provided, Richard Smath seconded. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Past President's Report

Dan reported that he prepared a draft letter requesting sponsorship for the pending Darwin Lecture and requested comments. He also requested the names of additional potential sponsors if they are not already on the list. Richard indicated that the requests for sponsorship need to be sent out as soon as possible to avoid the names of late sponsors from being excluded from the event poster, which has to be prepared earlier in the process. Charlie added that it may be better to acknowledge sponsors verbally during the introduction, and on the opening power point presentation to ensure that even the late sponsors are not omitted. The lecture is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7 pm in the Seay Auditorium on the University of Kentucky (UK) Campus.

President Elect's Report

Trent suggested that the Executive Committee set about 15 minutes aside to address student chapter representatives concerns when they attend section KY AIPG meetings. He added that the majority of meeting topics do not apply directly to them, and this would give them an opportunity to contribute.

Mark mentioned that Melissa Dieckmann had conveyed to him, that an opportunity exists to have up to \$5,000.00 of a student intern's salary paid through the National Science Foundation. This opportunity could be attractive to potential employers who have internships to offer and AIPG could assist with facilitating this program.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the KY-AIPG website is current and will be updated when he receives the finalized version of the December 3, 2016 minutes. He will also send out an email next week, listing upcoming events.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Frank Ettensohn reported that seven people are registered to attend the Bahama's short course, but we need eight to break even. The deadline for registration is January 20th, 2017, but that can be moved back a bit. Frank mentioned it is critical to let those attending know if the event is going to happen as soon as possible, to give them time to make travel arrangements far enough in advance to get the best prices.

State science fair update: Faith Fiene will be attending the Kentucky State Fair which will be held on April 1, 2017 at EKU in the Alumni Coliseum. Dan and Frank reported that judges are always needed. The Fayette County Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Bryan Station High School in Lexington, Kentucky.

Charlie reported that he spoke with Dr. James Kirkland with the Utah Geological Survey, the speaker for the Darwin Lecture Series, and he has requested that AIPG purchase his plane tickets in advance. Charlie and Jim generally discussed potential options as to how the purchase can be handled, and other minor costs that will be reimbursable to Charlie. Mark asked that Charlie get an estimate of the costs together and the voting to approve them can be performed electronically so as not to slow the process.

Charlie emphasized that KY AIPG should follow up with the opportunity to serve as a 'clearinghouse' of sorts, for the paid internships referenced earlier in the meeting. Mark added that along these lines, AIPG could also provide a similar service for the professional community. For instance, if a retired person wanted to work 10 hours per week, then AIPG may be able to facilitate that. Trent mentioned that this 'service' could be advertised in the annual newsletter. John Popp reported that his professional career started as an internship and he very much supports this option. John suggested that an 'internship coordinator' or similar, be established to guide this effort.

Mark revisited the issue regarding the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) pay grade change that was approved for Environmental Control and Professional Engineer (PE) Supervisors, but not for Geologist Registered Supervisors. He indicated that he would touch base with Bart Schaffer to discuss the issue and determine if this effort is something that AIPG can assist with.

Dan reported the next meeting of the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) is scheduled for January 27, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mines and Mineral Resource Building. Steve Greb will be the speaker. The next KPS field trip will be to the Cincinnati Museum Center on February 25, 2017.

Board of Registration Report

Larry reported that the last Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting was held on December 5, 2016. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 6, 2017 and they have a new Board Administrator named Tammy Sharp who replaces Lucy Duvall as the Board Administrator.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 18th, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Trent made a motion to adjourn, Richard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.