

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Trent Garrison, William Gilliam, Andrew Jones, Edward Lo, Donnie Lumm, Charlie Mason, Cara Peterman, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet, Pat Whalen.**

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Mark Sweet.

President's Report

Mark requested that Larry Rhodes provide an update on any developments with the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board). Larry reported that the next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017. He also indicated that a position on the Board will be vacant at the end of July. Richard Smath reported that he has currently has three potential nominees to fill that vacancy. Larry indicated that as the result of some recent changes, future Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month instead of the first. He added that the Board is still interested in continuing education requirements but the political atmosphere is not currently conducive to moving forward with this effort.

Mark revisited the issue about the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KYDEP) pay grade, and asked Dan Phelps if there were any new developments. Dan reported that he believes the effort is currently under appeal. Mark stated that AIPG will table the issue until more information about how or if AIPG should proceed is provided.

Mark reported that he is working on a newsletter providing a quick look at 2016, with the primary focus on looking forward to 2017. Mark added that he would like to publish a newsletter each quarter or at least at regular intervals. All seemed to be in agreement.

Mark said he would like to perform more outreach to members but hasn't had the opportunity yet. He thinks it will be closer to the middle of the year before he will be able to devote more time to this effort.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the February 18, 2017 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on March 16, 2017. The minutes were approved (by electronic vote) after minor changes on March 17, 2017.

Tim also reported that he had mailed out the letters requesting nominations for the annual Student Awards on February 23, 2017. Letters were mailed and/or emailed to Northern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Morehead State University, Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University. Larry reported that KY AIPG has received two student nominations, one lifetime achievement and one nomination for geologist of the year this far.

General discussion was held about possibly extending the deadline for these nomination requests. It was agreed that the deadline could be extended to April 15, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurers report, the contents of which are summarized below:

Balance as of January 31, 2017	\$36,798.22** (correction from previous report)
Total Funds as of February 28, 2017	\$37, 321.11
Net change from previous report:	+522.89

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Dan seconded. The motion passed. Mark thanked Charlie for allowing our speaker to stay with him.

Vice President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that Todd McFarland with the Tennessee Section of AIPG, who is also on the planning committee for the 2017 AIPG National Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on September 23-26, 2017, contacted him about hosting a field trip. Donnie has agreed to be a co-leader on a field trip to Mammoth Cave on September 24, 2017 that will be held as part of the conference. Donnie reported that he is also considering visiting Crumps Cave Research and Educational Preserve. He will contact Chris Groves and/or Pat Kambesis to see if they will lead the trip and he will assist. Cara Peterman reported the Pete Idenstein has a lot of information that could be useful on the trip. Andrew Jones provided contact information for someone else who could help with the trip.

Past President's Report

Dan reported that the next Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) meeting is on March 31st at 7:30pm. Rebecca Freeman will be speaking on the future of paleontology. The field trip will be held on April 1, 2017 in Bardstown, leaving at 10 am from the McDonald's restaurant located next to the My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Participants will be visiting Ordovician outcrops and collecting trilobites. Dan emphasized that anyone interested should bring a sledge hammer and safety glasses.

President Elect's Report

Trent Garrison mentioned that a March for Science event is planned for April 22, 2017, from 1-5 pm in Lexington, Kentucky. He is one of the organizers of the event. Trent asked if AIPG be interested in sponsoring the event. They currently have six or seven sponsors so far but will also need to cover the costs of event insurance and to pay a band. This is the first year for the event, which is being endorsed by numerous large, national organizations. Donnie made a motion that KY AIPG sponsor the event in the tune of \$100.00, Dan seconded. The motion passed.

Bill Brab reported that he is tentatively planning a Short Course on Resume Writing that would provide information to students and recent graduates to help them plan for entering the workforce. The course could be followed by situation learning such as mock interviews, then segway into a social event. Charlie Mason added that May could be a bad time because of finals and the end of the school year. General discussion followed to establish a date for the event. April 21st, 2017 was established as the perspective date. Bill recommended using online registration instead of the paper forms, and establishing a method by which payments can be made online. Bill indicated it would cost about \$200 to cover the cleaning fee for the use of the Core Barn, and the cost of lunch if provided. To cover costs, KY AIPG is considering charging \$20 for non AIPG members and \$10 for AIPG members. Trent made a motion to move forward

with the event and Donnie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bill said that the availability of the venue on the specified date needs to be confirmed, but the location could be changed if necessary.

Charlie indicated that such an event would be good to host, but added that it should be set up as a 'program' that could be held in different areas of the state where various universities are located. General discussion followed about how the event will be publicized, including Bill creating a webpage for the event. Donnie recommended that resumes should be submitted prior to the event to allow time to review them prior to the workshop. Cara recommended having templates for resumes and cover letters in addition to evaluating existing resumes. Bill requested that any volunteers make him aware of their interest. Donnie expressed interest in participating if he is available. Cara added that she thinks it would be beneficial to have representatives from academia and the private sector available to provide different perspectives. This was generally agreed to be a good idea.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the KY-AIPG website is current and will be updated as more information becomes available. He added that he has placed a link on the website, which allows access to the same Google Calendar that is used by the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) calendar to list many of the professional events and activities that are scheduled throughout the year. Richard emphasized that the link *does not* provide access to the KGS website; only to the Google Calendar.

Edward reported that the UK Student Chapter of AIPG has a garnet collecting field trip scheduled for the Carolina's on April 1st, 2017. Bill reported that Western Kentucky University is planning a trip to Red River Gorge on April 7-9th 2017. Dan reminded those in attendance that the Lexington Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show will be held at the Clarion on Newtown Pike in Lexington, Kentucky on March 26-27th, 2017. Admission is approximately \$2.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Education / Community Outreach

Mark mentioned two continuing educational opportunities that are scheduled for the near future: AIPG Live Seminar –Fundamentals of Professional Ethics on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 1:00pm, and a Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) Social Event on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 6-8 pm at the Pivot Brewing Company at 1400 Delaware Avenue in Lexington.

Mark reminded everyone that the 15th Annual Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair will be held on April 1, 2017 at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in the Alumni Coliseum. Bill added that it would be nice for AIPG to have a presence at the event. Dan reported that KPS has not been contacted to have a table so he is not sure if they are having exhibitors this year. General discussion followed about what types of materials are available to hand out.

Trent indicated that they have a few spots available for speakers during the March for Science event and asked that anyone interested in filing these spots contact him.

Edward reported that the UK Geology Club is still working on designs for T-shirts and sweatshirts and requested recommendations. Andrew indicated that WKU designed a shirt last year with a stratigraphic column on the back that sold for about \$15 and was very popular.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 15th, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Bill made motion to adjourn, Trent seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Note: The location of the meeting has been moved to Room 222