

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday September 17, 2020

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, Dan Phelps, John Popp, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Edward Lo called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

President's Report

Edward reported that he has been contemplating new ways to engage students. In particular, he's trying to figure how to restart the student chapter at UK and how AIPG can be involved with the graduate program. He indicated that Dawn Garcia, the National AIPG Vice President and Professional Geologist at Golder Associates, had recommended that he write an article on field camp inclusivity but he's not sure how much he as to contribute.

President Elect

Megan Cleinmark reported that she has been working on KY-AIPG's social media presence and has reached out to a few of her friends from her alma mater with experience in this area. She has meetings scheduled with them for next week to discuss how KY-AIPG should be presented and what types of things we should be doing. She's also been thinking about outreach opportunities and has reached out to some people in her Bluegrass Community Technical College (BCTC) network for suggestions.

Vice President

John Popp congratulated Faith Fiene and Tim Crumbie on their appointments to the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) Advisory Board and reported that he and Doug Reynolds have been appointed to a second term on the panel. John reported that KGS has faced a 9.8% budget cut that has resulted in staff reductions and there may be more cuts coming. He added that Richard Smath will be retiring from KGS soon.

KGS is hosting an Earth Science week in October. On Friday, October 16, 2020, a virtual Q&A session will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. More details will be provided later. He added that he was impressed with the dollar amounts of the externally funded projects that KGS has initiated. He referenced an online survey regarding the importance of geologic surveys that is being circulated and asked if anyone was familiar with it or remembered who had requested it. Megan and Tim Crumbie had both started the survey but did not finish because of the length of time it was taking to complete. Donnie Lumm added that the survey may have been circulated by National AIPG and that he had completed it.

John reported that he has not heard from the American Geological Institute (AGI) regarding the status of the education materials he has requested for the Jessamine County school system. Edward asked if John would be willing to record his presentations at the school for possible later use. John responded that he would be agreeable to doing it but needs to think the process through.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members for comment and review on September 14, 2020. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on September 17, 2020 following minor revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab emailed the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2020. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of July 31, 2020	\$25,111.51
Checking Balance as of August 31, 2020	\$24,109.75
PayPal Account Balance as of August 31, 2020	\$ 0.00
Total Operating Funds as of August 31, 2020	\$24,109.75
Net Change from previous report	-\$1,001.76

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard stated that he has already posted the minutes from the most recent meeting on the website. Also, he and Steve Greb are working with the 4-H Extension Office through the KGS. They have several educational programs, one of which concerns rocks and minerals. He and Steve have been re-vamping their geology related materials to make it more accurate and usable. The 4-H is planning a meeting in Lexington later this year and has requested that Richard and Steve speak during the December meeting to provide information on rock, mineral and fossil identification, where they can find samples and how to label them. Edward asked if the meeting can be recorded so it can be added to a library or archive that could be referenced later for educational materials. Edward also suggested that it could be recorded as a podcast (as opposed to a video) so it would take up less bandwidth.

Richard announced that The Lower Howard's Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve will be hosting a Long Hike on September 20, 2020 and another one on the John Holder Trail on September 26, 2020. General discussion was held about the potential to participate in these events.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he has been busy working two (2) jobs and planning a marriage so he's been pretty tied up as of late and hasn't had an opportunity to dedicate a lot of time to current efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

KGS Advisory Board Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2021.

Biennial Bahamas Trip

General discussion was held about whether the Bahamas trip should be scheduled for March 2021 and that the prospect is starting to look bleak, largely due to travel restrictions and social affects related to the COVID-19 pandemic. General discussion was held about options for domestic field trips as an alternative.

Research Symposium of UK Earth and Environmental Sciences (ReSEES)

Edward said the symposium has gone 100% online with their presentation of graduate student projects but it has been limited to UK only at this time. He indicated that there is no need for KY-AIPG to sponsor the event since it will be virtual. Edward reported that he can only nominate one person to judge the event, and asked whether Megan or John would prefer to do it. Megan may have a schedule conflict but John agreed

to judge the event. Edward indicated that all of the graduate students will be giving oral presentations, including him. The event is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 2, 2020.

KY-AIPG Ally for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Award

Edward suggested that this award be presented at the same time the other annual awards are presented and added that he has been thinking about what type of verbiage should be added to the Section Policies and Procedures. Tim stated that the Policies and Procedures could be amended to include a description of the award and the requirements to qualify for it. General discussion was held about what the criteria for the award should be. Richard recited the requirements for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Geologist of the Year as examples of the existing requirements.

National AIPG Meeting

Edward announced that there will be a remote virtual meeting scheduled to be held on October 17, 2020. He asked what is involved in preparing the section report. Donnie explained what type of information is included in the report and offered to complete and send it to Edward to finalize. He may need to obtain a summary of the KY-AIPG finances to include.

OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

No report.

Kentucky Geoscience Forum (September 28, 2020):

Edward reached out to Rebecca Dzombak, (PhD student at the Univ. of Michigan) to ask her to speak at the next DEI meeting. If she declines, he'll try to invite Laleh Cote. Anna Norman is another potential option for a speaker. Edward has also been considering ways to increase participation in the forum and asked if it would be appropriate for each person to invite a friend in the geosciences to attend the next meeting. General discussion was held about how to increase participation, topics of discussion and the length of the meeting. Edward reported that Frank Etnensohn can't meet on weekdays and mentioned that he is considering moving future meetings back to Saturday morning. Most were agreeable.

Dan Phelps reported that he is working with a couple of other people to assist with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute which is mostly for senior citizens. They have a special interest group called Rockhounds which is planning a field trip and could use the help of other geologists.

Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, October 24, 2020. Tim made a motion to hold the next meeting on Oct. 24, 2020 and Megan seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.