

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2012
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

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

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am

President's Report:

Charlie Mason welcomed everyone to the meeting and deferred further comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

Trent Garrison reported that he investigated the potential of having Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson to speak at a future AIPG, and found out that it was cost prohibitive. He was given a rate of \$60,000 (plus expenses).

Past President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn opted to hold his comments until later. Frank, Tom and Charlie have been asked to host a three day field trip for GSA National Charlotte. The trip will likely be the first full week in November and will likely be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Donnie Lumm added that GSA requires meeting registration to attend the field trip.

Vice President Report:

Bill Brab stated he will hold his comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the November 12, 2011 meeting were mailed out (electronically) to all Executive Committee Members, on January 18th, 2012. The minutes were approved on January 19th, 2012. Copies of the minutes were provided to those who wanted them.

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of October 31, 2011</i>	<i>\$40,193.20</i>
Total Account Balance as of Dec. 31, 2011	\$40,187.89
General Checking Acct.:	\$482.84
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$12,672.13
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,032.92

Bill made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donnie reported that he is in receipt of the tax summary form that is required by national on an annual basis, and that will be completing it in the near future. Donnie reported that he obtained a list of past due members from national, and that 17 members of the Kentucky Section were on the list.

Board of Registration Report:

Gil Cumbee reported that the most recent Board meeting was on December 5, 2011. Also, ASBOG will be hosting a workshop in the Louisville area in mid-April. Gil has been busy trying to arrange a field trip to Jephtha Knob that will be held in conjunction with the meeting. The next Board meeting is Feb. 6, 2012.

Jim Cobb added that he has talked to Senator Stivers about the amendments to the registration laws that have been previously addressed (remove registration exemption for state employees, change renewal period from one to two years, impose up to 1,000 dollar fine and allow the state Geologist to appoint a representative to attend meetings on his or her behalf). A new amendment was added, which would give the Board the subpoena authority to enforce KRS 322A (the regulation).

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that he has posted the Bahamas Short Course powerpoint on the section's website and sent email notifications to AIPG members from Kentucky and the surrounding states.

Old Business:

February 2012 Professional Development Seminar:

Dan indicated that Eugenie Scott is coming in on February 14th, lecturing at Transylvania University on February 15th, the AIPG program on the 16th and leaving early on the 17th. Dan mentioned that he has contacted a few facilities to investigate the potential of hosting luncheon or reception for her while she is here. Jim Cobb recommended that Dan consider using the Faculty Club on campus as it is available and may be less expensive. Lodging accommodations will likely be arranged at the Hyatt.

Both Jims emphasized that it is important to tie the lecture to the profession of geology, and also make sure that AIPG receives publicity associated with the event. Jim H. mentioned that opening remarks should also emphasize that these programs are part of a continuing series of programs that are being hosted by AIPG, and that it may be beneficial to reference previous topics. Also, the media should be utilized to promote the event. Charlie said that we should continue to attempt to obtain financial support (sponsorships) for the event and reiterated that the media needs to be utilized for publicity. Charlie wants to hold another meeting prior to February the 16th to ensure details have been sufficiently finalized. The suggested meeting would be on Friday February 10th, at 7:30 pm in room 102 at KGS. Donnie made a motion to have the meeting on the 10th at 7:30 and Bill seconded.

Richard said the cost and labor charge for using the Singletary Center to hold the event would be \$734.75. The stipend for Dr. Scott is \$1,500.00. Bill reported that Alicia has been working on the poster for the event and it is nearly finished. They are just waiting on the sponsor information before finalizing. He indicated they would be sent out electronically for review. Charlie recommended that a deadline date of February 1, of 2 be established as a cut-off date for sponsors who will be included on the poster (so it can be finalized). Any sponsors received after that date can be included in a flier. It was recommended that Mike Lynch be contacted to assist with contacting the media outlets.

The program, entitled Darwin: Demon or Revolutionary, is scheduled for February 16, 2012.

Geology Short Course to San Salvador (March):

Charlie and Frank indicated that the deadline for registration should be changed to Feb. 10th as opposed to January 27th, 2012, to give registrants a little more time. Donnie asked if the committee would allow registrants make a *non-refundable* deposit before the deadline if they could not have all of the money by the deadline date. The exception would be if the trip is cancelled. Frank said that the date could not be postponed very long because the airline needs to be notified of the event a month before time. The cost for the trip is \$1,030 for students and \$1,080 for professional, but this rate does not include transportation to or from Ft. Lauderdale, or lodging costs for overnight stay(s) while there.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm. Next meeting was subsequently scheduled for February 10th at 7:30 @ KGS.

Joint Meeting

Kentucky Geologic Consortium

Attendees: Those listed above plus – Peter Idstein, Dave Dockstader, Rick Schrantz, Ann Watson, Patrick Gooding, Susan Miller, Julie Ross, Christopher Driver, Keith Conn.

Meeting convened at 11:35 am.

Jim Cobb reminded those in attendance of the purpose of the consortium is to bring all professional geology organizations together to work collectively to promote geology and to minimize redundancy. As an example, one of the issues discussed during the last meeting was the need to reduce the duplicity of having multiple award banquets. It was suggested that all professional organizations present their awards during the KGS Annual Banquet which is scheduled to be held in May 18, 2012. Jim stated that each professional organization could be allotted time to give a brief summary of their respective organization's activities and responsibilities. Jim emphasized that the Consortium would only serve as coordinating organization but would not host or sponsor any events.

Richard announced that Harvey Thorleifson will be the speaker at the Distinguished Lecture Series to be held on February 22, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Young Library auditorium. He will speak on the Exploration for Diamonds in Canada.

General discussion was held about each professional organization playing a specific, defined role in promoting geology. As an example, AIPG could continue putting on short courses and professional development seminars while KGS/KSPG can continue hosting field trips. Further discussion concentrated on who (individuals and organizations) should be involved with KGC. The issue of meeting locations came up again and Trent mentioned that online options are available where a limited number of observers can participate in meetings remotely. Jim C. requested that each organization provide an active list of contacts that could be used as an email list for the KGC. Jim H. also mentioned that even non-professional geologic organizations could be contacted to participate in the consortium.

Follow-up discussion was held about how to coordinate events between the organizations. Trent reminded them that a webpage can be set up on Google for free, and used as a tool through which professional organizations can coordinate activities. Jim C. suggested that another option would be to use the Survey's web page as a gateway to each organizational website.

Charlie asked if a KGC meeting could be held at the KSPG awards banquet. He also mentioned that celebrities with Kentucky ties could be contacted for support. Ann Watson expanded that the organization needs a public representative that does not necessarily have to be a geologist, but that is experienced in speaking and dealing with the media and government agencies.

Susan Miller stated that The Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club would like professional geologists to speak on *any* topic at some of their meetings. It seems to increase their attendance significantly. Susan passed around a sheet requesting volunteers to provide their contact information. The Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club meets at 2:00 pm on Sunday afternoons.

Jim H. reminded all that during the previous meeting it was discussed that an event could be developed for students, to give them an introduction on what would be expected or required of them as geologist in the workforce. Ideally, there would be representatives from most if not all fields of geology. The program would be similar to a job fair and would be funded by AIPG, and any other organization that wanted to provide sponsor it. Patrick volunteered that AAPG has a program in place similar to what Jim discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm