

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, **Tim Crumbie**, Frank Ettensohn, Alison Graettinger, Christopher Hughes, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**, Jerry Weisenfluh.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan welcomed Alison and Christopher to the meeting.

President's Report

Dan reported that he had invited Commonwealth of Kentucky employee and coworker Bart Schafer to today's meeting to discuss a personnel grievance that had been filed to protest the recent pay grade changes for Environmental Control Supervisors but not for Geologist Registered Supervisors.

Dan reported that Charlie Mason had indicated that Jim Kirkland, Utah State Paleontologist, has agreed to speak at the Darwin Lecture Series in February of 2017. Dan mentioned that Neil Shubin seemed agreeable to speak earlier but is in Antarctica and therefore not accessible. Dan suggested that he be contacted about speaking at the 2018 lecture. Dan further reported that he has not heard back from Dr. Donald Johannsen.

Dan briefly mentioned the need for 2017 Executive Committee nominations. A short discussion was held and it was decided that the election should be held in November per the AIPG Bylaws. Dan asked Richard Smath to send out an email requesting nominations for the vacant offices.

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet handed out an example of a survey that he would like to make available online on Survey Monkey, to get feedback from students and members about their impression of AIPG. The draft survey was similar to the one that was sent out by the AIPG National Vice President, David Pyles, earlier this year. Bill Brab indicated that he could set a survey up in about 45 minutes. He gave an impromptu presentation showing an example of the results from a past survey that was hosted by Google Forms. Bill added that when using the Survey Monkey platform, the user is limited to a fixed number of responses before being required to set up a subscription prior to obtaining the remaining results. After general discussion, Mark indicated that he would like to make new contacts and promote AIPG as he travels professionally around the state.

Vice President's Report

No report

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he visited Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and gave a presentation about the Illinois, Kentucky Fluorspar District on Friday, September 23, 2016. He reported the presentation was well received.

Bill indicated that KY AIPG needs to follow up with Morehead State University about establishing a Student AIPG Chapter there, as there appears to be interest in doing so. Bill reported that he has spoken with Matt Cecil in the UK Student Chapter, and is attempting to coordinate a meeting with them during the first week of December. He is also trying to set a meeting up with chapter at Eastern Kentucky University.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the September 17, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on October 27, 2016 for review. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque emailed his financial report for the month ending September 30, 2016 as follows:

Previous balance as of August 31, 2016	\$36,918.31
Total Funds as of September 30, 2016	\$36,493.70
Net change from previous report:	(\$424.61)

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Mark seconded. The motion passed.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is current and will be updated when he receives the copies of the minutes for today's meeting.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Bill reported that several students have expressed interested in learning more about preparing to enter the workforce, how to interview, and resume preparation. He mentioned that this could serve and an opportunity for a potential outreach event. Donnie asked if addressing this topic would be best addressed by having an open dialogue in person, or if AIPG could develop documents or literature to address their concerns. Bill indicated that it appears that the face to face discussions seem to be warranted and preferred. Christopher Hughes reported that as an academic advisor, he feels that he can't adequately advise students on resume preparation, and that compared to advisors, AIPG members would be considered authorities on the topic. Jerry Wiesenfluh added that it is equally important to inform those interested what they can be doing *now* to gain the experience necessary to prepare a good resume. General discussion was held on the topic all seemed to be in agreement that KY AIPG should pursue this opportunity as a future outreach event.

Larry Rhodes mentioned that he has spoken with a couple of professionals that would oppose a requirement for continued education. He said one person he spoke with in particular, indicated that he would not oppose a voluntary option, but still does not feel it should be a requirement. Mark mentioned that from his perspective, many geology professional perceive this requirement as just another cost instead of an opportunity to advance the profession. AIPG has already developed a plan for continuing education and now a sponsor(s) is needed.

Dan reported that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) has a field trip scheduled to Hazard, Kentucky on November 19th, 2016. Participants will meet at Wendy's and Dan will lead the trip, which is geared toward amateurs.

Frank reminded everyone about the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS)/Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) field trip to Clifty Falls State Park near Madison, Indiana, is scheduled for November 4-5, 2016. Frank is estimating that about 30 people have registered for the field trip. At this point the banquet registration is down a bit but he hopes that will increase. Registration for the event will remain open through the day of the event.

He also reported that March 11-18th, 2017 are the tentative dates for the Bahamas Short Course to San Salvador Island, Bahamas. Frank reported that he has recently received the information. Apparently a recent hurricane has slowed the plans. Currently, the base cost is \$588 per person for 7 days. Frank estimates that 13 registrants will be needed to break even.

The proposed tier rate is:

Professionals & spouses: \$700

Students: \$600

Children's rates (non-student) vary. Contact Frank Etensohn for details.

These costs do not include travel. According to Frank, attendees could get to San Salvador from Kentucky for under \$1,000. He needs a good idea of the number of attendees by early January, 2017.

Dan made a motion to move forward with scheduling the trip, Donnie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Donnie indicated that the event can be advertised in the TPG free of charge, and he can contact them to get this set up.

General discussion was held about establishing a deposit/refund schedule and Dan asked Frank to determine what schedule would work best.

Board of Registration Report

Larry Rhodes reported that October 3 was the date of the last Board of Registration Meeting. He will be travelling to Lawrence, Kansas on November 1-4th, 2016 to attend the National ASBOG business meeting and will be taking Blue Monday candy bars as gifts. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2016. No response has been received in response to the three candidates that were submitted to the Governor, to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

Christopher indicated that he will be advising students on the ASBOG test so he will be taking it to assist him in advising.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 3rd, 2016 in Room 102 of the Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Donnie made a motion to close the meeting and Dan seconded.