

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 222, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, **Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo**, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, **John Popp, Richard Smath**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 10:05 am by welcoming everyone and reporting that he is accessible to everyone by email and will attempt to respond to all messages in a timely manner.

President's Report

Donnie reported that he anticipates that the KY-AIPG will hold nine or ten meetings over the course of the year. He added that he has prepared a letter nominating Frank Ettensohn for the prestigious Ben H. Parker Memorial Medal that is awarded annually by National AIPG. The award, which recognizes geologists who have made significant contributions to profession, will be announced in the Spring of 2019 and will be presented on September 16 at the Annual Meeting in Burlington, VT.

President Elect

Edward Lo reported that he is currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky (UK) and is classified as a Young Professional with AIPG.

Vice President

John Popp thanked everyone for supporting him in his new role as Vice President and asked if there are any responsibilities for the position beyond what is included in the KY-AIPG By-Laws. John added that he is retired but is still doing part time independent geological consulting (coal, sand and gravel and frac sand).

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the December 15, 2018 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on December 20, 2018 and were approved after minor modifications. Tim added that he has been in contact with National AIPG several times over the past month and the topics of those discussions will be covered later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Brab produced and distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2018 to the Executive Committee for approval. Bill read the various balance line items listed on the report and which are summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2018	\$29,676.37
Checking Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$29,572.66
PayPal Account Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$29,572.66
Net change from previous report:	-\$103.71

John Popp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Edward approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Past President's Report

No report.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is current but he may need to update information on the Darwin Lecture as more becomes available. He added that on a personal note, his health report is clear.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Review and Skills Workshop

Bill reported that the plans for the pending Review and Skills course are going well. The course is scheduled to start at 7:45 am on January 26, 2019 and will be held at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). Donnie said he will be in attendance in the morning to represent AIPG. Dan Phelps will be there to represent the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) and be the point of contact for the lunch delivery. John indicated that he will be available to assist with cleaning at the completion of the course. Costs to attend the course are as follows: non AIPG members-\$105, government employees-\$90, Professional AIPG members-\$80, Non AIPG Students-\$25 and Student AIPG Members-no charge. Donnie indicated that he will provide information announcing the event to National AIPG. Bill requested that ASBOG not be mentioned if such information is provided to National because they are not affiliated with and do not endorse the review course.

Darwin Lecture Series

Edward reported that the Kincaid Auditorium is reserved for 7-8 pm on February 21, 2019. He worked with Sigma Gamma Epsilon to secure the auditorium and a graphics designer in the student center to prepare the program. The flier has been prepared and was passed out for review. Richard has a draft of the program prepared and will distribute it for comment. He added that he has reached out to Frank Etnensohn to check with Dave Moecher (UK), Charlie Mason (President, Geological Society of Kentucky-GSK) and Bill Haneberg (KGS director) to sponsor the event. Donnie said he will work with Bill Brab to send out additional requests for sponsorships. On January 30th, 2019, Richard will meet with Sigma Gamma Epsilon to go over the audio visual operations. Parking is available for the event but the details are still being worked out. Richard indicated that he is still working on how and where the signs will be posted and which lots are available for parking. Donnie indicated that he will present the AIPG introduction at the beginning of the event and asked if anyone would be interested in introducing the speaker. Bill suggested with contacting the UK and ECU geology clubs to see if any of the students would be willing to volunteer to assist with the program (parking and directing attendees to the auditorium).

Bahamas Trip (Modern Carbonate Depositional Environments)

Frank reported that some of the attendees who have paid in full or made deposits to attend the course may not be able to attend and will need refunds. He also has registrations from several new people who want to attend. Frank reported that nine people are currently scheduled to attending. He said that plane tickets have increased (as predicted) and are difficult to obtain at this point. Frank reported that there are currently about the same number of attendees as there were last year.

