

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2012
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, Jim DeCinque, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison, Donnie Lumm, Charlie Mason**, Dan Phelps, **Richard Smath**, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:16 pm

President's Report:

Charlie Mason welcomed all in attendance and deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Past President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Bill Brab mentioned that the section should start considering topics for programs we will be hosting in the spring and fall. Bill has a potential speaker on environmental remediation in mind.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the February meeting were mailed out (electronically) to all Executive Committee Members and approved on March 2, 2012. Copies of the minutes were provided to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie reported the section finances as summarized below:

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| <i>Previous Balance as of January 31, 2012</i> | <i>\$40,302.71</i> |
| Total Account Balance as of February 29, 2012 | \$51,034.28 |
| General Checking Acct.: | \$484.97 |
| Outreach Checking Acct.: | \$23,488.99 |
| Certificates Of Deposit: | \$27,060.32 |

Bill made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Trent seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Registration Report:

Gil Cumbee reported the last meeting was held on February 28, 2012. It was a special called that was called to discuss proposed modifications to Senate Bill 162 prior to its introduction to the legislature. The changes were accepted and incorporated into the Bill.

Editor's Report:

No report.

Old Business:

Darwin Series Wrap-up:

Charlie and Donnie discussed outstanding financial commitments that remain to be collected from sponsors of the event. Frank indicated that he and others may need a receipt. Donnie requested that anyone who has expenses associated with the event, to turn in the documents and he would see that they are reimbursed.

Charlie mentioned that he felt the program went well and that Dr. Scott was pleased with the crowd and how the program turned out. Trent reported that he recorded the presentation and uploaded it to the Internet, and that Richard has posted a link to the video on the section website.

Geology Short Course to San Salvador (March):

Tom Lierman will not be able to assist with the short course due to a recent injury, so Charlie and Frank will lead the course.

Donnie indicated that the final payment to Sky Bahamas has been sent in and that we currently have 23 paid passengers. He stated that it's not likely that there will be additional attendees and that a few more will be paying soon. Donnie mentioned that based on his current figures, it appears that the Section will realize a significant financial loss on the endeavor. Frank mentioned that he believes the loss will not be as significant as it currently appears and that we should not expect that all outreach activities will be profitable due to the nature of the activities. General discussion was held about beginning to schedule similar trips in the future, earlier so as to allow even better planning. Frank and Donnie agreed that Frank would take a blank check on the trip to pay for the expenses incurred while there.

New Business:

Charlie mentioned that Jim Howard has been working on future short courses. Jim sent an email indicating that he is still working with AGI trying to put together a student career meeting in the fall (around September), and that he is trying to put together a professional development short course concerning the use of geophysical techniques in karst environments to aid in environmental assessments.

Charlie has talked to Dr. Philip Currie (world renown paleontologist and professor at University of Alberta in Canada) about speaking during the 2013 Darwin Lecture Series. Charlie mentioned that he seems to be interested and would be happy to do the program if his schedule allows. Andrew Knoll and Jim Kirkland were a couple of the other potential speakers that were suggested if Dr. Currie is not available.

Donnie recommended that it would be less expensive to the Section if future speakers schedule two tasks so the costs could be split thereby minimizing the costs to AIPG. Charlie mentioned that he may be able to arrange a second engagement for the guest to speak at Morehead.

Charlie mentioned that the annual Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) meeting is to be held on May 18, 2012 and that Jim Cobb had envisioned that all of the professional organizations would have that opportunity to that may participate if they wish. Charlie mentioned that the Kentucky Geologic Consortium (KGC) should meet again before the annual meeting to make sure they are aware of the option to participate, to see who will participate, and to plan how the program will progress. General discussion about the next AIPG meeting date ensued and settled on April 21, 2012. The AIPG meeting will be followed by a KGC meeting. The regular meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the KGC meeting from 11 a.m. until noon. Richard indicated that he does not have contact information for the members of the KGC to notify them of the planned meeting.

General discussion was held about how the section would handle the student awards given that there will not be a field trip or a formal banquet. There will however, be time during the annual meeting to present the awards. KGS will serve lunch during their program as they have done in years past. Richard mentioned that the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) is considered part of the consortium and that they host an annual meeting and field trip. He suggested that KAS could be considered as another option to "piggy-back" our awards program with. Charlie recommended that we stick with KGS because geology is only a small portion of the KAS meeting.

Larry Rhodes reported that he has received recommendations for the Geologist of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award. A deadline of April 15th has been set for all award nominations (including students). Award selections will be made during the April 21st meeting.

Gil Cumbee elaborated on Senate Bill 162 which proposes 1) to allow the State Geologist to appoint an alternate to attend board meetings on his/her behalf 2) to institute bi-annual renewal 3) to eliminate the exemption for state and local geologists, 4) to grant the Board the ability to issue subpoenas and 5) to allow the Board the ability to institute a maximum fine of a maximum of \$1,000 where appropriate. Geology instructors will retain the exemption as it will only apply to those professionals whose work has an impact on the public.

Senator Joe Bowen (Owensboro) sponsored the bill. Initially some of the state employed PGs were concerned about the exemption for the state geologists. Changes were made to the regulation to address these concerns and as amended, it will allow a three-year grace period (ending July 31, 2015) for state and local geologists to get registered as long as they meet the educational and work experience requirements and pass the ASBOG test.

The bill has not passed the senate as yet but Gil requested that geologists contact their senators to show their support. Larry mentioned that approximately 450 geologists currently registered in Kentucky are natives to the state. He also mentioned that the Board will be celebrating 20 years since the initial passage of the registration bill.

Charlie indicated that he has students that attended the hydrogeology short course that would like to receive certificates.

Donnie reported that he has incurred costs for copies and materials (\$51.50) during a presentation on Geologic Hazards that he made for 110 eighth grade students. Trent made a motion that Donnie be reimbursed for his expenses. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Faith spoke with Barb Ramey with the Ky. Science and Engineering Fair and indicated that she is pleased with the \$250.00 donation that the Section is making. Faith has already provided Donnie with her contact information.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trent seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 9:00 am @ KGS in room 102. The KGC will meet immediately afterward.