

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2016
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Bill Brab, **Tim Crumbie**, Frank Ettensohn, **Faith Fiene**, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, **Dan Phelps**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, **Mark Sweet**.

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by President Dan Phelps. Dan mentioned that he had invited Dr. William “Bill” Haneberg, the new Director of the Kentucky Geological Survey and State Geologist, to today’s meeting.

President’s Report

Dan mentioned that a co-worker from a different branch in state government was concerned that another state employee had been practicing geology in Kentucky under their registration in a neighboring state. That person has since obtained a license to practice geology in Kentucky from the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (Board). The person reportedly obtained the license without taking the ASBOG exam. After a short discussion, it was mentioned that the Board has reciprocity and/or comity agreements with other states that honors registrations in other states.

Dan also reported that the Commonwealth of Kentucky has awarded pay increases to state employed environmental control supervisors and Professional Engineers. The Professional Geologist supervisors did not receive the increase. Dan will prepare a draft letter addressing this matter for the Executive Committee to review.

Dan asked Frank Ettensohn the status of the joint Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) Fall meeting and Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) field trip. Frank explained that the KAS will host the lectures, posters sessions and tours on Friday, November 4, 2016 at the University of Louisville, Belknap Campus. Registration opens at 10:00 am in the John W. Shumaker Research Building. The field trip portion of the event will be hosted by the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Those attending will meet at the Clifty Inn and The Falls Restaurant at 9:30 am. Frank reported the trip will include guided fossil collecting segments and discussions about the geology of Clifty Falls. He added that the GSK banquet and business meeting will be held in the Hoffman Room at the Clifty Inn. A room will be available to ‘freshen up’ before the banquet for those interested. A block of rooms has been reserved at Clifty Inn at a rate of \$134.99 (2 queen beds, non-smoking) per night. For those wishing to camp, more information can be obtained by searching for ‘camping at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, Indiana,’ on Google. The menu for the banquet will likely include prime rib, chicken, soup and assorted vegetables. A cash bar will serving wine, beer and soft drinks will be available after the buffet. Dr. Haneberg will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

The costs to attend the lecture portion of the event are as follows:

\$65 for non-KAS members

\$45 for KAS members

\$27 for students

Reduced rates are available for those additionally participating in the GSK field trip on Saturday.

The costs to attend the field trip portion of the event (including the guide book, deli-style lunch and drinks) are as follows:

\$50 for non-GSK members

\$40 for GSK members

\$10 for students and children

Optional costs to include the GSK Annual Meeting and banquet are as follows:

\$25 for adults

\$15 for students

\$10 for children

Payment to attend either or both events can be made by check or money order to GSK. Arrangements must be made no later than October 12, 2016.

Dan reported that he has not yet heard back from Dr. Donald Johannsen about speaking during the Darwin Lecture Series. Dan also reported that he left a voice message with Dr. Neil Shubin requesting that he speak during the lecture. Charlie Mason reported that he has already made arrangements with James Kirkland (state Paleontologist from Utah) to speak during the event.

President Elect's Report

Mark Sweet prepared a report that he handed out to the attendees, discussing some of his observations about declining membership and possible expectations as President of the section. One of his suggestions included polling the membership to determine what value AIPG offers them so the KY Section can tailor its goals to meet their expectations, potentially spurring more interest and participation. He indicated that one of his co-workers had recently made a statement that she was thinking of discontinuing her membership. Donne Lumm commented that he agreed with the points Mark made, and elaborated that some of those issues have been around for some time.

Bill Brab handed out a summary of the results of the survey about the Professional Geologist Review Course that identified the areas of highest interest as Environmental Site Assessment and Remediation and Preparation for the ASBOG Geology Exam. Bill mentioned that this type of survey may be useful to collecting data of the type that Mark had referenced.

