

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Thomas Brackman, Brook Brosi, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Frank Etensohn**, Faith Feine, **Trent Garrison**, Pete Idstein, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Wesley Turner (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:11 AM

President's Report:

Frank Etensohn welcomed visitors and reported that KSPG had their annual field trip with approximately 30 attendees. He felt it was a successful trip.

Donnie Lumm attended the annual AIPG meeting in Bloomingdale Illinois, on September 9-13, 2011. The meeting that he attended was held on September 10, 2011. Donnie reported only 16 of 34 sections were represented at the conference. He reported that overall, the Kentucky Section of AIPG appears to be one of the more active and successful sections.

Jim Cobb also attended the meeting to thank AIPG for the white paper on state surveys and to encourage other AIPG sections to work closely with their prospective state surveys.

President Elect's Report:

No report.

Past President's Report:

No formal report. Jim Howard submitted a few comments to Frank that were presented in the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Vice President Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the August 13, 2011 meeting were approved electronically on October 5th, 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 July 31, 2011</i>	\$34,580.62
Total Account Balance as of Sept. 30, 2011	\$37,972.25
General Checking Acct.:	\$609.31
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$10,272.92
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,090.02

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

Board of Registration Report:

Last meeting was held October 3, 2011. Jeremy Horton (Assistant Director of Occupations and Professions) presented the new format for the Board of Registration's accounting statements.

John Steffen (Executive Branch Ethics Commission) provided mandatory ethics training in compliance with an Executive Order during the meeting.

The responses to this year's renewal notices have been better than in earlier years. Only about 250 registered geologists had not submitted their renewals as of the date of the meeting.

The Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) will host an annual meeting in January of 2012. Steve Wyatt and Mark Brenglemen will attend as Board representatives.

An ASBOG Counsel of Examiners workshop will be held in Louisville in the spring of 2012.

Larry Rhodes indicated that the Board is considering presenting the Richard Spruill, 2011 President of ASBOG, with a Kentucky Colonel Certificate at the meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas in November of 2011.

Jim Cobb reported that the previously proposed continuing education requirement for PGs was defeated in a poll of the profession, by a 51% to 49% vote.

The four goals the Board is trying to accomplish during the 2012 legislative session are as follows: 1) remove the exemption for professional registration for all state and local geologists, 2) the state geologist can send a delegate to attend meetings when needed, 3) a \$1,000 maximum fine for infractions to the PG regulations and 4) changing the renewal date from annually to bi-annually.

Gil reported that four applications for new PG licensure, one re-instatement, and one renewal were approved. Also, two active complaints are currently being investigated by the Board's Complaints Committee.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 5th, 2011 in Frankfort.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath reported that a formal newsletter is not currently being created. Richard has been sending out time sensitive notifications via email and will continue to do so unless enough information is available for a newsletter.

Old Business:

Karst Geology Short Course: Frank reported that Jim (Howard) had sent several comments by email, regarding the status of the preparations for the course. Donnie indicated that Billy's Barbeque will be catering the event and that lodging and the other logistics are being worked out. Richard indicated that several people are interested in receiving certificates for attendance documenting professional development hours (PDH) or continuing education units (CEUs). Richard has developed a few draft examples from which to choose. The lecture portion of the course is scheduled for October 19th, 2011 and the field portion will be held on October 20th, 2011.

February 2012 Professional Development Seminar: The program is scheduled for February 16, 2012. Dan Phelps spoke with Eugenie Scott to request that her presentation include as much geology as possible.

Spring Field Trip to San Salvador: Frank reported an approximate cost for the trip as follows: seven days room and board - \$434, insurance - \$11, boat trip - \$15. The total cost for the week is approximately \$460, exclusive of travel. AAA provided an estimate inclusive of air travel that would make the expenses for the entire package approximately \$1,120 (round trip) but those costs may be able to be lowered depending on when the flights are booked and which airlines are contacted. Tom Lierman asked have the credit hour costs been considered if colleges/universities are considering the course as part of their curriculum. Frank replied that those costs, if any, would have to be determined by respective college or university. Frank emphasized that a passport is required.

