

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, March 27, 2010
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Frank Ettensohn**, **Faith Fiene**, **Jim Howard**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Trent Garrison (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting Convened at 10:12 AM

President's Report:

Jim Howard first recognized "visitors", then announced that he had given a presentation at a school in Owensboro on volcanoes, plate tectonics and earthquakes. He is still working with the Owensboro diocese regarding presentations on climate change and alternate energy sources. In the near future, Jim will be setting up online courses for Lamar University so he may not be as available as he has been in the past.

Jim reported that he will be receiving the John T. Galey, Sr. Memorial Public Service Award from AIPG National. The award will be presented at the AIPG Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida in September of this year.

Jim mentioned that National had requested that Kentucky be the site for the 2011 Annual Meeting. A vote was taken and we unanimously approved NOT to hold the meeting in Ky. in 2011. The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois.

Jim passed around a tri-fold brochure that he's been developing, for members to comment on later.

President Elect's Report:

Frank Ettensohn has been working with Charlie on the field trip. They have nine (9) potential stops planned and he and Charlie are preparing text to accompany the handout. The handout will be designed so that it will be easily understood by non-professionals. Discussion followed about how much the document should sell for if the state parks are interested binding options and cost to produce. Jim suggested we send a complimentary copy to local schools for them to use, and to make them aware the documents are available.

The field trip will leave from the Natural Bridge State Park Lodge. Frank expressed concern about the number of people expected to attend the trip because Earth Day is being celebrated the same day. He further stated that we may have access to three or four vans but others may need to drive, depending on turnout. Richard Smath reported that none of the teachers that won the free field trips were interested in attending.

Vice President Report:

No Report.

Past President's Report:

Faith Fiene reported that she has ordered the book that will be presented at the State Science Fair for Best in Show.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the February meeting were approved by electronic vote on March 23, 2010.

Tim reported the requests for Student Award nominations were sent to ECU, Morehead, Murray, NKU, UK and Western on February 17, 2010 and that we are currently awaiting responses.

Between March 23 and 24, 2010, the members of the Executive Committee voted electronically to approve the recommended costs for the Spring Field Trip as follows: Professionals: field trip - \$35.00, banquet - \$25.00; Students: field trip - no charge, banquet-\$15.00.

A vote was taken to determine if the Section dues would change this year. Frank made a motion to leave the dues at \$25.00. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Faith Fiene passed out copies of the Treasurer's report prepared by Donnie Lumm. Current section finances were reported as follows:

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| Previous Balance as of February 12, 2010 | \$33,303.34 |
| Total Account Balance as of March 25, 2010 | \$33,765.76 |
| General Checking Acct.: | \$2,476.43 |
| Outreach Checking Acct.: | \$4,236.07 |
| Student Award Acct.: | \$0.00 (closed) |
| Certificates Of Deposit: | \$27,053.26 |
| The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously | |

PG Board Report:

No report. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2010.

Editor's Report:

No Report

Old Business:

Larry stated that Gil Cumbee will be awarded the **Geologist of the Year Award** based on his work on attempting to get the CEU program legislation passed. Larry further reported that the nominees for the **Lifetime Achievement Award** were Charlie Mason and Richard Smath. A vote was taken and the winner was Charlie Mason.

Student Scholarships: Three Student Award nomination letters have been received to date; one each from UK, Morehead, and NKU. Faith made a motion that a single award be given this year and Frank seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. The winner of the award will receive a check for \$500.00, a certificate and will attend the field trip and banquet free of charge. Mr. Zach Mergenthal from Northern Ky. Univ. was selected as the winner.

Presidential Certificate of Merit – Faith elected to award Collie Rulo for “meritorious service to the Ky. Section AIPG”. She will receive a certificate, an invitation to the Spring Field Trip and Banquet and a \$50 gift certificate to Amazon.

Gil reported that House Bill 286 passed the House but did not make it to the Senate. Apparently there is too much opposition. Dr. Cobb will try to determine what the opposition the bill was.

Jim talked about the CEU short course that is being developed as part of our outreach efforts. The first course has been tentatively entitled “Overview of Contaminated Site Investigation, Remediation and Closure” (scheduled for August 7, 2010). Tyler Gass is slated to host the morning portion of the program. The afternoon sessions are still under development. Trent Garrison could potentially present part of the afternoon presentation but he is waiting for the new underground storage tank (UST) regulations to take shape. We still need someone to give about a 3 hr. presentation during the afternoon session. Tim will check with Craig Marlow to see if they can handle a three hour presentation.

New Business:

Richard explained that he and Trent have been working on overhauling our section website. He gave a brief overview of this vision and after he completes the preliminary set-up, he will open it up for suggestions.

Gil talked about developing a series of articles entitled “My Favorite Outcrop” that could be posted on our website and used by educators or the general public as needed. Many of us have knowledge of outcrops with interesting features that could be shared with others. The information could also be included in the newsletter.

Jim passed out a mock up of the tri-fold brochure we are considering for the Section. Kinko's apparently quoted a cost of approximately \$500.00 for 500 copies. Dr. Howard requested that we get additional estimates on the cost.

Larry asked about the potential for doing a new directory. More discussion on this topic will be held during the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled on June 12th, 2010 at 10am in Room 102 at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Frank moved to adjourn the meeting, Faith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

