

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, September 25th, 2010
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim Howard**, **Donnie Lumm**, **Charlie Mason**, Daniel Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

President's Report:

Jim Howard mentioned that only 215 people were registered to attend the national meeting in Florida this year. He said there were 12 sections that had no representation at all. Several representatives said they were the only active members of their respective sections. He reported the meeting was good overall and the field trips were excellent. Jim was elected as a delegate to the advisory board for 2011. While attending the conference, Jim called a meeting with representatives from several surrounding states in an effort to develop ways to improve interaction and awareness between the sections. Jim recommended that we add the names of reps from surrounding states to our emails to keep them informed of our developments.

As in years past, one of the primary concerns at the meeting was getting younger members to be more active. Jim explained that Georgia had 160 people in attendance at their last meeting and they charged \$120 to attend. During his discussion with Ron Wallace, he found out that it worked better to have their seminar on Tuesday or Wednesday. Also, Ron indicated that their turnout from the professional community was better than that of the state employees. Jim suggested that when we plan for our next seminar, we send the announcement to all geologists registered in Kentucky and the surrounding states. Jim asked if the seminar has to be pre-approved to count as credits CEUs. Bill Brab mentioned that he often has to provide documentation to the regulating board, to see if they will allow it prior to attending a particular event. Bill is going to contact Gil Cumbee to determine what is required by surrounding states.

Ron Wallace prepared a presentation that gives an introduction to geology to those interested. It is available upon request.

The 2011 annual meeting will be held in Chicago and the Kentucky section should consider adding a footer to our banner advertising this. National AIPG has requested papers for the January/February student TPG. Ann Harris from EKU presented a paper at the annual meeting and did a very good job.

President Elect's Report:

No Report

Vice President Report:

Charlie Mason spoke to Jack Horner about the February 10, 2011 seminar that we have planned. According to Charlie, there are a few details that remain to be finalized such as developing a title. Jim requested that Charlie and Dan Phelps work with Jack Horner to finalize the details. Charlie would like the opportunity to show Jack some of the Geology of Kentucky during his visit if possible.

Charlie indicated that he had not received any suggestions for the upcoming spring field trip and that he, Frank Ettensohn and Tom Lierman have discussed sticking with the state parks. Carter Caves has been given serious consideration but plans are still in the early stages of development. Tentative trip dates are 4/16, 4/30, and 4/23/2011.

Richard Smath made a motion to accept Carter Caves as the destination for the spring field trip. Tim Crumbie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Past President's Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the June meeting were approved by electronic vote on September 15, 2010. Tim also provided a summary of his assessment of the possible use of Twitter to improve communication between members and sections. Tim concluded that additional manpower would be needed to maintain the account and that this technology would not likely satisfy the needs of the section. Tim felt that the new Facebook page would suite our needs better.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance as of July 22, 2010	\$33,984.80
Total Account Balance as of September 24, 2010	\$32,231.31
General Checking Acct.:	\$697.59
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$4,236.07
Student Award Acct.:	\$0.00 (closed)
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,297.65

Tim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Richard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PG Board Report:

Larry Rhodes and Gil Cumbee are attending an ASBOG meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on Nov. 4, 5, 6 and 7th. Larry spoke briefly about the survey conducted by the Board over the past several months and indicated that most people were in agreement with the questions asked on the questionnaire. The requirement for CEUs however, still appears to be a point of contention. He indicated that the Board will still seek passage of the CEU legislation and attempt to satisfy the concerns of all involved. Jim Cobb indicated that it has been brought to his attention that if this legislation is passed, Kentucky could expect to lose a significant number of registered geologists, particularly those from out of state. This would likely necessitate an increase in dues to fund the program, which would possibly result in the loss of more PGs.

At the last meeting, Rowan County Chapter of the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth expressed concern that non-Professional Geologists were working on UST sites. This issue is being addressed.

Jim Cobb met with the new director of the USGS in Washington D.C. He stated that they are planning to reorganize the USGS to conform to the objectives of the Department of the Interior. Jim also indicated that he visited FEMA who is preparing for an Earthquake simulation on the New Madrid Fault.

A question was posed as to whether Jack Horner could be filmed during this presentation. Apparently he has standing contracts which may prevent him from doing so.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2010.

Editor's Report:

Richard Smath requested nominations for the Geologists of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards and also encouraged all to check the new webpage regularly to keep up to date on the information concerning Jack Horner's lecture.

Old Business:

Voting for the incoming Executive Committee will continue through November 15, 2010. As of the date of this meeting, all votes that have been received (15) have been in favor of the slate of officers as proposed. The new officers for 2011 are as follows:

- President – Frank Etensohn
- President Elect – Charlie Mason
- Vice President – Trenede Garrison
- Secretary – Tim Crumbie
- Treasurer – Donnie Lumm
- Editor – Richard Smath

Charlie recommended that the PG Board consider revising the testing schedule and cost of the ASBOG test.

The Highway Geology Symposium will be held at the Hilton in downtown Lexington on July 25th through 28th 2011. Larry is on a committee in charge of publicity. Henry Mathis is the chairman.

New Business:

Richard Smath stated website is up and running. He also reported that the KSPG field trip will be led by Alan Goldstein, Michael May and Andrew Wulff. The meeting will be held on October 23, 2010 and will concentrate on selected areas within the Western Kentucky Fluorspar District, the Illinois Fluorspar District, and the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.

The ECU Department of Geology and Geography sent a request for comments on their educational courses and degree requirements to several members of the professional community. Jim Howard prepared was invited to comment and he obliged the request.

On October 19, 2010, Donnie Lumm made a motion (electronically) to send flowers or a donation of up to \$50 to a charity in memory of Tom Ryavek, CPG, who passed away on 10/18/2010 at the age of 59. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed. Donnie sent a check to the Jessamine County Habitat for Humanity on October 20, 2010. A letter of acknowledgement from the Habitat for Humanity was received on October 23, 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled on November 20, 2010 at 10am in Room 102 at KGS.

Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.