Vice President's Report

Faith Fiene reported that she has receipts for the books that she purchased for the state science fair and she needs to give them to Jim DeCinque.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he attended the National AIPG Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in September. He reported that approximately 185 people were in attendance and that Randy Shields from Kentucky was there. The Advisory Board meeting was held on the September 10th, 2016. Donnie served as an Advisory Board Member. Donnie reported that he met Aaron Johnson, who was hired to replace Bill Siok as AIPG National Director. He added that AIPG National is still fairly well funded and was operating slightly in the red. There was extensive discussion about doing away with the hard copies of the magazine The Professional Geologist (TPG), but it was eventually decided to make them available for those who prefer

them. Donnie reported that AIPG National indicated that they are aware of the widespread concerns over dues. He further reported that members should not expect radical changes from the new Director, who has indicated that he will make himself available to speak with the membership.

Donnie reported that he will be speaking at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) about the Kentucky-Illinois Fluorspar District on Friday, September 23, 2016 at Highland Heights.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the August 6, 2016 meeting to the Executive Committee on September 15, 2016. Dan moved to approve the minutes, Mark seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim DeCinque emailed his financial report for the month ending July 31, 2016 as follows:

Previous balance as of July 31, 2016	\$37,516.09
Total Funds as of July 31, 2016	\$36,918.31
Net change from previous report:	(\$597.78)

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for August 31, 2016 as presented at the meeting. Richard seconded. The motion passed.

Dan reported that the TPG has an article on page 34 about the attempt to spoof the Kentucky Section bank account. It apparently happened to another section.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is current and will be updated when he receives the copies of the minutes.

DISCUSSION POINTS

Donnie reported that the main focus of AIPG National is licensure. He indicated that he had been invited to attend the ASBOG meeting in Kansas where he would give a presentation on Continuing Education (CEU) efforts in Kentucky. Mark made an observation that he has observed a trend in on-line training opportunities, and indicated that online courses could provide an income stream for KY AIPG.

Bill reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the NKU Student Chapter of AIPG, and has monthly meetings scheduled with the University of Kentucky Student Chapter of AIPG. He and Gil drove to Western Kentucky University (WKU) on August 31, 2016 and presented their charter certificate and a check for seed money. Looking forward, Bill says there is a huge interest from students to have professionals talk to them about resume preparation and interviewing.

Richard made an observation that the student chapters are somewhat isolated and wondered if there was a way to get them to communication with out of state student chapters. Frank suggested that opportunities should be developed that would allow the in-state student chapters to interact.

General discussion was held about the mindset of younger geologists and students, and what AIPG can do for them. This was in response to Faith's concern that students are not taking advantage of opportunities offered by AIPG to prepare for the future. Donnie commended Bill and Drew Andrews on their ongoing efforts hosting the Fundamentals of Geology short course.

On Friday September 30, 2016 at 7:30 pm, in Room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building, Dan will give a talk on his trip to Norway. Dan also reported that on October 1, 2016, the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) will be hosting a trip to Bardstown, Kentucky to collect trilobites from the Laurel Dolomite. The group will meet at the McDonalds restaurant (next to My Old Kentucky Home) at 10:00 am.

Frank reported that March 11-18th, 2017 are the tentative dates for the Bahamas Short Course to San Salvador Island, Bahamas. He has no additional information to report in this time. He has checked to see if the Zika virus is a concern but there does not appear to be a huge concern at this point. There may be a greater concern in the future. Donnie reported that he met several people from Florida during the National AIPG meeting that would be interested in this trip. Frank said he is hopeful to have the trip information together by the end of October.

Board of Registration Report

Larry Rhodes reported that there has not been a Board of Registration meeting since the last AIPG meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2016. Larry will be travelling to Lawrence, Kansas on November 1-4th, 2016 to attend the National ASBOG business meeting.

Donnie and Frank discussed the potential to host a technical conference next spring, but that the ability to do so would depend on when the Core Barn would make their core available for inspection. AIPG could host the technical portion of the conference at the Core Ban, and GSK could host the field trip portion.

Scheduling Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 29th, 2016 in Room 102 of the Mines and Minerals Building at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.