

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday March 17, 2020

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, Daniel Phelps, John Popp, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

President's Report

Edward Lo recommended that the Darwin Lecture should be postponed this year because there is currently too much uncertainty with the COVID-19 developments to plan anything. He recommended that the event be postponed until February 2021. Donnie Lumm suggested that Edward email the prospective speaker for the Darwin Lecture, Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ, Director of the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park, to inform him the event will be canceled this year and to gauge his interest in speaking at the event in the future.

Edward said that for the foreseeable future, KY-AIPG meetings should be held remotely using an online format, particularly given the current limitations that have been placed on gatherings. John Popp made a motion for KY-AIPG to hold future meetings, at least in the short term, using online resources. Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

President Elect

Megan Cleinmark – no report. Given the current developments associated with COVID-19, her campus outreach visit to Western Kentucky University (WKU) on March 20, 2020 has been postponed indefinitely.

Vice President

John Popp has been in touch with Sara Johnson at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) to schedule a meeting but he has recently learned that the university is temporarily closing so any campus visits will not happen in the short term.

The Geological Society of America (GSA) Joint Regional Meeting that was scheduled to be held in Reston, Virginia on March 20-22, 2020 was also canceled. John had been scheduled to present an oral paper concerning Geoscience Careers in the Mining Industry.

John is going to volunteer to serve as a judge for the Kentucky State Science Fair which will be held online this year. Dan Phelps indicated he would also like to volunteer. The event is scheduled for March 28, 2020.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on March 10, 2020, and were approved by electronic vote on March 13, 2020 following minor revisions. Tim thanked Donnie for keeping the minutes in his absence at the January meeting.

Tim explained that the membership roster that he had mailed out earlier in the year contains information that can be used to keep up with active members and contact those who may have forgotten to pay dues.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed (electronically) copies of the Treasurer's report for the period February 29, 2020. The report is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2020	\$24,451.41
Checking Balance as of February 29, 2020	\$24,653.36
PayPal Account Balance as of February 29, 2020	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of February 29, 2020	\$24,653.36
Net change from previous report:	+ \$201.95

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

John mentioned that it should be decided whether the two donations that were received for the current Darwin Lecture need to be returned or if the funds can be retained and used next year. Tim gave verbal authorization to keep the donation from GeoScience Consultants for future use and Bill volunteered to contact Mark Sweet ask what should be done with the sponsorship provided by Shield Environmental Consultants.

Bill reported that he has filed the KY-AIPG summary tax forms from National AIPG. He indicated that KY-AIPG spent approximately \$5,100 during 2019. Bill expressed concern over the declining financial resources and referenced a report that Gil Cumbee had prepared several years ago. The spreadsheet gave a snapshot of the KY-AIPG Section's spending tendencies over the course of several years. Bill indicated that he will attempt to retrieve the information and apply it to the Section's current finances in an effort to identify trends that may exist. Bill's hope is that any negative trends that are identified can be reversed to preserve the financial resources of the Section. Edward inquired about the purpose of maintaining the funds. Bill and Tim explained that it is necessary to maintain funds to be able to afford to do things necessary to 'promote the profession'.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that on February 20th, 2020, he contacted Dr. Jen O'Keefe at Morehead State University who referred him to Maggie Stephenson, the President of the Geology Club at Morehead. Donnie was scheduled to visit the campus but that has since been canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Donnie reported that he is writing a statement AIPG's stance regarding critical (strategic) minerals (rare earth elements) for national AIPG. He will be working with Kari Nutter, Past President, AIPG National.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is should be up to date currently but he does not know if he will be able to connect to the server from a remote (since he's working from home).

Outreach items

Bill reported that he, John, Edward and Tim attended the outreach workshop on resume' preparation at the University of Kentucky (UK) on March 3, 2020. Even though the event was not heavily attended, Bill thought the presentation went very well and those present were quite focused.

Award Nominations:

Bill has not received any nominations for the annual student awards as yet. He has received one lifetime achievement award nomination. Tim will send an email to the colleges and universities to remind them of the March 30, 2020 deadline. Donnie suggested sending the message initially, and then following up with another email on the March 30th possibly extending the deadline a couple of weeks.

General discussion was held about the prospect of holding a spring banquet during which the awards could be presented but no decision could be made.

Bill reported that the KY-AIPG made a \$30 donation to the Wild Fig for the use of their facility during the January meeting.

Topics for a Fall Technical Short Course

Megan suggested that a program could be considered regarding Geologic Hazards that are specific to Kentucky but was not sure how it could be addressed because the topic is so broad. Edward asked if there is a way to know what types of topics that professionals would be interested in and Donnie reported that KY-AIPG has sent out questionnaires asking for that very information. Edward will check with Bill to get the information that he has amassed to get ideas of topics of interest. Richard added that the questionnaire is accessible on the KY-AIPG website. Megan suggested that the Section could consider hosting a webinar in place of an in-person program.

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update

Bill reported that the Board of Registration filed for continuance of the PG Regulation within the proper timeframe so the legislation should be good for the next 7 years. Bill added that he will not be attending the ASBOG refresher workshops because the testing has been postponed due to the pandemic. Dan reported that the Mountain Mushroom Festival, the Cincinnati GeoFair, the Gem and Mineral Show and the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) meetings have also been canceled.

Donnie reported that he submitted a letter nominating Mark Sweet for the Lifetime Achievement award and wondered if it should be voted on. Tim suggested that we wait before finalizing the vote as the original deadline date of March 30th is going to be extended. The additional time may give others time to make recommendations.

Next Meeting

April 16th at 5:30 pm was recommended for the next meeting date. The meeting will be hosted online in the same format (Zoom). John made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donnie seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.