

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Kentucky Geological Survey

Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building

Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Jim DeCinque, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Richard Smath, Alicia Solomon (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

## Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Donnie Lumm.

## **Officer Reports**

### President's Report:

Donnie Lumm reported that he attended an AIPG Tennessee Section meeting in Nashville on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He reported they had a speaker from the USGS who spoke on the use of GIS for surface hydrology studies. Donnie indicated that he had hoped to observe how the Section runs their business meetings but Tennessee Section President Tom McComb was apparently absent and the brief business meeting was run by Secretary John Hofer. Donnie reported that Tennessee has a couple of fairly active student chapters, and also mentioned that the 2017 National AIPG meeting is scheduled to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Donnie indicated that he met a few Section members and students at a downtown Nashville restaurant after the business meeting.

Donnie had been invited by David Williams to host a talk about Continuing Education at an Indiana-Kentucky Geological Society (IKGS) meeting. The meeting was held in Owensboro on October 19, 2015. Donnie reported that approximately 16 people attended the meeting, where he presented the results of the recent KY-AIPG Survey Monkey survey on Continuing Education. He said the prospect of requiring continuing education was very well received.

### President Elect Report

Dan Phelps reported that he contacted Dr. Donald Johanson, Arizona State University (ASU), has agreed to be the speaker at the 2016 Darwin Lecture Series but has not been able to provide a date that would work with his schedule. Bill Brab suggested that a date be established for the event, then see if he can meet the schedule. If not, an alternative speaker may be needed. Dr. Peter Dodson (Pennsylvania State University) could be an option if he is available. Frank Ettensohn indicated that he will make inquire about his availability. Dan suggested that if he hasn't heard back by December 4, 2015, other options may need to be pursued. Other potential options are geomorphologist Dr. David Montgomery and paleontologist Dr. Peter Ward.

Frank reported that he attended the Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS) meeting. He reported that Ann Harris may be the section head next year and the meeting will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Frank will be the president for the KAS next year. Frank suggested that the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) consider hosting a field trip in the Clifty Falls area (Madison, Indiana) jointly with the KAS as it has not previously been done. Frank He reported that a lot of coordination has to take place before this event can be scheduled, and is hoping that David Dockstetter can help facilitate the event. Frank also stated that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) can participate if they are interested.

### Vice President's report

No report.

### Past President's Report:

Bill handed out the results of the evaluation forms that were completed after the professional development course (shallow subsurface geophysics) on October 16, 2015. He thought the event went well. Approximately 36 people were in attendance and the reviews were generally good.

Bill visited Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on November 6, 2015 and met with Dr. John Rockaway and Sarah Johnson about the status of the existing AIPG student chapter on campus and the benefits of professional networking. Bill reported that he also gave a 30 to 45 minute technical talk. The ASBOG review courses seemed to spark the most interest in discussions that followed the talk. Bill also reported he and Jim DeCinque recently met with the University of Kentucky (UK) Student Chapter. Alicia Solomon reported that the UK student chapter is in the process of setting up a student organization account in the name of AIPG with the UK Federal Credit Union. The account minimum is \$25.00.

Bill talked with Dr. George Kipphut, Murray State University, on Nov. 20, 2015 to make sure everyone had received and reviewed the bylaws and chapter associated paperwork. He believes they should be able file to paperwork for a new chapter there by the end of the year.

Vicki Hill copied Bill on an email letting him know that National AIPG has established contact with Western Kentucky University (WKU) about setting up a student chapter there. Dr. Andrew Wulff of WKU was listed as a contact.

Donnie reported that he recently talked to Charlie Mason with Morehead State University, who indicated that he is considering retirement. Although he is supportive, he said that he would not be the best contact for the faculty sponsor of the evolving student chapter after he retires. Dr. Jennifer (Jen) O'Keefe, a current faculty member, may be a suitable replacement. Donnie said that the Kentucky Section is planning to host a social event for students at Pasquale's Pizza in Morehead on December 3, 2015.

#### Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the October 10, 2015 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on November 17, 2015. After recommended revisions were incorporated, the minutes were approved electronically on November 20, 2015.

