

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2020

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

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Kevin Carey, **Megan Cleinmark**, **Tim Crumbie**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, **Donnie Lumm**, **Edward Lo**, Daniel Phelps, **John Popp**, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

President's Report

Edward reported that the outreach event at the East Kentucky Science Center (EKSC) on December 14, 2019 went very well. He thought that the venue was nice and the turn out for the event was good. He recommended visiting there again later in the year. Richard Smath suggested that Edward take a bucket of brachiopods (state fossil) to hand out with membership applications. Edward mentioned that Mineral Labs, Incorporated, Salyersville, Kentucky, provided several samples that helped and were appreciated.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm prepared a Section Newsletter summarizing the accomplishments during the 2019 year. The letter has been posted on the KY-AIPG website. He also met with Edward and Megan on December 30, 2019 to provide assistance/guidance that will help them to succeed in their roles as President and President Elect respectively.

President Elect

Megan Cleinmark indicated that she does not have a formal report to present but has been taking note of her professional network for future references and resources.

Vice President

John Popp reminded everyone that he will be presenting at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Regional Meeting to be held in Reston, Virginia on March 20-22, 2020 and asked if anyone is planning to attend. Frank Ettensohn added that he will be hosting a field trip during the event on March 19, 2020.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the December 7, 2019 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on January 9, 2019. Four votes to approve the minutes were received following minor revisions and a fifth vote, representing the majority, was received this morning.

The ballot for the KY-AIPG 2020 Executive Committee Elections was emailed the membership on December 9, 2019 and the voting period closed on December 20, 2019. John and Megan were unanimously elected to serve as Vice President and President Elect respectively. National AIPG was notified of the results (by email) the following week.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for the period December 31, 2019. The report is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2019	\$24,558.27
Checking Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$24,478.63
PayPal Account Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2019	\$24,478.63
Net change from previous report:	- \$79.64

John made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Donnie Lumm seconded. The motion passed.

Bill has received the annual Section Income and Debt Reporting forms from National AIPG and will have that report prepared for the next meeting.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is current with the exception of updating the AIPG Executive Committee Members.

Darwin Lecture

The 2020 Darwin Lecture is scheduled for February 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Lee A. Dugatkin, Professor, Behavioral Ecologist and Evolutionary Biologist, will be the presenter. Richard and Edward checked for available venues and most were occupied. The University of Kentucky (UK) Biology Department is co-hosting the event and has agreed to the use of the Morgan Auditorium (room 107) in the Thomas Hunt Morgan Building. Richard added that he has received approval to use Parking Structure #2 for the event. He is also developing a flyer and information for his biography. He will need to obtain permission to use this material and verify its accuracy prior to dissemination.

Edward said he is working with a graphic designer and is trying to retain the format of flyers from years past, but will modify the content. Donnie mentioned that he will assist in developing a letter to solicit event sponsors.

Campus Outreach

The UK Student Chapter of AIPG will meet on January 28, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Bill said he needs to reach out to Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU-Sarah Johnson) to verify their meeting schedules. Bill reported that NKU has asked that he serve as an advisory board member. He is currently considering offer. Bill added that he has not contacted Western Kentucky University (WKU), Murray State or Morehead State University. Donnie indicated that he will follow up with Morehead and try to schedule a meeting in the next couple of months. John reported that he may be able to help with the NKU relationship. Megan said she may be able to serve as the liaison for WKU.

General discussion was held about campus visits and it was agreed that it would be good to visit before Spring break and if possible, again before finals start.

Ignite Your Career To Success National Conference Call

The California Section of AIPG is hosting the fifth annual “Ignite Your Career to Success” conference call on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 7 pm EST. The one-hour session is intended to direct participants toward success in the earth sciences job market.

EKU Mock Interviews

Dr. John Malzone and Dr. Walter Borowski (EKU) will be hosting an event called Geoscience Smock Interviews in Room 2233 of the New Science Building for their students on February 12, 2020 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm and they have requested assistance from professionals. Bill will check with to see if KY-AIPG we can help. He has asked that professionals donate some time to this event if possible.

