

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Austin Dilla, Daniel Draper, Frank Ettensohn, Donnie Lumm, Richard Smath.**

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

## President's Report

Austin thanked Dr. Claudia Johnson for speaking at the March 6, 2024 Darwin Lecture. He said it was a great event and thanked everyone who participated. He added that his understanding is that there were around 30 people that viewed the event remotely and between 35 and 38 attended in-person. He deferred further comments until later in the meeting.

## President Elect's Report

No report.

## Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper reported that the Darwin Lecture went well and he was glad to see everyone in-person.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie indicated that he did not yet send out the minutes from the prior meeting but expects to have them ready for distribution tomorrow.

## Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab shared the Treasurer's Report for the month ending Feb. 29, 2024 via the ZOOM application. The report is summarized as follows:

<b>Total Operating Funds as of Jan. 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$28,751.09</b>
Checking Account Credits as of Feb 29, 2024	\$210.26
Checking Account Debits as of Feb 29, 2024	\$15.00
<b>Checking Account Balance as of Feb 29, 2024</b>	<b>\$28,946.35</b>
<b>Total Operating Funds as of February 29, 2024</b>	<b>\$28,946.35</b>
Net Change from previous report	+\$195.26

Donnie Lumm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Austin seconded. The motion passed.

## Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath stated that he has nothing to report currently. He is awaiting the results of the decision on whether KY-AIPG has permission to post the video of the Darwin Lecture on YouTube. Donnie said he has not yet asked for permission but feels posting to YouTube may be a bit sensitive, but he will ask.

## Past President's Report

No report.

## **New/Ongoing Business**

### Student Outreach

Donnie indicated that he has not been able to reach anyone at Northern Kentucky University (NKU). He reached out to Dr. (Nilesh) Dixit by phone in late January but was hung up on. Donnie said he will try again. Bill reported that he, Ben Currens and Brendan Hart, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), met with 10 -12 students (DATE???) Dr. Borowski had previously requested that those planning to attend prepare and submit resumes in advance of the event. These documents were forwarded to Bill who had time to review them and provide constructive criticism. With Ben and Brendan's support, Bill talked about where he went to school, his professional training and career, and then transitioned into discussions about the importance of professional societies and licensure. He wrapped up with talking about how to land a job, including how to write a resume, prepare a cover letter, and get an interview. It was more of an open panel type of discussion. He said the ECU staff was excited about the event and wanted to do it again in the future. He said they received great participation and feedback from the group.

Austin asked how much of the feedback from the students was about employment such as where they can find jobs and how they get them. During his discussion, Bill emphasized the fact that as new employees, they may have to travel or move away to find jobs in the field.

Donnie asked if the trip to the University of Kentucky has been made and Austin replied that it has not but is in the works. Donnie reported that he and Daniel Draper went to Morehead on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and were met by Dr. Jen O'Keefe. They visited her economic geology class where Donnie talked about a mineral resource assessment and evaluation in Southern Illinois. He said that he and Daniel spoke to about seven (7) students about where they work and what they do in their jobs. Donnie said there weren't a lot of questions initially but Daniel brought some 'hands-on' effects (tools, logs, core bits....) that the students could actually touch, which seemed to garner a lot of interest.

On February 23, 2024 Donnie and Daniel visited Murray State University. Donnie reported that he gave the same presentation that he used at Morehead. Prior to the meeting they met with about eight (8) students over pizza and had discussions about how to get started in the profession and how to prepare for the job hunt. In all instances, the students were initially timid but they loosened up later on. Austin thanked them for making the trip and representing KY-AIPG.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Ben Currens March 4<sup>th</sup> gave a presentation to the EES 295 class at UK about AIPG, the role of Professional Geologists, and benefits of membership.

