

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Ashley Bandy, Ralph Bandy, Bill Brab, Matthew Cecil, **Tim Crumby**, **Jim DeCinque**, Rebecca Freeman, Trent Garrison, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan welcomed everyone and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

President's Report

Dan asked if any sponsorships for the recent Darwin Lecture remain uncollected. Jim DeCinque reported that he has received the sponsorship funds from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), the W. Gross Company (Pepsi), the Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS), Morehead State University (MSU), and the University of Kentucky Earth and Environmental Sciences department. He indicated there are still a couple of outstanding contributors that need to be contacted regarding their outstanding commitments.

Dan reminded everyone about the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) annual seminar that is scheduled to be held on May 13, 2016 at the Core Barn. He encouraged everyone to attend. The program, which is entitled *Navigating the New Energy Landscape in Kentucky*, will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Dan reported that Mark Sweet received recognition in the current issue of *The Professional Geologist* (TPG), for being a member of the organization for 25 years.

Dan alerted meeting attendees about an apparent scam attempt where someone had spoofed his email account and requested Jim to transfer money to them. The incident was reported to National AIPG.

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet mentioned that he has applied for the vacant position on the Board of Professional Geologists but needs another sponsor.

Mark reported that the section had a good turnout at the student outreach event that was held at Proud Mary's BBQ at Clays Ferry on May 3, 2016. He also reported that while he was at the meeting, he was asked to serve on an Advisory Panel at EKU.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the April 2, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on May 3, 2016. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque gave his financial report for the month ending April 30, 2016 as follows:

Previous balance as of March 31, 2016	\$36,290.60
Total Funds as of April 30, 2016	\$37,376.44
Net change from previous report:	\$1,085.84

Dan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Donnie seconded. The motion passed. Jim reported that based on the information he has available at this time, he is expecting that the section will be approximately \$140 in the hole for the ASBOG training course.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard indicated that the website is up to date.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)

Dan reported that Dave Harris asked if AIPG would be interested in hosting a display booth at their annual meeting that is scheduled to be held on September 25-27, 2016 in Lexington, Kentucky. Donnie reported that it cost \$500 for the booth space and asked for feedback from the section members. Matthew Cecil reported that the UK Student Chapter of AIPG will have a table at the conference and volunteered to man a booth for AIPG if needed. General discussion followed about the cost vs benefit, and if it would be a worthwhile venture. It was also reported that there may be an opportunity for the students to participate in a reduced fee. If that comes to fruition, then there seemed to be interested in piggy backing with the student section at the reduced rate.

Donnie reported that the Technical Session and Field Trip regarding karst processes on April 29-30 that was held at Western Kentucky University's Hamilton Valley Station near Cave City, Kentucky was successful. He estimated that 19-20 students attended as well as 14 professionals and 7 professional speakers. He said it was difficult to organize because everything had to be performed remotely. Based on reports he received, his perception was that the technical session went very well. There was an unexpected visit to Crump's Cave which turned out to be a pleasant surprise. Donnie said he had incurred \$526.88 in expenses and the receipts from the program were \$1,410.00. He said it took him about 120 hours to organize and oversee the event. The Executive Committee thanked Donnie for an excellent job.

Several Executive Committee members reported that they attended the Lexington Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show that was held at the Clarion in Lexington, Kentucky on April 2-3, 2016.

Dan reported that the event at Proud Mary's BBQ went very well. Dan estimated that at least 60 were in attendance. Trent Garrison reported that the section incurred approximately \$230 dollars in expenses for appetizers. He said that representatives from all Kentucky colleges except for Murray State University and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) were in attendance.

Dan reported that Trent has accepted a position with Miami University (Ohio) and will be missed. He was congratulated on his accomplishments and received thanks for his service.

Donnie asked if KY AIPG is planning on setting up a table at the KGS annual meeting as requested by Jerry Weisenfluh. Richard indicated he would bring the neon sign if needed.

Larry Rhodes reported the annual KY AIPG award winners for 2016 were as follows: Bill Brab - Geologist of the Year, Rudy Vogt - Lifetime Achievement Award, Student Scholarship Recipients: Alexandra Shelters (NKU) and Matthew Bentley (Morehead).

Tim mentioned that in the future, those submitting nominations for awards should be careful that the nominees fit the award appropriate category as several nominations were received for the Geologist of the Year, but would have been better suited for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dan brought up the issue about pursuing past members who have allowed their memberships lapse. Bill mentioned that he had heard there is a reduced membership fee for retirees, but he could not find additional information on the topic. Dan indicated that he would send an email to National AIPG to find out more information regarding the potential fee reduction. Mark suggested that the Section keep track of any progress made toward contacting previous members and volunteered to track it if someone will draft a letter or email that can be sent out.

Bill recommended that the student chapters discuss the need to provide updated contact information as they graduate so the organization can maintain contact once they move on. Matthew responded that he would post a request to that affect on the UK Facebook page. Trent reported that he has posted a similar request on the KY Section's Facebook page. Richard asked that they both include his email address in the announcements so the updated information will be sent to his attention.

Future Student Outreach

Bill reported that Western Kentucky University (WKU) has been awarded a charter for their student chapter and mentioned that the Section should consider hosting a future outreach event closer to the university, possibly in Elizabethtown or Bardstown. Dan suggested the next outreach event be held in September but does not want to conflict with the National AIPG Meeting schedule which is scheduled to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 13, 2016.

Continuing Education

Larry reported that he has a draft outline of the proposed amended regulation for the requirement for continuing education but the document has not been made public. He said the prospect of adopting the requirement as optional or voluntary was not widely accepted. General discussion was held about how to let those who oppose the proposal know what types of courses, events and activities would qualify, as it may helpful in swaying their votes. Bill suggested that an informal vetting period be held, to give AIPG an opportunity to review the contents of the proposed regulation prior to the initiation of the formal process. Larry recommended that members attend the next Board meeting which is scheduled for June 6, 2016. The topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Announcements

Dan announced that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) is hosting their annual trip to Maysville, Kentucky on May 14, 2016. Interested parties can contact him for additional information.

Board of Registration Report

Larry reported that the Board decided not to continue with their periodic newsletter due to the lack of articles. Dan expressed concern about how information will be disseminated going forward as there are several topics of concern being addressed, including the progress of the efforts on continuing education.

Rebecca Freeman reported that the UK student chapter of AIPG puts out a newsletter every Monday and requested any information from the Section that could be included.

Bill mentioned the student chapters at WKU and Murray have expressed interest in topics like resume preparation, how to interview, and what to expect after graduation. He suggested that the section consider hosting a short course to address similar topics, possibly with break-out sessions.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016 in Room 102 of the Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.