Future Meetings/Banquets:

The Kentucky Academy of Sciences will host a panel symposium to discuss the natural history museum in Murray, Kentucky on November 4th, 2011 at 7-8 pm. Frank will participate on the panel.

Patrick Gooding asked that the Kentucky Section of AIPG consider hiring a cleaning service following seminars and conferences held at the core barn. He suggested that this approach would be preferable as a company specializing in cleaning would be better equipped to handle the task.

New Business:

Larry Rhodes presented the slate of following officers for 2012: President-Charlie Mason, President Elect-Trent Garrison, Vice President-Bill Brab, Secretary-Tim Crumbie, Treasurer-Donnie Lumm, Editor-Richard Smath.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th, 2011 at 10 am at the survey.

Joint Meeting Kentucky Geologic Consortium

Attendees: Those listed above plus – Alicia Brab, Dave Dockstader, Susan Miller, Rick Schrantz, Ann Watson, Jerry Weisenfluh.

Meeting convened at 11:35 am.

Jim Cobb introduced the purpose of the meeting which is to determine what geologic organizations within the state can do to make the profession stronger, more unified and more organized. He was seeking confirmation of the willingness of each group to cooperate to accomplish this effort.

Drew Andrews and Patrick Gooding provided comments and suggestions as to the potential roles of several of the different organizations. To view either **Drew's comments** or **Patrick's comments**, [click on the name](#). One of the recommendations was that AIPG continue to sponsor short courses and workshops and KSPG could continue hosting the field trips. The thought being that the annual KSPG field trip is typically the largest single gathering of geologic professionals in the state and members of most geology organizations participate in the event. All professional geologic organizations could present their awards during the banquet while the audience is available to appreciate them. The AIPG seminars and workshops have been well received and offer a legitimate option for continued professional development. Given that these efforts have been successful in the past, there is no apparent reason to duplicate efforts and create unnecessary 'competition' within the profession.

Wesley Turner reported that a great opportunity currently exists for geologists to "re-invent" themselves and take advantage of new environmental regulations that are being considered by the local and federal government.

Pete, Thomas and Jim emphasized that young people are not being contacted as efficiently as possible and geologists are not making themselves as available as we could. General discussion followed on what geologists can do to increase visibility and public outreach.

Charlie recommended that a meeting similar to this one be held annually and Trent agreed. Trent stated that he has three goals listed as he has heard in the meeting thus far:

- 1 Meeting annually or bi-annually
- 2 Defining the role of each group
- 3 Establish a common calendar (such as Google Calendar)

Before moving forward, it was determined to be necessary to establish if all were in agreement with cooperating with the effort. Representatives of the following organizations signified their willingness to cooperate: KSPG, KY-AIPG, KPS, AEG, AAPG–Eastern Section and Bluegrass Gem and Minerals.

Frank suggested that the process of consolidating the efforts of the professional organizations start next year, which would give everyone time to develop a preliminary structure. A tentative meeting date of January 21st, 2012 has been suggested as the first meeting. A suggested name for the umbrella organization would be the Kentucky Geologic Consortium (KGC). It was suggested that the consortium be comprised of the presiding officer of each participating organization but all are welcomed to participate.

Jerry reiterated that some of the concerns of years past, primarily the absence of young people within the organizations. He feels that it is important to provide educational opportunities and career training

available to them. Brook stated that until CEUs are required, the problem of lacking participation from professionals will persist.

Charlie suggested that KGC resources, once established, be utilized as a resource to provide speaker bureaus, representation in Frankfort and so on.

Dave stated that establishing Distinguished Kentucky Geologic sites has been successful in educating the public and should be continued.

Jim summarized that it is important to provide a mechanism by which students can be contacted and suggested that AIPG take the lead on this. KGS has been maintaining a mailing list (incl. email) that could be used in contacting current professionals. The Kentucky List Serv is another source that could be used for contact information.

Jim mentioned that the new geologic maps of Kentucky have recently been rendered into a single, large map which will be unveiled at KGS on December 1, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm