

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Wednesday July 15, 2020

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Frank Ettensohn, Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, John Popp, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

President's Report

Edward opened the discussion regarding the draft "KY-AIPG Statement on Racism in Geoscience" that he wrote and circulated by email prior to today's meeting. The statement is a follow-up to related discussions held during the June 11, 2020 Executive Committee meeting and the June 25, 2020 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) subcommittee meeting (see June minutes). Verbal comments offered by John Popp and Megan Cleinmark were largely focused on elaborating on and defining certain terminology used in the statement. John will provide his comments to Edward separately in written form. It was pointed out that AIPG National is in the process of drafting a Diversity and Inclusion Position Statement and that their statement may be a good starting point for KY-AIP's statement.

Edward will incorporate comments from the Executive Board into the statement with the goal of completing it by the end of July.

At Bill Brab's request, Edward picked up plaques for the upcoming KY-AIPG Annual Awards ceremony. The date and format of the ceremony was discussed with the goal of hosting the ceremony prior to the end of July. Due to COVID-19 related restrictions, having the ceremony in a public venue does not currently appear to be an option. Donnie Lumm offered to host the gathering at his house, which would be limited to the KY-AIPG Executive Committee members. The decision was made to host the event on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live to all other attendees via Zoom. Richard Smath will send invitations to the KY-AIPG Executive Committee members to attend the ceremony and Donnie's home, which will include following the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) guidance related to COVID-19 and Secretary Tim Crumbie will invite the award recipients and guests to participate via Zoom.

Edward opened discussion about the exposure of KY-AIPG on social media. Megan offered to help Edward explore using Instagram and Twitter as additional tools for reaching younger members and students.

President Elect

No report.

Vice President

John reported that he participated in a caving and geology presentation in Wilmore, Kentucky with middle school students recently. He intends to begin reaching out to local schools for science presentations when school resumes.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie emailed the minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting to the Executive Committee on July 11, 2020, and they were approved electronically with minor corrections via email on July 15, 2020. Tim will furnish Richard with the approved final minutes for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the June 30, 2020 Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee via email on July 15, 2020. A summary is as follows:

Total Operating Funds as of May 31, 2020	\$25,289.80
Checking Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$25,290.84
PayPal Account Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of June 30, 2020	\$25,290.84
Net Change from previous report	\$ +1.04

Donnie made a motion to accept the June 30, 2020 Treasurer's report and John seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up-to-date, pending addition of the June minutes. Edward asked whether a tab could be added to the website to include the upcoming diversity statement. Richard suggested adding a link to the statement. Edward and Richard also discussed updating the website appearance. Edward volunteered to help with the update and suggested the use of a commercial vendor as opposed to the current no cost arrangement offered by AIPG National. Edward will enlist the help of others as this option becomes a work in progress.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm noted the passing of Dr. Paul Potter, on July 4, 2020. Dr. Potter was an eminent geologist long associated with the University of Cincinnati (UC). Donnie will prepare a short biography to be circulated by the Section. Richard reported that he attended the memorial service for Dr. Potter. Frank Etnensohn suggested dedicating a future symposium or field trip in Dr. Potter's honor, recognizing that UC Geology is planning a remembrance as well.

New Business - AIPG Annual Awards Ceremony

See above discussion in President's report.

DEI in Kentucky Geoscience forum

Edward would like to hold regular online meetings and it was agreed the next forum will be Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at a time yet to be determined. Edward will send out an announcement prior to the meeting as well as identify items for discussion.

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update

Bill reported that if proper sanitation and spacing cannot be maintained, then the administration of the ASBOG test that is currently scheduled for the fall of 2020 may have to be canceled. Currently the Board is moving forward with plans to administer the test. Those that registered for the test that was canceled in March remain registered for next scheduled test date of October 2, 2020. The registration deadline for the ASBOG FG/PG exam is August 2, 2020. The location for the exam has not been determined and will depend on ability to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for the COVID-19 virus. After a

short discussion, the general consensus was that there is no need to reach out to students who might be interested in sitting for the exam at this time. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2020.

Bahamas Short Course

Frank Ettensohn asked the Section to think about whether it wants to sponsor the course in 2021 due to the uncertainties related to COVID-19. He reported that the station that has previously been used for accommodations during the Bahama's trip remains closed but may be open in time for the trip next year provided a COVID-19 vaccine is developed. He added that a decision should be made by August as announcements for the trip need to go out in the August/September timeframe. The decision was made to discuss this issue during the next meeting to be held in August.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm, via Zoom. John made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.