

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumby**, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, Rebecca Freeman, Trent Garrison, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Dan Phelps.

President's Report

Dan reported that Trent Garrison has contacted the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Geology Department about their outstanding sponsorships for the Darwin Lecture Series, and Dan talked to Jim Krupa with the University of Kentucky (UK) Biology Department, who indicated that there had been a mix-up but the check is 'on the way'. Richard Smath indicated that the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) has misplaced their checkbook but that he will pay the obligation soon.

Dan reported that the checks were not presented to the AIPG Student Award winners during the annual Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) meeting. Jim DeCinque will send them when he receives the addresses of the winners.

President Elect's Report

No report.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he has received the surveys that were completed following the technical session and field trip on Karst Processes that was held at Western Kentucky University's (WKU's) Hamilton Valley Station near Cave City. He reported that he hasn't compiled the results yet but the comments generally appear to be good. He also reported that the survey of potential future courses/trips generally seemed to favor of environmental topics.

Donnie is serving on the Executive Strategic Planning Advisory Committee for National AIPG, and they are currently addressing organizational challenges they are facing including potential dues increases, decreasing membership numbers, determining how to better engage students and faculty members, determining how to increase local section and member activities, evaluating options to increase non-dues related revenue, and how to enhance relationships with sister societies. Donnie will be going to Thornton Colorado on June 25th, 2016 to attend an executive committee meeting. AIPG National will cover the expenses to attend the meeting. Donnie also reported that AIPG National has interviewed, and may have selected a new Executive Director. Former Executive Director Bill Siok has been temporarily filling the position in the interim.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the May 7, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on June 5, 2016 but not enough votes were cast to represent a majority of the Executive Committee. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes and Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque gave his financial report for the month ending May 31, 2016 as follows:

Previous balance as of April 30, 2016	\$37,376.44
Total Funds as of May 31, 2016	\$37,871.68
Net change from previous report:	\$495.24

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is up to date.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Richard reported that all of the emails he has been sending to Northern Kentucky University are bouncing. He also reported that he has two potential candidates to fill the position on the Board of Registration for Professional Geologist's that is being vacated by Gil Cumbee. Mark Sweet has indicated that he would volunteer to serve as a candidate but he needs another sponsor.

Dan has reported that he has contacted AIPG National to obtain an updated membership list to keep track of how many memberships have expired. Donnie reported that AIPG National is working on developing a reduced payment structure for retired members.

No information was available on the status of future outreach activities.

Larry reported that the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists voted to approve the pursuit of continuing education units during their meeting on Monday.

Frank Ettensohn reported the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) plan to have their annual meeting coincide with the Kentucky Academy of Science's (KAS's) meeting which is scheduled for November 4-5, 2016 at the University of Louisville. The meeting will be held in Louisville and a combined field trip is scheduled in the Clifty Falls area in Madison, Indiana. The logistics are still being worked out. David Dockstater will be one of the field trip leaders.

Dan mentioned the new license numbers were recently assigned to Professional Geologists (PGs). Larry Rhodes indicated that the old numbers can still be used for now, but there seems to be widespread concern about the new numbers. The change is apparently needed because several different professions are regulated and the new numbering system was designed to minimize the potential for duplication.

Donnie asked if the section will be hosting any seminars or short courses in the fall. Jim reminded everyone that Trent and Bill Brab had made a recommendation for a future course. Tim recalled that they had mentioned that it may be a good opportunity to host something closer to the western part of the state. Faith mentioned that if an event is held in the western part of the state, she may be able to arrange for accommodations in the National Guard training site in near Greenville, Kentucky for housing (about \$14 per night). Jim found that Bill had mentioned that WKU and Murray State students seem to be interested in topics covering what to expect after graduation, resume preparation, and how to interview.

Frank mentioned that he is getting a lot of questions asking about the Bahamas Short Course. He said we need to get the advertisements together to determine if there is enough interest to host the course again next year. He said we probably need to make a commitment by August and get the ads out by September. The trip seems to work best in mid-March. Frank doesn't have a good feeling on the number of people who may attend. He is estimating that a minimum of eight people are needed for the trip to work out.

Larry suggested that if KY AIPG is serious in getting continuing education passed, we need to get started now. Frank asked if a lobbyist would be needed. Larry reported that it cost \$25,000 in 1992 so the costs would probably be significantly higher in today's environment. Donnie suggested that the Section consider determining a dollar amount that we could afford to spend, to determine what type of support we could obtain for "the money". Rocky Adkins, a democratic legislature member from Sandy Hook, was a name that came up as a potential political personality that may be able to be approached if a lobbyist is needed. Several other names as potential candidates that could help head the effort such as John Keefer and James Cobb were also mentioned. Dan indicated that he would contact them to gauge their interest.

Richard reported that there is a company called Event Brite that will take payments for organizations electronically. This is something that the Section may want to consider for use in the future.

Donnie asked if the Section would be interested in helping sponsor a display booth at the Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) that is scheduled to be held on September 25-27, 2016 in Lexington, Kentucky. Jim reminded everyone that during our previous meeting, he recalled that KY AIPG had agreed to piggy back with the UK Student Chapter which may be able to have a booth at a reduced or no cost.

Board of Registration Report

Larry reported that the next Board meeting is August 1st, 2016.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 6th, 2016 in Room 102 of the Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.