

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, October 10, 2015
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, **Donnie Lumm**, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Alicia Solomon, J.P. Sparr, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Donnie Lumm.

Officer Reports

President's Report:

Donnie reported that he attended the AIPG Annual Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska between September 17 and September 20, 2015. Donnie reported that approximately 170 participants were registered for the conference and that approximately 22 sections were represented. On Friday, September 18, 2015, Donnie attended the National Advisory Board meeting during which the duties and activities of the various sections were discussed. Donnie also presented the Kentucky Section's Delegate Report to the Advisory Board, and the advisory reports for the other sections were also presented. The need to establish more student chapters and recruit more young professionals was emphasized during the meeting. Donnie reported that the revisions to the KY-AIPG Bylaws were voted on and approved by National AIPG during the meeting.

Donnie indicated that he visited with Todd McFarland who represented the Tennessee Section of AIPG, and the Ohio Section of AIPG about recent and future activities. Donnie indicated that he was also elected as a member of the National Advisory Committee for a one-year term beginning in January 2016.

President Elect Report

Dan Phelps reported that he contacted Dr. Donald Johanson, Arizona State University (ASU), on September 17, 2015, to inquire about his interest and availability to speak during the 2016 Darwin Lecture Series. Dr. Johanson responded that he is interested but would not be able to make the appearance for less than \$3,000.00 plus round trip travel from San Francisco. Dan indicated that KPS would share sponsorship of the event. It was also recommended that the University of Kentucky may be interested in sponsoring the event. Gil Cumbee stated that the Section needs to consider obtaining sponsors for future events to make the costs for these types of events more palatable. Dan volunteered to draft a letter that could be used to solicit sponsors, and send it to Donnie for editing.

After general discussion about the feasibility of hosting the event, it was agreed to pursue Dr. Johanson as the speaker for the 2016 event.

Vice President's Report

Faith Fiene reported that she and Frank Ettensohn attended the social event at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) event in Richmond on September 24, 2015. She subsequently indicated that she will be helping with registration at the upcoming professional development conference that is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2015.

Past President's Report:

Bill reported that approximately 30 participants attended the Student Outreach event that was held at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) on September 24, 2015. He indicated that a couple of faculty members were in attendance also.

Bill Brab reported that on September 28, 2015, he and Donnie visited Northern Kentucky University (NKU) for another social outreach opportunity. The event was held at The Skyline Tavern and approximately 14 people from the university attended. The NKU student chapter was presented with the

seed money provided by National AIPG. Dr. John Rockaway was in attendance and offered to serve as the faculty advisor for the chapter.

Bill and Donnie attended a different social event at Murray State University on October 9, 2015. Bill reported that the faculty seemed to be more assertive in their approach. They essentially set up a seminar where Bill and Donnie made technical presentations to the attendees. They met with Dr. Haluk Cetin and Dr. George Kippit (the Chair of the Department of Geosciences) and were given tours of the department. Event attendees appeared to be excited about the opportunity to develop a relationship with a professional society. Donnie reported that approximately eight (8) people expressed interest in establishing a student chapter there.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumie reported that the draft minutes from the September 12, 2015 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on October 8, 2015. After recommended revisions were incorporated, the minutes were approved electronically on October 10, 2015.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim DeCinque provided Treasurer's reports for the month ending September 30, 2015. The following balances were reported for the AIPG interest bearing checking account on the referenced dates:

<u>Report dated September 30, 2015</u>	
Previous balance as of August 31, 2015	\$38,840.54
Total Funds as of September 30, 2015	\$38,365.77
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>(\$474.77)</i>

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

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the web page is current.

Miscellaneous Discussion Points:

Student Chapter Finances

Jim evaluated options for how the finances for the student chapters could be managed. The four options that he developed are summarized below:

1.) Internal Balance Account: on the Kentucky Section Chapter Account Summary (monthly internal document) a separate line item can be created for each chapter with a beginning balance of \$100. The \$100 will need to be deposited in the KY-AIPG. KY-AIPG will write all checks and make all deposits for the chapters. The chapter Treasurer is responsible for notifying and working with the KY-AIPG Section Treasurer. The Section Treasurer will roll all debits/credits into our annual Section statements.

2.) Tin Can Option: Each chapter creates their own accounting system and works in a cash only environment and in essence stores their cash in the "tin can". When checks need to be written they transfer the cash to the Section and the Section writes the check. The chapter keeps all of their own deposits. This activity should probably be overseen by the chapter sponsor as they would be in total control of their balance sheet.

3.) KY-AIPG could loan each chapter \$1,000 to start a Central Service100 account. The account is designed for non-profits, and will operate under the KY-AIPG tax ID. It allows a maximum of 100 checks/withdrawals monthly and can have a minimum \$50 opening deposit, but the chapter will be charged a \$3 fee for each transaction unless the \$1,000 minimum is met. There are some exceptions to the \$3 rule, however, this is still under the Section account and would require the Section Treasurer to handle all checking transactions. All fees would be taken from the KY-AIPG account.