Austin and Bill met Dr. Drew Andrews over lunch and talked about projects he is working on at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and some ideas that he has for young professionals to keep them engaged. Austin thinks that maintaining the lines of communication with KGS will be beneficial for both organizations and the students/young professionals. He added that he had coffee with Jillian Cavellier, Research Assistant at UK affiliated with G3, a couple of weeks ago and discussed what the students would like to see from KY-AIPG. He added that Jillian indicated that a lot of the graduate students are at a loss

for how to progress their careers going forward and are eager to learn from people who are working in the profession. They tentatively agreed on hosting an event in the first week of April where 3-4 AIPG members would participate in an open panel discussion. Austin indicated that UK also hosts events that he thought KY-AIPG could piggy-back on given the audience would already be present.

Bill added that the meeting with Drew was valuable because he was interested in discussing possible future collaborations between UK, KGS and other professional societies and what they might look like.

### **Other Discussion Topics**

#### Rock and Mineral Bill (HB-378)

Austin reported that the KY-AIPG has been asked to support the legislation which would correct the issue with the KY State Mineral and State Rock. Bill has indicated that he will speak in favor of the revision and they have asked for one to two additional volunteers. Donnie explained that the term 'mineral' has been used (or misused) in a very generic way to describe most geology related natural resources in Kentucky. Frank Eddensohn added that the initial proposal was to change coal to the official state rock and agate the state mineral, but agate is a rock. This version of the bill actually passed the House before Frank was asked to contact the State Representative to correct the error. Since then, the bill has been amended and re-introduced to make calcite the state mineral, agate the state gemstone and coal the state rock. Representative Al Gentry feels that the bill will pass and all of this will be corrected.

#### Ideas for Upcoming Technical/Non-Technical Sessions

Donnie asked Bill if it is still possible to host a short course at the AST facility as had been discussed prior to the pandemic. Bill responded that it is possible because a significant portion of the program could be revived. He reported that they have a couple of 6-inch diameter holes that were drilled up to 100 feet in bedrock that could be used for borehole geophysics and hydrogeologic testing if they permeability can be adequately developed.

#### GSK Collaboration

Richard indicated that a Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) field trip along Mountain Parkway is in the works but it will likely be several months before this happens. Austin asked if KY-AIPG can be involved or participate to collaborate on this opportunity. Richard responded that he thinks the GSK may have a meeting in April but it has not yet been officially announced. Once he receives it, he will copy the KY-AIPG Executive Committee so those interested can attend the open meeting.

#### Potential In-Person Meeting

Daniel reported that his company (S&ME) has indicated that KY-AIPG can hold in-person meetings at their facility in Lexington if there is any interest. Donnie said that sometime in May would be good but April may prove to be a little soon to make the change. Daniel and Austin will start making plans for a May meeting.

#### KY Board of Registration Update

Bill reported that the Board met in February of 2024 and largely discussed budgeting issues. The ASBOG exams are being administered at the computer-based testing facilities this week, and the Council of examiners Workshop is upcoming but he does not have the dates on-hand. Bill added that under the current

spending freeze, no Board members will be able to attend this workshop. He also reported that Megan Cleinmark's term as a geologist on the board ends in July so one of the geologist positions will be vacant. The Board no longer requires three (3) nominations to fill the position which should make the process a bit easier. Bill requested that people start thinking about good candidates to fill the position. The next meeting is April 8, 2024 from 1-3pm.

Austin reported that candidates for professional licensure can take the PG portion of the ASBOG test without having met the experience requirements. He had been under the impression that candidates must meet certain experience requirements before they can take the test.

Donnie asked Tim if he had sent out the letters requesting nominations for Student Awards. Tim replied that sent them out on March 5<sup>th</sup> and set a deadline of April 5, 2024. Richard indicated that he needs to send out the requests for Geologist of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards.

Austin reported that the plaque for Lifetime Achievement and Geologist of the Year award at KGS has not been updated since 2017. A short discussion was held about how to rectify this. Donnie said he would look into having the plaque updated at Hallmark on Southland Drive in Lexington.

Bill added that during the conversation with Dr. Andrews, he got the impression that there may be an opportunity to make the award presentations during the KGS Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for May 15, 2024, but there may be a time restriction on when it can be performed. It had been suggested that the winners be recognized by scrolling the names of the winners on a screen during breaks as opposed to physically presenting the awards as had been done in the past.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Bill made a motion to accept and Donnie seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.