

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Soil & Materials Engineers (SME) Office
2020 Liberty Road, Lexington, KY

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumby**, Ben Currens, Frank Ettensohn, **Edward Lo, Donald Lumm**, Daniel Phelps, John Popp, **Daniel Draper, Richard Smath**, David Whitaker

Welcome and Call to Order

Ben Currens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

President's Report

No report.

President Elect's Report

President Elect Ben Currens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. He deferred further comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that it was good to see everyone in person.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he will defer his comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumby reported that he emailed copies of the draft minutes from the April 29, 2024 meeting to the Executive Committee on May 29, 2024. The minutes were approved by unanimous decision during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending April 30, 2024. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of March 31, 2024	\$27,600.07
Checking Account Balance as of April 30, 2024	\$27,610.23
Total Operating Funds as of April 30, 2024	\$27,610.23
Net Change from previous report	+\$10.16

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ben seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date.

Past President's Report

Donnie thanked everyone for attending the meeting today and extended special gratitude to Daniel and his company, S&ME, for their hospitality.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Transition from Zoom

Ben suggested that it's time for AIPG to set up their own virtual account, especially since Edward Lo is moving away, and everyone agreed. He added that the KY AIPG can continue hosting virtual meetings, potentially in conjunction with the in-person meetings, because it is convenient for those located more remotely to attend. Ben reported that the Zoom and Teams platforms were quite similar, but one offers about 15 minutes longer (Zoom is 45 minutes and Teams is 60 minutes), so the decision as to which platform best suits our needs will need to be made. Donnie suggested that we try the platform with the longer time allowance (TEAMS) to see if it is long enough. Bill also mentioned that a 'work around' exists for Zoom too. Ben and Bill will test the options to see how they work. The general consensus was to go with whatever is free. Edward Lo indicated that Google Meets is another option to consider.

Donnie asked if anyone who has the login credentials to the KY-AIPG Facebook account, so the page can be updated. Ben suggested that a 'crib sheet' be developed, that passes on every year to keep up with the login credentials for our accounts. Dan Phelps indicated that he is an administrator on the account and can update it as needed. He added that there are around 480 followers on the page. Daniel volunteered to make a flier for the upcoming KY AIPG banquet that can be posted on Facebook.

KY-AIPG Awards Banquet

Donnie reported that he has reserved the same shelter West Sixth Farm that was used two years ago. There is a three-hour limit so the event will last from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. The fee is \$20 per person and \$10 for 12 and under. Children five and under will be able to attend free of charge. He requested that anyone planning to attend, RSVP for planning purposes.

John Popp asked if the money that will be collected from attendees will be used offset costs for food available at the facility because it might be easier on the staff if they did not have to bring food. The general consensus was that the food they have on-site is more like snacks and probably would not suffice for a lunch. Ben volunteered to bring the barbeque, Donnie will bring the plates and plasticware and John Popp will bring soft drinks. The event is planned for Saturday, June 15th, 2024.

National AIPG Meeting

Ben indicated that he is planning on attending the event and representing KY-AIPG. Bill reported that he will also attend as he will be presenting during the conference. John is considering attending with his wife. Donnie said he would help Ben prepare the Section Report and get it submitted before the meeting. Registration for the event opens on Saturday August the 10th, 2024 and meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the day. On Sunday (August 11, 2024) most of the field trips will be held. Registration continues and the technical sessions start on Monday. The awards banquet will be held later that night. Additional field trips are to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Donnie revisited the topic of National AIPG's request for sponsorships/donations, and asked if KY-AIPG was interested in providing support. Bill checked the website for sponsorship levels and found that AIPG National has requested sponsorships of \$250 or more. Donnie made a motion support the effort with a donation of \$250.00 and Daniel seconded. The motion passed.

Potter Interns

Tim reported that the mock interviews with the Potter interns at KGS are still in the planning stages. Donnie expressed interest in contributing if he can. Tim indicated that he would provide Donnie's contact information to Kati Ellis at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) so he can participate in the planning meeting. Edward reported that there are currently six interns participating in the program.

Board of Registration Update

The next meeting is scheduled on June 10th, 2024. Megan Cleinmark's term expires in July so a replacement needs to be considered. Bill said the Governor's office prefers three recommendations but it is not necessary. The term for this position is two years.

Donnie reported that the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) is hosting a field trip on Sept. 6-7th, 2024 to view roadcuts along the Mountain Parkway. John emphasized that this would another great opportunity for GSK, AIPG and KGS to collaborate. He added that Steve Greb and Cortland Eble will be leading the trip. Dan Phelps reported that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) is meeting this Friday at 7:30pm at the KGS. He said they will have a speaker, Julia Carr-Treblehorn, who recently completed her PhD from at the University of Oxford.

Dr. Lo reported that he will soon be starting a position as an Assistant Professor of Geology at the Georgia Southern. He will start with Environmental Geology and then teach sedimentology and stratigraphy later in the year.

Next Meeting

The June meeting will be considered the awards banquet. Bill had indicated that he may be able host the next meeting at his company (AST) in July. Bill will be contacted to determine what date(s) work, preferably around July 20th.

Donnie made a motion to adjourn and Daniel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm