

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: Rick Bowersox, **Bill Brab**, **Megan Cleinmark**, **Tim Crumbie**, **Ben Currens**, Frank Ettensohn, Monica King, **Donnie Lumm**, **Donny Prater**, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donny Prater called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

President's Report

Donny indicated that he does not have a report at this time.

President Elect's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he is attending the Ohio-AIPG Spring Dinner which begins at 6:00 pm tonight. The newly appointed Chief of the Ohio Geological Survey will be the guest speaker for the evening. While there, Donnie will meet with three (3) Ohio-AIPG members who are affiliated with the 2023 National AIPG Field Trip Committee to discuss the field trips that will be run in Ohio during the AIPG 2023 Annual Meeting.

Vice President's Report

Ben Currens deferred his comments until later and added that he does not have anything specific to report.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the March 24, 2022 KY-AIPG Meeting to the Executive Committee on April 18, 2022. The minutes were approved on April 19, 2022 following minor revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2022. The report is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of February 28, 2022	\$24,131.73
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$24,232.76
PayPal Account Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$0.00
Total Operating Funds as of March 31, 2022	\$24,232.76
Net Change from February 28, 2022 report	+ \$101.03

Donny made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report updated March 31, 2022; Megan seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he has archived the new minutes and has made changes to the sponsor page to reflect those businesses that are currently supporting AIPG efforts as previously recommended.

Past President's Report

Megan reported that she presented a talk earlier this week for a group of students at the University of Montana (virtually). She spoke quite a bit about AIPG and the ASBOG exam. Montana does not have a licensing program nor do they have an active AIPG section. She offered that they could join the KY-AIPG if interested.

Donnie asked if most geology graduates in Montana find in-state employment or do they have to relocate elsewhere. Megan responded that it's about a 50/50 split. Many of the jobs that are available in Montana are on a drill rigs, and while those jobs pay well, they might not be suited for everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual and Student Awards

Tim reported that he sent an email message to the Kentucky colleges and universities with geology programs, to remind them of the deadline for submitting nominations for annual student awards. One of the recipients responded and reported that they did not have any recommendations this year. As of April 15, 2022 only one nomination letter had been received. The nomination was for Mason Wade, a student at Western Kentucky University. A copy of the nomination letter was distributed to the KY-AIPG Executive Committee with the draft minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting.

General discussion was held about the receipt of nomination letters for the Geologist of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Awards. One nomination had been received for each category. Donnie distributed the letter for the Lifetime Achievement Award nominee to the KY-AIPG Executive Committee but not everyone had received a copy of the nomination for the Geologist of the Year. Bill forwarded a copy of the letter to the Executive Committee for review.

Donnie made a motion to accept Mason Wade as the winner of the Student Award and Donny seconded. The motion passed. Donny made a motion to approve a \$500 cash award to the winner. Bill seconded. The motion carried. The recipient will also receive a personalized certificate.

Gina Kukoczki had been nominated for the Geologist of the Year but her accomplishments appeared to fall more in line with the requirements for the KY-AIPG Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) award. After a short discussion and comments from Rick Bowersox, it was decided that she would be presented with the DEI award. Bill made a motion to present the nominee with the DEI Award and Ben seconded. The motion carried.

Jack Stickney was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award based on his accomplishments over his professional career. Donnie provided a little background on his career and accomplishments. Bill made a motion to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Jack and Megan seconded. The motion passed.

Website Update

Megan introduced Monica King, a former co-worker and Graphic Designer who works as the Marketing Director and Communications Coordinator at LE Gregg Associates where she designed their website. Megan added that Monica has been working on websites for around 15 years. Technical difficulties and scheduling conflicts made it necessary to opt for contacting her by email with any questions. All agreed that this was a good approach. Megan is going to send Monica's contact information to Bill and Richard so they can address any technical questions about the KY-AIPG website upgrades.

