

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Edward Lo, **Donnie Lumm**, John Popp, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath, Mark Sweet**.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Mark Sweet.

President's Report

Mark reminded those in attendance that Certified Professional Geologists (CPGs) are required to renew their certifications by January 1, 2018.

Mark provided attendees a summary of the National Executive Committee Meeting that was held during the AIPG Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee on September 23, 2017. His notes covered topics that he found interesting during the meeting. Mark mentioned that AIPG National is considering revising their Strategic Plan to address the future viability/sustainability of the organization. Mark suggested that the KY Section consider revisiting their Bylaws to bring them up to date and make them more relevant to young professionals. During a general discussion about the matter, John Popp posed a rhetorical question about why geologists continue maintain their CPG certifications and what motivation they have to do so. The relevancy of the CPG certification versus professional licensure was also discussed. Bill Brab mentioned that AIPG National has created a new certification called the Nationally Licensed Geologist that seems to overlap with the CPG certification. Donnie Lumm added that this matter seems to be controversial and is currently being debated. Edward Lo posed the question about how the engineers were able to establish a nationally recognized licensing program and geologists have not been able to do so.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the August 26, 2017 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on October 12, 2017. Recommended revisions were made based on comments received from the Committee members and the minutes were approved on October 13th, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab reported that he has created a PayPal account that will allow KY AIPG to receive electronic payments and avoid higher fees charged by credit card companies. The account will be added to Treasurer's reports going forward. Bill distributed copies of the Treasurers reports that were updated on July 31 and August 31, 2017, the contents of which are summarized below:

Previous Balance (as of July 31, 2017)	\$34,278.83
Total Funds as of August 31, 2017	\$34,518.01
Net change from previous report:	+ \$239.18

Previous Balance (as of August 31, 2017)	\$34,518.01
Total Funds as of September 30, 2017	\$33,931.78
Net change from previous report:	-\$559.59

Donnie Lumm made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's report and Trent Garrison seconded. The motion passed. Donnie also made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's report once edited per Bill's comments. Richard Smath seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Donnie reported that the field trip that was held on September 24, 2017 in the Mammoth Cave area as part of the National AIPG meeting went well. He added that Richard has uploaded the guide book, which Donnie prepared, to the KY AIPG website.

Donnie reported that the keynote speaker that presented a lecture on the Gray Fossil Site in East Tennessee during AIPG's Annual Meeting, Dr. Steven Wallace, East Tennessee State University, has agreed to be the speaker for the 2019 Darwin Lecture Series.

Past President's Report

No report

President Elect's Report

Trent talked to Benjamin Runaker, the President of the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) AIPG Student Chapter and suggested that he consider hosting an outreach event at the NKU campus. Trent asked that KY AIPG to approve up to \$100.00 to cover food and beverages during the event. Bill indicated that he is scheduled to give a talk at NKU on November 17, 2017. Trent will also be on campus. All were in agreement that this would be a good date to host the outreach event. The money is already in the outreach account so no motion was needed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the KY-AIPG website is current except for the minutes from the August 26, 2017, which will be posted upon receipt.

Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Larry Rhodes reported that the next Board of Registration meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, Kentucky. He added that he met with Barry Dunn with the Public Protection Cabinet to discuss the possibility of the Board of Registration utilizing the services of the attorney for Engineers and Land Surveyor's Board instead of the counsel that would be assigned from the Attorney General's Office. Larry said that Barry initially indicated that there would be no fee associated with this service but that would likely change. After a follow up meeting between the two, it was decided that the PG Board would continue using the counsel for the Attorney General's Office, at least for the short term. This is a dynamic process and the details are still developing. At the last meeting, Bill requested that Barry provide a summary of the legal services that will be provided to the Board and the associated cost.

Larry reported that both portions of the ASBOG test will be increased by ten dollars. Bill and Larry are scheduled to attend the ASBOG meeting this year in Portland, Oregon. Larry will be in attendance from

October 31st through November 3rd for the business meeting and Bill will be there from November 1st through Nov. 5th for the testing portion.

