

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Alicia Brab, Bill Brab, **Tim Crumbie**, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:17 AM

President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn welcomed visitors and deferred additional comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

No report.

Past President's Report:

Jim Howard indicated that he is serving on two national AIPG committees; one on section support, and another that is considering allowing holders of state professional licenses to automatically qualify as members of AIPG.

Jim also indicated that he presented a lecture to the Boy Scouts on disaster and earthquake preparedness in Daviess County. He said the lecture was well received.

Vice President Report:

Report deferred until later.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the October 8, 2011 meeting were approved electronically on November 9th, 2011. Copies of the minutes were provided to those who wanted them.

Treasurer's Report: Donnie Lumm reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of September 30, 2011</i>	\$37,972.25
Total Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2011	\$40,193.20
General Checking Acct.:	\$490.26
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$12,697.03
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,005.91

Tim Crumbie made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Registration Report:

The last Board meeting was held on October 3, 2011. The next meeting is December 5th, 2011. Larry Rhodes reported that he attended the ASBOG meeting but there were no significant new developments. Larry stated that the Board will present Richard Spruill, 2011 President of ASBOG, with a Kentucky Colonel Certificate at the meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas later this month.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that he has uploaded Ralph Ewers' field trip guide to the section's webpage for those who are interested. Richard also mentioned that he will work adding a link to the section Facebook page.

Old Business:

Karst Geology Short Course: There was general discussion about when the cut-off date for registration should be going forward. On the positive side, if people register after the deadline date, additional revenue could be generated in the form of a surcharge. On the negative side, late registration may not allow time for sufficient planning.

Jim made the suggestion that the section consider having the vice president handle most of the coordination for future short courses and similar events, especially given that the Kentucky Section may not host field trips in the future.

Alicia Brab mentioned that Beth Barnes, University of Kentucky College of Communications - Integrated Strategic Communications Field, is interested in working with AIPG to establish an internship or something similar, where students would gain experience in event planning. The assistance would be free of charge to the organization and the student would receive college credit. Donnie indicated that he would like to contact Ms. Barnes regarding the specifics of the program and to determine if the proposition is viable. Preliminary discussions were that AIPG would offer 1 credit hour (50 working hours) for the internship to see how it works out.

February 2012 Professional Development Seminar: Frank mentioned that the section should start publicizing the event sooner than later. Jim mentioned that this could be a good opportunity to utilize the services referenced above by Alicia, to solicit assistance from the student interns.

Faith suggested that any posters and fliers should be prepared at least a month in advance of the program to allow review and approval. Jim suggested that we utilize the services of the student interns to assist with this task also. Frank requested that Dan Phelps be the chaperone for Eugenie Scott when she is in town for the Darwin Lecture Series. He agreed. Donnie mentioned that Dan should keep track of his expenses for reimbursement.

The program, entitled Darwin: Demon or Revolutionary, is scheduled for February 16, 2012.

Geology Short Course to San Salvador: Frank has spoken with the prospective hosts of the trip and indicated that the preferred dates for the trip are March 17th – 24th, 2012. If this is the case, participants should plan on leaving on March 16th and returning on March 25th. The costs are summarized below:

Room and Board for 7 days	\$420.00
Insurance for 9 days	\$ 14.00
Boat Trip	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
Total Island Expenses	\$449.00

The costs that remain unresolved are 1) transportation to Fort Lauderdale (participant responsibility), 2) getting from Fort Lauderdale to San Salvador and the return trip. Frank is working on obtaining a charter flight from Fort Lauderdale to San Salvador. One option for transportation from Ft. Lauderdale to San Salvador is via Bahamasair, which costs approximately \$430.00 but includes an overnight stay in Nassau.

Frank mentioned that a deadline for registration and payment should be mid January 2012 at the latest. Each university should already have a program in place that allows college credits to be issued for participation. Larry mentioned that it takes 30 to 60 days to get a passport. Donnie mentioned that some of the financial logistics that need to be addressed include methods of accepting payment (cash, check, credit card) and the need for W-9 forms by vendors.

There was general discussion held about including a “handling fee” of \$50 per student or \$100 for professionals, to cover the costs of incidentals. The general recommendation was widely accepted.

Kentucky Academy of Science Panel Discussion: Frank participated in the panel symposium to discuss the natural history museum on November 4th, 2011. This is a KAS lead effort but AIPG is offering support.

Faith recommended that a colloquium be held with Dawn Anderson, President Elect of KAS, Kent Whitworth, Director of the Kentucky History Museum and Chairman of the Natural History Museum Board (by legislation), scientists, educators and all interested parties across the state, to determine what it takes to develop, operate, and maintain a museum. This is still in the early stages and is a learning process. Currently, February of 2012 is being considered as a potential meeting date.

Follow-up of KGC meeting: Frank summarized the meeting that was held following the last AIPG meeting. It was suggested that an umbrella organization named the Kentucky Geologic Consortium (KGC) be established to avoid duplication and conflicts between professional geologic organizations. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 21st, 2011. The meeting will most likely be held following our AIPG meeting using a similar format as before.

New Business:

Frank recommended that the section start considering speakers for the next Professional Development Seminar as soon as the February program is over. Jim provided list of topics to be considered for future Professional Development Short Courses. One suggestion for the Spring of 2012 was to host a jointly sponsored, student oriented Career Workshop between the Kentucky Section of AIPG and the American Geologic Institute (AGI). The event would include representatives from as many industries as possible. The intent would be to expand AIPG's exposure to students, educate them on the expectations and responsibilities of various jobs and positions, and possibly provide employment where warranted. The event could also result in the formation of student chapters of AIPG. AIPG could fund the program which would essentially consist of providing snacks. The program was proposed for the spring of 2012 but the general consensus was that April may be too hectic for the event to be successful. It was suggested that it be moved to September.

The second event, for which two alternatives were suggested, was proposed for mid October, 2012. The first option proposed was a short course on Site Assessment and Remediation on Karst Sites. The morning session could consist of two sessions about Surface Geophysics in Karst Terrain, while the afternoon session could concentrate on alternative remedial technologies. The second option could be themed Contaminant Migration, Degradation and Remediation. This option could consist of a morning session about Chemical Fate and Transport, with an afternoon session on Alternative Remedial Technologies. Donnie made a motion to tentatively accept the above proposals and for Jim to start looking into the matter further and obtain commitments from presenters if possible. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Charlie Mason indicated that he has been in contact with Drew Andrews about a project he is working on that concentrates on mapping surface features. Charlie recommended that some of Drew's research could be used to host a future short course or professional development seminar.

Frank posed the question if AIPG is planning to host a spring field trip. Given that KGC may potentially be hosting field trips in the future, there may not be a need for one. Tom Lierman asked when the banquet would be held if no field trip is planned. It was mentioned that as discussed at the KGC meeting, AIPG's award banquet could piggy-back with the KSPG banquet.

Tim indicated that the ballots have been sent out and many have been returned. Voting continues through November 15th after which time an email will be sent out announcing the results.

It was generally determined that a meeting is not needed for December, but a tentative date of December 10th was established if it were later decided to be necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. Next meeting was subsequently scheduled for January 21, 2012 @ KGS. The meeting would convene at 10 am and would be followed by a KGC meeting at around noon.