Kentucky and Fayette County Science Fairs

Faith reported that the Kentucky Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 at EKU and that volunteers are needed. Faith said that AIPG usually provides a sponsorship of \$200 for the event, and \$50 for the High School and Junior High School winners and a book. Donnie made a motion to support the event with a \$200 sponsorship, Richard seconded. Motion Passed. Richard then made a motion to provide the \$50 checks and books, John seconded. The motion passed.

Dan reported that the Fayette County Science Fair is February 2, 2019 at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington, KY. He said the KPS will have a table with fossils and volunteers are needed. He added that a background check is required to participate in the program.

Campus Visits

Donnie reported that he is planning a trip to Murray State University on March 8, 2019. Trent Garrison is planning to visit Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on a date yet to be determined. Mark Sweet is scheduling a visit to EKU, and a trip is being scheduled to Western Kentucky University (WKU) at some point in April. Donnie will communicate with Jen O'Keefe at Morehead State University to schedule a visit there.

Tim will send out the requests for nominations to the colleges and universities within the next couple of weeks and Richard will send out a blanket email requesting nominations for the Geologist of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards will tentatively be presented KGS Annual Meeting will be held on May 17, 2019, location to be announced.

Richard announced that KGS is holding an Open House at the core library on February 15, 2019, between 1:00pm and 4:00 pm.

Topics for Fall Technical Short Course/workshop

Donnie asked for input from attendees for potential topics that could be used for the 2019 short course. General discussion was held and the consensus was that the cost of the carbonate workshop was too low. John suggested that something similar to the course that was hosted last year would be appreciated based on comments that he has received from engineers. Charlie Mason suggested that a similar course be held this year, only on clastics. Charlie indicated that the field trip for a course of this type may not be as easily achievable as it was for the carbonate workshop. Bill suggested that if necessary, the venue could be changed to facilitate the field trip. The event could possibly be held at Morehead or the course/workshop could be spread over two days with one day for lecture and one day for the field trip. Donnie said he would follow up with John, Frank and a few others to determine the feasibility and logistics of hosting this type of event. Faith suggested that KY-AIPG should consider hosting the carbonate and clastic workshops repeatedly and consider hosting it at multiple locations around the state. Frank added that there is a need for training on interpreting geophysical logs and that could be incorporated in this rotation.

Charlie added that the GSK is having their Fall Field Trip along Route 9 in Grayson, Kentucky. The excursion would head northward toward Route 10. He reported that one of his student indicated that a new fire clay pit has recently been opened on property owned by their parents and that he could probably get access. The fire clay is reported to be 12 feet thick at this location.

Other Discussion Topics

General discussion was held about National AIPG's requirement to have a KY Section Screening Chairperson to review new member candidate applications for National. Tim volunteered to serve as the committee chairperson and when needed, applicant information will be dispersed to the Executive Committee for evaluation. Tim will notify AIPG National next week.

General discussion was held about whether the section dues should be changed or maintained as they currently exist. Bill made a motion to retain the same structure and John seconded. The motion passed. Bill indicated that he will notify National AIPG that section dues will remain unchanged.

Bill reported that the last Board of Registration meeting was held December 16, 2019. Bill summarized the email that Mark Sweet had prepared which indicated that it appears that changes to the structure of the Board are imminent. He said there are four separate professional boards that will operate under an 'umbrella' that shares administrative services. The next meeting date is February 11, 2019. Meetings are generally open to the public.

Donnie solicited ideas on how to cultivate current members and invite new members to attend AIPG meetings and become more active. Edward asked if it would be feasible to hold meetings at locations other than in Lexington to make them more accessible to others. General discussion was held about that, and potentially making the meetings available through Skype. Richard said he would look into making the Skype option available. There was general agreement that the organization needs to grow and embrace technology to survive.

Next Meeting

Donnie made a motion to hold the next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2019. John seconded the motion. The meeting venue and time is pending but will either be at KGS or Ihop Restaurant on Richmond Road.

Bill Brab made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.