Trent reported that a public hearing will be held on November 21, 2017, to address several different categories concerning Charter Schools. Trent will email me more information.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Donnie reported that the arrangements for the AIPG 50th Anniversary celebration (to be held at Malone's Restaurant on Tates Creek Road on November 10, 2017) are finalized but he only has six or seven reservations at this point. He added that Dr. Bill Haneberg will give a brief talk about the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and requested that Mark also speak on a topic of his choosing. Donnie has also asked Mark to introduce Dr. Haneberg. General discussion was held about other potential speakers. Thirty or so attendees are needed to break even on the event.

The 2018 Darwin Lecture is scheduled to be held on March 8, 2018 in the Seay Auditorium in the Agricultural Science North Building. Dr. Richard Alley will be the speaker.

Trent reminded those in attendance that nominations are needed for the KY AIPG Vice President and President Elect offices that will be vacated at the end of the year. He asked if there were any objections to posting the request for nominations on Facebook. All agreed it would be a good idea. Donnie indicated that he would provide short write-up that could be used as an announcement. General discussion was held about other options for publicizing the need for candidates.

Mark appointed Tim to be the point of contact for the Executive Committee nominations. Faith Fiene suggested that the KY AIPG establish committees even if they are vacant, so any new members or interested parties could become involved immediately. Donnie suggested that KY AIPG establish a deadline of about two weeks to file the ballot to be issued electronically. Donnie volunteered to serve as a nomination for Vice President if no other nominations were received. Edward volunteered as a nominee for President Elect.

Edward reported that the next University of Kentucky (UK) Geology Club will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Bill indicated that either he or Mark would attend the meeting to promote upcoming AIPG activities. Bill also requested that Mark touch base with the AIPG Student Chapter at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) to re-establish contact with them. Trent will contact NKU. Bill indicated that someone needs to meet with Western Kentucky University (WKU) and Murray State University. Bill suggested the chapters in Western Kentucky be visited during a single trip because they are in the same area of the state. It was also mentioned that Morehead State University should be re-visited, possibly in the spring.

Edward reported that on Thursday Oct. 26, 2017, the UK Geology Club will host a fund raiser at Blaze Pizza from 6-9 pm and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Geology Club. The club will also be selling Polo and Tee shirts in the near future. Edward added that the Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES) are planning a trip to Mammoth Cave on October 21, 2017. Also that independently of the Geology Club, he is considering organizing interaction with an exhibit entitled "[Breach](#)" by Alison Saar. The exhibit highlights the plight of African Americans affected by the Mississippi River Great Flood of 1927. The exhibit contains a gorgeous mosaic of the meander cut-offs and oxbow lakes in the floodplain of the Mississippi River. Edward feels that earth scientists could add value to the discussion by giving short

talks during the exhibit. The exhibit, which is free to the public, will be open from September 9th through December 3rd, 2017 at the UK Art Museum. Edward reported that he is currently gauging the interest of geologists to see if there is any interest presenting during the event.

Richard reported that 13 professionals and one student from Ball State University attended the lecture portion of the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) short course on core analyses of the Berea Sandstone which was held on Friday, October 6, 2017. He added that 22 people attended the field trip portion of the course on the next day. Richard also reported that GSK has obtained insurance to cover any events they may host over the course of the year (as opposed to event insurance).

Bill suggested that KY AIPG consider preparing a thank you letter to KGS for the support (financial, endorsement and venue) they have provided over the years. He recommended that KY AIPG also make a monetary donation to the survey. Bill is planning to prepare a draft letter thanking the Survey for the use of their facilities during the ASBOG review course and can include AIPG if interested.

Faith reported that Charlie Mason had indicated that the ECU Geology Department is starting an endowment fund in memory of Dr. Tom Lierman, a former geology professor at ECU who recently passed away.

ASBOG Short Course Recap (September 10th, 2017):

Bill reported that 10 people attended the review course and forty percent of those in attendance responded to the course evaluation survey request. The majority of the respondents seemed to be interested in aquifer analyses, karst hydrogeology, borehole geophysics and preparation for the ASBOG. The overall sentiment was that the review course was well organized and beneficial.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting was scheduled for Saturday November 18th, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Trent made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.