

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

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

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM

President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn welcomed visitors. Frank proceeded to present Presidents award to Jim Howard as he did not attend the Spring Banquet.

President Elect's Report:

No report.

Past President's Report:

Jim Howard met with the Daviess County FEMA on May 6, 2011 and reported that his lectures with the Owensboro American Red Cross about earthquakes and plate tectonics, and the lecture on Alternative Energy Fuels and Climate Change with the Owensboro Dioceses went very well. He also reported that he has completed his lecture cruise in the Mediterranean and that they similarly went well. Further, Jim indicated that he has completed his report to National AIPG's ad-Hoc committee on Support of State Sections but has not yet submitted it.

Vice President Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the April 2011 meeting were sent out via email by Trent Garrison, and approved by electronic vote on May 29, 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Donnie Lumm reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of April 30, 2011</i>	\$34,975.53
Total Account Balance as of May 31, 2011	\$34,345.03
General Checking Acct.:	\$1,413.19
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$5,822.92
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,108.92

Donnie reported 71 participants paid for attending the Professional Development Seminar on Environmental Remediation held on April 19. The section ended up with about \$3,500 net profit.

Jim voted to approve the treasurer's report, Tim seconded. The motion passed.

Board of Registration Report:

Gil Cumbee reported that the Kentucky Board of Professional Registration had initiated a series of special meetings to update the Professional Geologist regulation. Meetings were held on March 29, May 10 and July 13th, 2011. Once the regulations have been amended they will be submitted to the legislature.

Larry Rhodes reported that Shawn Cecil, Branch Manager with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management Superfund Branch, will attend the next meeting to address the topic of geologists and registration within the state government.

The next regular Board meeting will be on June 6th in Frankfort.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath has finished identifying all of the photographs from the April 29 field trip to Carter Caves (provided by David Dockstader) for posting on the website. Jim and Richard discussed the capacity of the section's website, and what options are available to expand, if needed, or delete any of the existing files. Richard indicated we are not at that point yet and may not be for a while.

Old Business:

Spring Field Trip: Frank indicated that the feedback from the Carter Caves field trip and banquet was positive. Tom Lierman indicated that the comments he heard were positive also. Faith Fiene stated that she heard someone ask why the business meeting was held prior to the banquet. Faith mentioned that someone also asked why the AIPG awards could be given out during the KSPG banquet. General discussion about how future business meetings should be handled when associated with banquets or field trip followed.

Fall Professional Development Seminar: Jim Howard reported that based on the questionnaire that was handed out following the recent session, the top four topics that attendees indicated they would like to see presented in the future were: 1) Aquifer Analyses and Techniques and Interpretation, 2) Geologic Controls on Contaminant Migration, 3) Karst Hydrogeology and 4) Stratigraphic Analysis in Small Site Environmental Investigations.

Ralph Ewers is considering speaking during the October 2011 seminar. He is currently involved in several dye trace studies and may be willing to share some of the associated information. This event will most likely be spread over two days where the first day will be a lecture and the second day would be spent in the field. His presentation could be tied to field trip activities proposed for next spring. Charlie made a motion that the Section proceed with a conference in the fall with Ralph Ewers. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ralph has agreed to \$1,000 remuneration. Jim indicated that he has discussed this with Ralph Ewers and he is in agreement with the amount. Prospective participants would have the option to attend the lecture, the field trip, or both. Jim stated that if a goal of 20 people for the lecture and 10 people for the field portion were set, then a fee of \$125 for non-AIPG members (and non-state employees), \$75 for AIPG members, state employees and students could apply for the lecture portion. The field portion would be about \$50. Jim will check with David Jackson (the Kentucky Division of Water) and Ralph to see whether the conference should be held during the week or on Friday/Saturday. The second and third weeks in October are currently being considered as prospective dates for the trip.

General discussion was held about how the roles of AIPG and KSPG may overlap. For instance, KSPG members participate in many, if not most field trips, while AIPG is starting to concentrate more on professional development seminars. It was suggested that a formal meeting between KSPG, AIPG and KPS be held to discuss how the issue could best be addressed to make our collective efforts more efficient. Jim made a motion that Frank pursue setting up the meeting, Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Frank suggested that the first meeting could be held in September. All were in agreement.

The consensus was reached that the committee would contact several of the people who have shown interest in AIPG and request their assistance with the professional development seminars, to minimize the amount of work that current committee members are doing, and to get new members involved.

Richard mentioned that KSPG is currently considering not having banquets and concentrating their efforts on field trips. He also indicated that KSPG is considering offering an option to pay dues or fees using PayPal. The KSPG Fall field trip is scheduled for September 23-24, 2011.

Richard reported that the confirmed date for next year's seminar was February 16, 2012. Eugenie Scott has offered three topics that could be discussed:

- 1) Demonizing Darwin
- 2) What would Darwin say to today's creationists
- 3) Why is evolution such a contentious issue

She also indicated that she is open to suggestions or could do a combination. After general discussion, the committee agreed on a combination of #1 and #3 above. A suggested title could be Darwin: Demon or Revolutionary? Richard will contact Eugenie and ask for other suggestions for a title.

Spring Field Trip - Frank brought up the topic of the 2012 Spring field trip and a possible short course in the Bahamas to observe active carbonate systems. Frank said he has heard support from both AIPG and non-AIPG members. Discussion of the timing of the trip included Christmas break and spring break. Late spring and summer were not considered because it gets too hot. Frank said that a minimum of eight people would need to go. Charlie stated that he is planning to set the trip up as a class so that students will be able to obtain financial aid to attend. Jim recommended that the trip should not be limited to geologists alone. Richard stated that he may be able to upload information about the trip to the Listserv for wider dissemination. Jim made a motion that the committee would explore the feasibility of a short course in carbonates and Charlie seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. The trip timing would be mid March, and could be followed up with the field trip in Kentucky. Projected cost would be about \$1,000.00 which is all inclusive for a week except for transportation to Florida.

Representation at the Kentucky State Fair – Larry brought up the fact that the deadline for having representation at the state fair is rapidly approaching. Charlie suggested said that the issue be shelved until after the meeting with KSPG and KPS to see if they would be interested in sharing cost and manpower required to man to booth. The intent of the booth would be to increase public awareness of geology and as such, the responsibility could be shared among professional organizations.

Natural History Museum – The Kentucky Academy of Science may have a speaker about the status of this issue during their meeting in November. The legislature had initially set up a committee to investigate the feasibility of a museum but the efforts have apparently languished.

New Business:

Dues/Fees: Donnie indicated that AIPG National has requested that the sections review their dues for the upcoming year. Jim suggested that the section consider reducing dues this time and cite that the professional development seminars are allowing us to do this. This should be publicized as a tangible benefit. Larry mentioned that we should wait until we have a second seminar first, to make sure they will remain profitable, before reducing the dues. Donnie made a motion that the section dues remain at \$25 annually. Charlie seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Charlie mentioned that all of the geology programs in the state get together and develop a state field camp for the universities of Kentucky. The camp could be offered as a series of 'modules' as opposed to the traditional six week camp, to facilitate the availability of today's non-traditional students. The program could be run by UK, but all geology students enrolled in Kentucky universities could attend. Charlie was basically requesting that AIPG support this effort.

Jim mentioned that he would like to discuss the potential for a new award for 'public service and value' to AIPG be considered at the next meeting.

Charlie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled on August 13th, 2011 at 10 am.