4.) Business Checking Account - Requires a \$2,500 minimum. They will have to provide a tax ID and documents defining 501C status. The chapter would be managing their finances without any oversight from KY-AIPG.

Bill reported that he spoke with National AIPG about how the finances for the student chapters should be handled. National reported that the accounts should be managed in as a sub-account under the Kentucky's account.

Bill indicated that the first three options should work. He proposed setting up a meeting Jim DeCinque and the UK and NKU chapters to discuss these options, to determine which would work best. After general discussion, the decision was to clarify the options with Jim prior to moving forward.

Donnie recommended that the KY Section consider allocating \$1,000.00 to each student chapter because the seed money they had been provided would not be much to get started with.

Donnie made a proposal (and motion) that the Kentucky Section purchase copies of The Professional Geologist (TPG) to be distributed to all of the university affiliated geology departments. Bill reported that the magazine costs \$3 per issue, not including shipping. Faith proposed ordering 50 copies, which would equate to approximately 10 copies per university. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dan reminded all that the annual Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) Open House will be held at UK on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, from 6-8pm.

Fall Professional Development Conference - Shallow Subsurface Geophysical Methods:

The professional development course entitled "Geophysical Techniques and Applications – Non Invasive Methods for Subsurface Characterization and Interpretation" is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2015, at the KGS Well Sample and Core Library. Six (6) professional development hours (PDHs) will be awarded for attendance.

The early registration costs to attend the conference are as follows:

- Non-AIPG Members: \$100.00
- Government Employees: \$85.00
- AIPG Members: \$75.00
- Students (non-AIPG): \$20.00
- Student AIPG members: free

After October 7, 2015, registration fees will change to:

- Non-AIPG Members: \$125.00
- Government Employees: \$110.00
- AIPG Members: \$100.00

Bill reported that approximately 28 registrations have been received and he has confirmed that all of the speakers will be able to attend. He will prepare the information packet and get it to Richard. He would like to include the company logos for the sponsors/presenters on the information packet as well.

Bill also reported that Vector Engineering, Shelbyville, Kentucky, will be sponsoring the event. Tom Brackman has volunteered to serve as the host for the event. Donnie reported that he will work with Bill and Richard to get an accurate head count for the luncheon, which will be catered by Billy's Barbeque.

Gil recommended that students be made aware know they are welcome to attend this event.

Electronic Survey Results

Donnie reported that the results of the electronic survey sent out by Jerry Weisenfluh, to gauge interest in the need to require continuing education units (CEUs) for professional geologists, indicated that approximately 70% of those polled indicated approval, and 30% did not approve. Unfortunately, the "Survey Monkey" polling service stops counting at 100 responses, so the full results of the survey are not known to KY-AIPG. A fee would apply to obtain the remainder of the results. From reading the website, Donnie understood that the fee would also include a 12 month minimum membership that costs approximately \$30/month. Bill asked if we would be able to conduct multiple polls under the membership

agreement, or if it is only for the one survey. Donnie indicated he would follow up with Trent to gain a better understanding of the membership requirements of the “Survey Monkey” polling service.

Board of Registration Update

Larry reported that the Board of Registration for Geologists held a meeting on October 5, 2015. He reminded everyone that Lindsay Melton, the former board administrator, has taken another position and they will be looking for a replacement. He reported that the interim Board Administrator is Robin Vick.

Larry also asked about the response to the mass mailing to the county governmental agencies in Kentucky. Donnie indicated that he has not received any responses. General discussion was held to determine if this effort was effective and worth repeating in the future.

Larry will be attending the Annual Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) meeting in Delaware on November 12-15, 2015. Gil reported that the Board of Registration has received 12 applications, six for Professional Geologist (PG) licensure, and six for Geologist in training (GIT). The next Board of Registration meeting will be held on December 7, 2015.

Other Items

Richard announced that October 24, 2015, the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) will be hosting a Family Fun Day. The trip will leave from Stearns, Kentucky at approximately 9:00 am and participants will visit the Blue Heron and Barthell Coal mining camps, take a trip into a coal mine, and make stops at various points of interest along the way. GSK will send a formal announcement as the event nears.

Larry Rhodes provided the following list for the 2016 Executive Committee Members for consideration:

President:	Dan Phelps (not up for election)
President Elect:	Mark Sweet
Vice President:	Trent Garrison, Faith Fiene
Past President:	Donnie Lumm (not up for election)
Secretary:	Tim Crumbie (not up for election)
Treasurer:	Jim DeCinque (not up for election)
Communications Coordinator:	Richard Smath (not up for election)

Bill made a motion to accept the above listed slate as the ballot for the 2016 Executive Committee members, Richard seconded. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on November 21, 2015 in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Donnie made a motion of close the meeting, Richard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.