

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Kentucky Geological Survey

Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building

Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, Mike Gregg, Earl Hoover, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Vicki Oberc, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Sean Rohrer, **Richard Smath**, Jerry Weisenfluh (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

## Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Bill Brab.

## President's Report:

Bill Brab deferred comments until later in the meeting.

## President Elect's Report:

Donnie Lumm continues to hold discussions with Andrew McNeil with the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA), about potentially hosting a joint technical event with AIPG in the future. McNeil responded that he is still interested but wants to coordinate with his executive committee before providing a response.

## Past President's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred comments until later in the meeting.

## Vice President Report:

Donnie deferred comments until later in the meeting.

## Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the August 9, 2014 meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on September 18, 2014. The minutes were approved by the four (4) members that responded. Donnie reported that he had a few minor changes. Tim reported that he would incorporate the changes and the final version would be sent to Richard Smath to upload to the website.

## Treasurer's Report:

<i>Previous Balance as of July 31, 2014</i>	<i>\$31,497.34</i>
<b>Total Account Balance as of August 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$31,574.22</b>
General Checking Acct.:	\$ 237.46
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$ 31,574.22

Jim DeCinque provided a second version of the report where the accounts were combined for discussion. The section actually only has one account, but it is currently being reported as two for tracking purposes. Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Trent seconded. The motion passed. Tim made a motion to adopt the version of the report with the combined accounts as the preferred format. Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

## Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is currently up to date with the exception of the updated minutes from the August minutes.

## **Items Discussed:**

### ASBOG – AIPG Sponsored Refresher Course

The ASBOG refresher course was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Bill said the course seemed to go well and estimated that 32 participants were in attendance. Trent agreed. William 'Drew' Andrews presented the course and has made copies of the course material available for those on the Executive Committee who are

interested. Bill reported that the current plan is to host a course for each time the ASBOG test is offered. Gil Cumbee reported the test is administered two times each year. Donnie asked if Bill thought that the course was effective in its intent. He asked if the course material was covered too quickly and if the attendees' interaction with the instructor gave the impression that they understood the material. Bill responded that the attendees appeared somewhat timid, but that was to be expected. Trent said that he envisioned having professionals from several fields (environmental, engineering geology, coal....) available during the next course so each could give a short discussion on their job duties and professional responsibilities.

Gil reminded everyone that the deadline for State employed geologists to become licensed as geologists is next year.

#### AIPG National Meeting

Bill provided a summary of the National AIPG conference that he attended last week. He reported that the Kentucky Section received quite a few compliments about our Outreach activities. He also reported that the Tennessee and Ohio sections are interested in working with Kentucky on future outreach opportunities.

Bill reported that National is stressing the formation of student chapters and given the increase in student memberships, they wanted to know if any new chapters have been set up. Bill and Trent added that the professors work on a very tight schedule and may not be able to make the commitment. Frank Etensohn added that based on his observations, these types of chapters need dynamic leaders that motivate prospective members to not only join, but be active. Gil and Bill briefly discussed getting faculty support for this endeavor which may ease the burden on potential chapter advisors.

Gil stated that the section bylaws need to be reviewed to determine what revisions, if any, will be needed to allow student sections to be established.

Bill reported that The Geological Society of America's (GSA's) Southeast Meeting is scheduled to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee in March of 2015. The meeting is being co-hosted by AIPG.

Bill mentioned that the Kentucky Section should consider web-casting meetings for those who are too far removed to attend. Webinars have also grown in popularity because of the lower cost and greater accessibility.

Bill brought up the topic of the potential for the section to be able to accept on-line credit card payments. He reported that in his discussions with others he has found that a company named StarChapter™, will host a website and as part of their upgrade, they would add the option to receive online payments. General discussion continued about online payment options such as PayPal®, and how they could be utilized to the benefit of the Section.

#### Darwin Lecture Series 2015

Bill reached out to Dr. Dave Meyer, formerly with the University of Cincinnati, to see if he would be interested in speaking at next year's Darwin Lecture event. He said he is interested. Bill offered an honorarium, asking what he thought was appropriate, but has not heard back from him. The event is tentatively being scheduled for mid to late February. Bill said he would follow up with Dr. Meyer.

Gil asked if any formal agreements have been made to document commitments, when selecting speakers for these lectures. He was looking at it from a liability standpoint. Tim suggested that email documents should suffice and that formal contracts tend to 'scare people off'.

#### 2015 Spring Short Course

Bill reiterated that the section should concentrate on expanding the content of future short courses to include areas of study beyond environmental to attract other participants. Donnie's ongoing effort to coordinate with KOGA is a step in this direction.