Bill has contacted Beth Ann Winbarger about hosting an event on resume writing and interviewing at UK. The plans are still being developed.

Edward asked about the annual student award nominations and Tim said that the requests for nominations will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Bill added that KY-AIPG should make sure to have the nominations sent to the appropriate committee with an option to email the letters to the KY-AIPG mailbox. This would allow copies of the letters to be distributed electronically and would also give the Executive Committee Members time to review them prior to the meeting.

Other Discussion Topics

The next ASBOG exam review is scheduled for January 24, 2020 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm at Earth Analysis Research Library (EARL) of KGS.

General discussion was held about topics for potential workshops for the fall. Potential topics include regulatory review, field methods, how to sample, public record reviews, technical writing and so on.

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update

The next Board of Registration meeting is February 10, 2020 at the Mero Street location in Frankfort, Kentucky. Bill reported that the Board members are still reviewing the sunset date regulation and considering revisions. Once revised, they then have to file documents to justify why each provision of the regulation is still required and relevant. If this is not completed, the regulation will sunset. Bruce Scott and Tammy Sharp are overseeing this process.

Edward suggested recommendations on how the KY-AIPG can increase the engagement of AIPG members across the state. He suggested holding meetings at different locations and thinks that non-represented industries could be contacted in an attempt to solicit participation. Bill talked about meeting timing (Saturday meetings), dates, times and venues. There are a lot of opportunities and variables to consider. Edward recommended considering the Wild Fig as a potential meeting place. He said the meetings could be held free of charge but a small donation would be appreciated.

Faith Fiene reported that the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) met yesterday (January 17, 2020) and they discussed hosting a Family Fun day in November, possible a boat trip down the Kentucky River. Faith reported that the boat will hold about 150 people and they anticipate the cost will be about \$300.00. She asked if KY-AIPG and the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) would be interested in co-sponsoring the event. Faith indicated that the date has not been finalized pending so many other professional activities that are scheduled during the timeframe. She said she will start trying to narrow down the available dates

to facilitate scheduling and requested that dates for events that have already been scheduled be emailed to her.

Frank announced that the 2020 GSK Fall field trip will be to Lower Howard's Creek (in Winchester, KY) which will be named a Distinguished Geologic Site. The trip will likely be held scheduled for late September. A banquet will be held in conjunction with the event at Hall's on the River.

Faith mentioned the Kentucky State Science and Engineering Fair that will be hosted at EKU this spring. She indicated that she only has one copy of the Smithsonian Earth Book left, which has historically been awarded to the winner(s) in each category and she needs to order more. Donnie made a motion that KY-AIPG provide funds to reimburse Faith for the expenses to order new books, John seconded. The motion passed.

Dan Phelps announced that the Fayette County Science Fair will be held at Frederick Douglas High School on February 1, 2020. He added that judges are needed. Volunteers will need to contact the Fayette County School Board because a background check is required. Edward and Frank indicated they have signed up as judges.

The KPS will have their monthly meeting on January 31, 2020 at 7:30pm in this room and Dan will give a presentation on meteorites in the early solar system. They also have a trip scheduled to the Cincinnati Science Museum and in March and are trying to schedule a trip to Jephtha Knob. Dan added that the documentary '*We Believe in Dinosaurs*' will premier on the PBS show Independent Lens at 10:00 pm on February 17, 2020. The program will repeat several times and at multiple venues over the next couple of days.

The Society for Vertebrate Paleontology will hold their Annual International meeting on October 14 -17, 2020 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Visit www.vertpaleo.org for more information.

Next Meeting

Bill made a motion to hold the next meeting at the Wild Fig Books and Coffee at 726 N. Limestone in Lexington, KY on February 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm. John seconded. The motion passed. John made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.