

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 222, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, **Jim Howard (skype)**, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Daniel Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM

President's Report:

Report deferred until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

Charlie Mason reported that he has been in contact with Jack Horner regarding the February Lecture, travel arrangements and other logistics. Charlie will provide more discussion on this topic later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Trent Garrison reported that he has talked with management at the Division of Waste Management's Underground Storage Tank Branch (USTB) about allowing some of the state USTB employees help with and/or attend the professional development seminar. According to Trent, management did not appear to be as enthusiastic as last year about assisting with the program at this time, primarily because finishing the new UST regulations are requiring most of their attention.

Past President's Report:

Jim Howard reported that notifications of the pending professional development conference have been sent to AIPG sections in all of the surrounding states and Georgia.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes were sent out email, most committee members approved electronically. Minor modifications were made following the December 16, 2011 meeting and the minutes were sent out a second time.

Treasurer's Report: The December treasurer's report was approved electronically emailed in early January 2011.

<i>Previous Balance as of December 31, 2010</i>	<i>\$31,778.04</i>
Total Account Balance as of January 15, 2011	\$31,978.04
General Checking Acct.:	\$832.13
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$4,136.07
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,009.84

Charlie made a motion to accept the report as is, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

PG Board Report:

Larry Rhodes indicated that last Board meeting was held on December 6, 2010 and the details were discussed at our last meeting. Shannon Tivitt is the new Executive Director over all of the professional boards effective February 1, 2011. The next meeting Board meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2011.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that he has sent out announcements to the high school science teachers and Mike Lynch has notified geology departments about the Jack Horner lecture (7:30 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2011). Richard also indicated that he has been working on importing an email list of all professional geologists into Outlook for use in future mailings.

Donnie Lumm complimented Richard on the website and asked if the number of hits on our section website can be tallied. Richard stated that he would contact the website administrator to see how this can be accomplished. Richard indicated that it would be more efficient, timely and relevant to issue updates/announcements instead of sending out a quarterly news letter, largely because of the lack of content. The committee agreed.

Jim Howard indicated that we consider encouraging people to submit articles on the fundamentals of geology to AIPG national for publication in the TPG. This would aid in educating younger professionals.

Old Business:

Frank Ettensohn brought up the issue of financial support for the Horner Lecture. Copies of the poster with the current sponsors listed were passed out for review. Frank indicated that he has contacted the Herald Leader, Kentucky Academy of Science, Kentucky at the Half, Kentucky Afield, Boy Scouts, Jessamine Schools, the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS), and several others with information regarding the lecture. Frank is sending updated copies of the poster to the chairs at many schools in an effort to promote the event. He also mentioned that he is envisioning using a power point to credit each of the supporters individually at the beginning of the lecture. He suggested that the Executive Committee consider honoring Andy Mead for his journalistic service at some point during the lecture. The formal presentation of the award however, would still be at the Spring Banquet. The idea was widely accepted. Charlie thought that this event would also be a good opportunity to provide brief overview of AIPG and explain what geologists do and the importance of geology in our lives. The committee agreed.

Dan Phelps has sent out a request for volunteers to assist at the Horner lecture. He has about six (6) so far. Frank recommended that KPS has a table or display set up at the lecture to promote their organization. Dan indicated that he would like to set up a fossil display. Frank and Charlie said they have fossils that they can bring also. There will need to be volunteers manning the KPS table at all times.

Frank indicated that ushers will be needed to assist with seating and hand out brochures. Faith Feine suggested that the volunteers meet at 6:00 to allow sufficient time to plan before the guests arrive. The auditorium seats about 1,500 and there is a concern that it may reach capacity. Richard has arranged to have microphones set up in each isle for a short question and answer session following the program.

Frank suggested that a reception be held in the Presidents Room after the lecture. It is assumed that the program should end at about 9:15pm, at which time the reception could begin. The reception could be ended at about 10 pm. The general consensus was that refreshments would not be provided to the public. Richard suggested that the AIPG banner be displayed, and that a new one be created, possibly of a dinosaur, that could be used a backdrop for photographs. Faith stated that she will make more of the tri-fold AIPG brochures to hand out at our display table. We could also hand out the geologic timescale bookmarks from national. Jim Cobb indicated that KGS can also set up a table with information and hand-outs to the public.

Frank suggested that the event be marketed as a part of the Darwin Lecture Series as opposed to the Third Lecture Series. General discussion of possible modifications to the printed material followed.

Charlie indicated that Jack Horner should arrive on February 10th at about 10 am. Donnie will check room rates and get the information to Charlie. Charlie thought they could be in Lexington at about 11 and maybe have lunch at about noon. Donnie suggested that for convenience, the faculty club be considered as a location for lunch (ending at about 1:30). Dinner should be at about 5pm at Malone's.

Tentative attendees would be Jack Horner, Charlie, Jim Cobb, Frank, Dan Phelps, Walter Gross and wife, and possibly Tom Lierman. They will leave from dinner and head to the lecture at approximately 7 pm. The second day Charlie is going to serve as a guide and he and Jack may go into the field (weather permitting). Jack's flight leaves at around 5 pm.

Jim Howard stated that we have six (6) speakers set up for the professional development seminar. The Core Barn has already been reserved and everything else seems to be in good shape. The lunch will still be catered from Billy's.

Spring field trip: both Steve Greb and Tom have written information prepared for the field trip. Larry requested nominations for the annual awards and mentioned the need to send out the letters to the Universities requesting nominations for the scholarships.

New Business:

The local science fair is Feb. 12th and they are looking for volunteers to help judge the events. Last year Ky. AIPG awarded a book to the Best in Show. Faith recommended that we give two awards this year, one for the Junior High level and one for the High School level. Charlie made a motion and Donnie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim mentioned that the Missouri Section utilizes a mentoring program for young geologists and suggests that we consider something similar. He indicated he would bring it up for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled on February 19th, 2011 at 10am in Room 102 at KGS.

Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Howard seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.