Frank said that shale gas is a hot topic right now and this area could be a good topic for a future short course. It was generally agreed that this would be a unique and interesting topic. Bill suggested that Donnie mention this as a potential topic when he resumes his contact with KOGA. The general consensus is that

the Core Barn is the best place to host this event. Frank mentioned that the participants could inspect core samples and follow up with a field trip where they could observe the units in the field. Charlie reported that the Eastern Unconventional Oil and Gas Symposium will be held in Lexington on November 5-7, 2014. This will present an opportunity to advertise about the Spring Short Course, should that topic be selected.

#### Online Survey Form for Short Courses

Bill reminded everyone that the online version of the survey form that was handed out after the last short course is available online and requested that everyone review the document.

#### Elsevier Advertisement on Website

Trent reported that he mentioned that the book is offered on Amazon for less than is being offered on the Section website. In response, Elsevier offered a 30% discount for individual volumes and a 40% discount if all three volumes are ordered.

Gil asked if the section should consider offering advertising on the web page. Richard stated that he could set up something to satisfy this request, but wants to be careful not to over shadow the fact that it is a Section web page. Richard mentioned that a price needs to be established before the option to advertise is added to the website. He feels that the current rate of \$200 is insufficient.

#### Bahamas Course

Frank mentioned that he and Charlie Mason are considering hosting another carbonate short course in the Bahamas. He suggested that funds available through National AIPG may be available to help defray costs. He reported that the course could be considered international study and the University of Kentucky adds another \$500 on top of the normal costs for this type of trip. Frank said that he thinks it would cost around \$1,500 from Ft. Lauderdale. If this is an option, planning needs to start in October. There was a concern about liability and insurance but Charlie reported that the station (camp) has its own insurance. Frank indicated that he thinks it would probably take around 16 participants to break even. Generally, one trip leader would get free room and board for every eight attendees. There was general discussion about advertising in the TPG and the prospective dates. Preliminarily, the trip would coincide with the spring break of the school with the largest number of potential attendees (UK spring break is March 16-21, 2014). Trent checked the Allegiant Air web site and reported that the current rate to fly to Ft. Lauderdale is around \$100.

Donnie made a motion to move forward with planning the 2015 Bahamas trip and to monitor the enrollment for the dates of the trip. Trent seconded the motion.

#### 2015 Student Outreach Gathering

Trent has not yet talked to Logan's Restaurant as a potential venue, but will do so. Another consideration would be to have a gathering at Masterson Station Park. Faith said that she could check on the availability and cost of the Bell House.

Trent suggested that the event be held a couple of weeks before the end of the semester.

#### Board of Registration Update

Larry Rhodes reported that the next meeting for the Board of Registration is October 6, 2014. Board members are planning to continue addressing the potential to require continuing education. Gil said the Board is currently considering requiring 30 hours per cycle (which is 15 hrs per year). Dan Phelps added that he was reviewing the new Phase I ASTM standard and noticed it has continuing education listed as a requirement.

Donnie asked if it would be beneficial for AIPG to prepare a statement describing why continuing education is needed. Donnie volunteered to draft such a statement and provide it to the Section for review. Jerry Weisenfluh asked if the professional geologists around the state could be polled to gauge interest in continuing education. Larry responded that it has been done before and the results were evenly split.

Gil reported that the ASBOG Business and Examiners Meeting will be held on November 10-14, 2104 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Larry reiterated that his company has been required to obtain the signature of a Professional Engineer (PE) on geologic work is performed at local municipalities. He asked if AIPG could send information to the individual municipalities throughout the state to inform them that Professional Geologists (PGs) are licensed and able to sign off on plans by law.

Richard said the Public At Large position on the Board will be expiring next year. This position is typically not held by a geologist and he requested to be notified if anyone is interested.

The Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) will hold a field trip on Oct 24-25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, which will address surficial geology in the Morehead area. An ice breaker for this event will be held at the Hampton Inn in Morehead on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the field portion will be held the next day on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie reminded everyone that the Centennial meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) is November 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Charlie is the Chairman and Frank is the Secretary. They would like a good showing present at the event. Both Trent and Bill expressed interest in presenting. Frank indicated that this meeting will include a field trip on seismites that he and Charlie will be guiding.

Faith Fiene reported that she picked up the Earth Science tool kits from AIG and attended the Earth Science Teachers Conference and the Environmental Education Conference in Lexington. She discovered that they have 'swap table' where people can donate educational materials. She is going to provide information and asked if anyone has any publications (magazines) to donate. She said it is usually held the first week in November.

Frank reported that the Earth and Environmental Sciences open house will be held at the University of Kentucky on October 2, 2014.

Charlie added that the Eastern Section of AAPG annual meeting is scheduled to be held in Lexington on September 24-27, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency.

Gil said that he would like to see a calendar of events included in the Board of Registration newsletter. Jerry indicated that KGS maintains a calendar on their website that can be updated as needed. Charlie suggested that the Lindsay Lane include information in the Board of Registration newsletter that lets people know where to send meeting notices so they can be made public.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2014 at 10:00 am in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trent seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.