

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

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

Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

President's Report

Edward indicated that he will hold most of his comments until later in the meeting but reported that the University of Kentucky's virtual Earth and Environmental Sciences banquet, held on May 1, 2020, went very well.

President Elect

Megan Cleinmark reported that she, John Popp, Bill Brab and Edward participated in a virtual outreach event on April 30, 2020. She said the event went very well and added that several graduate students participated.

Vice President

John reported that the Kentucky Geologic Survey's (KGS's) Annual meeting was held earlier today (May 14, 2020) and there were about 147 people in attendance (over 200 had registered). The meeting was held as a virtual event and John indicated there were five technical presentations. He particularly enjoyed the substitute talk by Doug Curl who gave an overview of the new KGS mapping service.

John added that the KGS Advisory Board meeting held on April 17, 2020. During the meeting, it was announced that long time KGS employee Patrick Gooding was involved in a very serious auto accident. Richard Smath added that he was at Cardinal Hill Hospital until May 2, 2020 for occupational therapy. Patrick is reportedly home now and his recovery seems to be going well with the help of his family. John and Richard indicated that Patrick would likely enjoy individuals reaching out to him. John added that the next KGS Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 11th, 2020.

John said there are a couple of interesting Facebook posts by Brandon Nuttal and Jim Cobb where they share information about their experiences from their early days in the profession.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the April 16, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on May 12, 2020. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on May 13, 2020 following minor revisions. Tim reported that the certificate and check were mailed to Tharanie Subramaniam earlier in the week. Tharanie was the winner of the KY-AIPG Outstanding Earth Science Project, High School Division, at the KY State Science and Engineering Fair. An award for the Middle School was not selected this year due to the lack of geology related projects.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he is trying to migrate all of the files from the server on campus to his laptop. He is working through the details. This is necessary so he can access the files he needs while working remotely.

Past President's Report

Donnie revisited his previous suggestion that the Annual KY-AIPG Section meeting be an informal gathering which could be discussed later. This would allow KY-AIPG an opportunity to present the annual awards to the winners.

New Business - AIPG Annual Awards

The nominations for the KY-AIPG annual awards are as follows:

Lifetime Achievement: Mark Sweet

Geologist of the Year: Dan Phelps

Student Awards: Kim Kusler (NKU) and Tim 'Spencer' Dixon (UK)

John made a motion to accept all of the nominations as presented and Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Edward indicated that KY-AIPG needs to consider options for where an informal event can be hosted given the gradual re-opening of the state. Donnie suggested setting a date to host an informal ceremony with the hopes that the award winners can attend. If they cannot attend, the awards could be mailed to them. General discussion was held about potential locations for the event. Options included Natural Bridge, Raven's Run, Proud Mary and Hall's on the River. John suggested that an alternative could be to present the awards virtually and follow-up with a social event in the early fall. There are too many unknowns to make concrete plans at this time so various options are being considered. After general discussion, it seems that the consensus is to set up an online ceremony, potentially the first week in June, where the awards can be 'shown' but they would be presented at a later date when gatherings would be allowed.

Remote Career Development Workshops

John mentioned that now may not be the best time to hold online career development workshops especially if the colleges/universities are closed for the semester. John and Richard referenced other online resources that already exist that could be used as a presentation in lieu of trying to host a technical meeting. Edward said that these options are viable and should be considered further.

Social Media Takeovers

Edward reported that he hasn't made much progress on this front but plans to address it in the near future. Megan asked if KY-AIPG has an Instagram account because that's what students seem to be using more frequently.

Ken Lacovara Invitation Update

Edward still hasn't heard from Dr. Lacovara, the speaker that had been invited from Rowan University for the 2020 Darwin Lecture that was cancelled, since their previous contact. Dr. Lacovara had contacted Edward and indicated that he could speak for less than the amount that had previously been quoted. If he doesn't respond to Edward's request, KY-AIPG may have to explore other options.

Edward said he will set up a Google document to collect suggestions about potential subject matter for a fall technical course. Further planning can be implemented based on suggestions received.

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update

No report

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 5:30 pm using the Zoom format. John made to adjourn the meeting and Donnie seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.