

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, January 2, 2016  
Kentucky Geological Survey  
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building  
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, **Jim DeCinque**, **Donnie Lumm**, Tom Murrell, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**

## Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

## President's Report

Dan Phelps reported that he would like to continue with the various activities and outreach efforts of the previous year as had occurred during 2015 with Section President Donnie Lumm. Dan stated that he had served as Section President in 2007 and looks forward to leading the Section again.

Dan discussed plans for the 2016 Darwin Series Lecture which has been recently scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seay Auditorium on the University of Kentucky campus. Dr. Philip D. Gingerich, Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences, Evolutionary Biology, and Anthropology of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, agreed to be the guest speaker after email communications with Dan during the month of December. According to Dan, Dr. Gingerich was enthusiastic to be invited to present a lecture and is an expert on vertebrate paleontology and the Cenozoic evolution of primates and whales. Dan provided the attendees copies of a draft letter that he wrote to prospective co-sponsors requesting their financial support as a co-sponsor for the lecture and asked the committee to review the draft. The committee read the one-page letter and suggested only two minor edits which were corrected by Dan. The discussion then turned to the logistics of the Lecture and planning. The speaker will arrange for his own air travel and flights from Detroit to Lexington and will arrive the day before the lecture and depart the day after the lecture. Overnight accommodations will be at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Lexington. Dan mentioned that he had a list of potential co-sponsors from previous years and was to begin contacting them since he recently learned that Dr. Gingerich accepted the invitation to speak. It was urged that letters to co-sponsors be sent as soon as possible, and follow-up telephone and emails be made soon thereafter. The potential co-sponsors include the geology or earth science departments at UK, EKU, Morehead State, as well as Kentucky Academy of Science, UK Department of Biology, and Dr. Walter Gross of Pepsi Cola. Discussion then turned to the preparation of announcement posters and lecture flyers including the names and logos of the co-sponsors. Richard mentioned that the stock design of the poster from last year could be reused and simply change the text for names and dates of the lecture. Dan mentioned that the UK Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences would probably arrange and pay for the lunch or dinner at the UK Hilary Boone Faculty club prior to the lecture. Hence, Dan and Richard agreed to carry on the various arrangements for the Darwin Lecture.

## President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet reported that he had served as Section Treasurer in the late 1990's and was glad to be working directly within the Section again. Mark offered to help out or assist the Section with agenda items if asked or as was needed in the future.

Vice President's Report

No report due to absence.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he had attended the Kentucky Board of Registration of Professional Geologists meeting in Frankfort, KY on December 7, 2015 in order to observe the business meeting and to meet the various Board members and staff. Donnie said that he spoke briefly to the Board about the KY Section's recent efforts and interest to promote Continuing Education, and that he had asked the Board Administrator, Lucie Duval, for a roster of Registered Professional Geologists in order to gauge the statistics of resident and out-of-state registered geologists.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumie provided hard copies of the Secretary's Report of the Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2015 prior to the beginning of today's meeting. Donnie Lumm reported that the Secretary's Minutes had been previously electronically circulated by Tim to the Executive Committee for comments and suggested edits, and were submitted in return and approved on December 31, 2015.

Subsequent to the meeting of January 2, 2016, Tim sent Donnie an email on January 4, 2016 indicating that he had inadvertently omitted the official voting results for 2016 Executive Committee officers. Voting officially ended on November 30, 2015 which was after the Executive Meeting of November 21, 2015. The results indicated that Faith Fiene received the majority of votes for Vice President and Mark Sweet received the majority of votes for President Elect.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque provided hard copies of the most recent Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2015. The report states the following:

<u>Report dated December 31, 2015</u>	
Previous balance as of November 30, 2015	\$37,861.64
Total Funds as of December 31, 2015	\$37,823.74
Net change from previous report:	\$37.90

For the calendar year, Jim stated that the balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$34,523.74, and considering the balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$37,823.74, the net income for the year was \$3,300.00.

Donnie a motion to accept the December 2015 Treasurer's report and Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he had been keeping up with posting of announcements on the KY-AIPG website. Dan asked when the most recent KY-AIPG newsletter had been posted and Richard replied that he had posted news or timely announcements as were needed but not as a single, comprehensive newsletter. Donnie mentioned that Richard had done a great job with keeping the website current. He also mentioned that it was too much to expect Richard to derive and compose full, lengthy newsletters as most information has been submitted to him as short and infrequent announcements. Donnie mentioned

that as President he composed one newsletter in July 2015 which Richard posted on the KY-AIPG website.

A discussion of the KY-AIPG website and future events followed. Richard mentioned that the registration for the Professional Geologist Exam Preparation course scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2016 is online. Bill mentioned that, according to the ASBOG website, the deadline date to register for the next ASBOG test was January 25, 2016 and that the ASBOG test was scheduled for March 16, 2016. Another ASBOG test was scheduled for September 30, 2016 and the deadline to register for the September test is August 8, 2016.

#### Outreach Planning with Student Chapters and other Departments

There was a discussion of recent and ongoing outreach efforts with geology and earth science departments at state universities. Bill reported that he had sent an email to Dr. Haluk Cetin (faculty sponsor) at Murray State University in mid-December regarding a follow-up to their planned activities for the student chapter for the next semester; their paperwork for establishing a Student Chapter been filed to National. He had also sent correspondence to Dr. Andrew Wulff at Western Kentucky University regarding their actions for forming a student chapter, but he had not received a reply. Bill stated that due to the end of the Fall semester and final exams, most communication from universities is difficult to come by. Bill also said that the bank accounts had been established by the student chapters at the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University.

Donnie mentioned the need for the Section to begin organizing the 2016 Spring Professional Development Course. Based on the results of written course evaluations and surveys taken at the close of previous KY-AIPG courses, Donnie suggested a karst or hydrogeology seminar, with a classroom component on a Friday and a field trip component on a Saturday. He said that he would investigate this possibility with Bill Brab prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### Board of Registration Report

Larry Rhodes reported that the next Board of Registration meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 in Frankfort.

#### Scheduling of next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting was briefly discussed. The need to finalize the logistics of the Darwin Lecture prior to the event date was mentioned. A consensus of 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2016 at the Conference Room of the UK Mines and Minerals Building was agreed upon for the next Executive Committee meeting.

A motion to close the business meeting was made by Donnie, and was seconded by Richard. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.