Tim reported that as of the end of business November 20, 2015, twenty (20) ballots of the 2016 Executive Committee had been received. Voting will continue until the end of business on November 30, 2015.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Jim DeCinque provided Treasurer's reports for the month ending October 31, 2015. The following balances were reported for the AIPG interest bearing checking account on the referenced dates:

<u>Report dated October 31, 2015</u>	
Previous balance as of September 30, 2015	\$38,365.77
<b>Total Funds as of October 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$37,363.61</b>
<b><i>Net change from previous report:</i></b>	<b><i>(\$1,002.16)</i></b>

Dan made a motion to accept the October 2015 Treasurer's report and Bill seconded. The motion passed.

#### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the web page is current except for the most recent version of the Meeting Minutes, which will be posted shortly.

Donnie thanked Trent Garrison for his efforts in managing the Survey Monkey account. Donnie reported that the results of the survey indicated that of approximately 250 participants, 72% percent were in favor of continuing education requirements and 26% were not in favor. Donnie and Bill agreed that several of those that opposed the measure may not have fully understood the intent. Larry Rhodes indicated that he has two potential candidates to sponsor the bill in the legislature. Dan asked if there was a way to implement a voluntary version of the program to "ease" into the final CEU requirement. Frank suggested that the Ky. Section concentrate on establishing a "sample bill" and posting it online. He recommended meeting with the various professional organizations to receive feedback on the language. Frank and Donnie recommended having a meeting or session on this topic at the AAPG Eastern Section meeting that is to be held in Lexington in September of 2016. Donnie suggested that KY-AIPG host an exhibit booth during the meeting.

Bill mentioned that there are some additional considerations that should be given thought going forward, including the need to set up committees for 1) oversight of student chapters and 2) supporting the bill for continuing education.

Donnie reported that he met with Jim Howard when he was in the western part of the state. Jim is still very active in public outreach and indicated that he would like to help with the development of AIPG in the western part of the state. Donnie said that Jim could be useful in establishing and maintaining a student chapter at WKU.

Faith Fiene asked about why there weren't two candidates for Vice President listed on the 2016 ballot for Section officers. Donnie explained that it was discovered that, according to the National AIPG Bylaws, to qualify to serve on the Executive Committee, all candidates must hold the "CPG" or "Member" certification. One of the previous potential candidates is currently enrolled as a "student associate" member and hence was disqualified.

#### Board of Registration Update

Larry reported that no meeting has been held since the October 10, 2015 meeting. The next Board of Registration meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2015. Larry reported that several new administrators are with the Board. The Lucy Duvall will serve as the interim Board Administrator.

Larry attended the national ASBOG meeting in Newark, Delaware on November 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He reported a field trip was held on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the business meeting was on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, when the ASBOG Executive Director, was let go. Larry passed out copies of the Kentucky Board of Registration 2015 summary report that he provided to ASBOG. He also reported that Louisiana now has a professional licensing requirement for geologists.

#### **Other Items**

Bill reported that he has not had the opportunity to investigate utilizing online payments as an option for future events. He spoke with Dr. Rebecca Freeman, faculty sponsor of the UK student AIPG chapter, who had requested information from AIPG that can be included in a presentation she is preparing for her college's advisory network. She indicated that the university keeps mixing Geology in with Environmental Sustainability Studies, which is different. She wanted to know if AIPG has any information to support the point that a degree in geology is a professional degree complete with licensing. She requested information that will explain how licensing works. Bill sent her some links from the National AIPG web page but asked if anyone else who has access to similar supporting information would contact her.

Professional Geologist exam review course: Bill and Drew Andrews have a proposed date of Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to host the review course. The course will be hosted in Room 102 of the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at UK. Bill mentioned that there appears to be a conflict in the test dates listed on the Board of Registration web page and the dates listed on the ASBOG web page. He asked Larry to confirm the dates because the schedule for the review course will depend on this.

General discussion was held about whether a meeting would be held in December. The decision was that any communications can be handled electronically, and that an early January 2016 meeting should suffice.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 2, 2016 in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Jim made a motion of close the meeting, and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.