Monthly Meeting / KY-AIPG Annual Awards Banquet

Megan suggested that West Sixth Farm as a potential location to hold the awards banquet. It's located near Frankfort and she thinks it would be a good location, weather permitting, and Ben agreed. Megan said she could get more information and potentially reserve a shelter (canopy) for the event. She said drinks and food (food trucks) are available. Ben posted a link to their website for reference. Megan will check on availability for June 11 & possible 18th, 2022. Bill added that it usually takes three weeks to a month to get the plaques. Ben volunteered to pick up them up from Hallmark if needed. After a short deliberation it was decided that the DEI award will also be a plaque. Bill will provide some examples of types of plaques that may be available to fill this need. Donny recommended that the event be held in the early afternoon around 1:00 or 2:00 pm. Bill suggested that the next executive committee meeting could be held immediately prior to the banquet.

DEI Speaker

Tim asked if anyone knows Jason Dortch and wondered if he could be contacted about speaking or having someone affiliated with the UK Workplace Environment and Employee Equality (WEEE) committee speaking. Bill suggested asking Gina Kukoczki, this year's DEI award winner, if she would be willing to be the speaker. All in attendance agreed that this would be a good option. Megan said she can reach out to see if she would be interested. If she is interested but not able to speak this month due to the short notice, Megan will ask if she could do it in a subsequent month.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Student Outreach

Donnie reported that he will be hosting a Zoom meeting with the WKU AIPG student chapter on April 25, 2022 at 4:45 pm (Central)/5:45 (Eastern). He will talk about career opportunities and give encouragement about job prospects. Donnie invited anyone interested in attending to reach out to him so he can provide the link.

Donny reported that has attempted to reach someone at Morehead State University but hasn't heard anything back. Ben suggested considering having these types of meetings closer to the beginning of the school year as opposed to the end of the semester. He said students may be more motivated to participate earlier in the year. Megan agreed and said that she has heard similar comments. Bill also agreed. Donny suggested that Executive Committee members start considering potential opportunities near the start of the fall semester and the topic will be addressed in more detail during the next meeting.

2023 National Conference Update/Discussion

Bill reported that Donnie is on the field trip committee and that he will be helping with the presentations. He added the committee is making progress selecting the venue and getting some of the logistics worked out. They are also trying to get the state agencies from each of the three sections involved with the event. Bill indicated that the primary objective right now is to publicize the event with “save the date” type notifications.

Kentucky Board of Professional Registration Update

Bill reported the exam was administered on Friday, March 18, 2022 and he proctored it with Tasha Stewart, Administrative Section Supervisor at the Department of Professional Licensing. Bill added that twelve (12) people took the FG portion of the exam and seven (7) took the PG portion.

The Council of Examiners met during the weekend of April 9th, 2022. They usually meet one month after the test is administered to evaluate the test. The subject matter professionals are split into three groups: the FG, PG and exam questions. The PG and FG groups essentially take the exam that was just administered and evaluate each question to validate that each has only one correct answer, if that answer is the one that is considered correct on the exam, if there are multiple correct answers, if it a bad question...and so on. Based on this information, the exam is re-scored and the official results of the test are published a couple of weeks later.

Megan added that the last Kentucky Board of Professional Registration (Board) meeting was held on April 11, 2022. They reviewed a Division of Professional Licensing (DPL) report which essentially breaks down the financials showing how much money the Board pays and where those funds go. The Board approved the new fee structure for Legal and DPL, neither of which changed from last year. They also reviewed the financial reports for February and March. There was discussion about the appearance and content of the official seal for professional geologists. While there are several requirements for the information to be contained on the seal, there is no standardized image or symbol. Bill indicated that the components that are required on the professional stamp include the state, licensee name, the name of the Board and license number. To address these questions, the Board will provide reference to the statute, list the required components and can provide a reference image as an example.

Megan said the administrative personnel are going to develop a Release of Records form that will be used for reciprocity requests. This form will be accessed through the Board website in an attempt to streamline the process. The Board also agreed to renew the contract for the Private Investigator (PI) that they have on retainer to investigate complaints. She added that Bill revisited the discussion about requiring continuing education units (CEUs) but nothing has come of it yet. Implementing this requirement may ultimately reduce professional fees in the future. A significant portion of the remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the proposed fee increase for professional geologists and what that amount will be. A sub-committee has been created to address this issue.

Megan added that two (2) PG applications were submitted, one of which was approved. The other required employment and experience verification.

Kentucky State Science & Engineering Fair

The referenced event was held on Saturday, March 27, 2022 as a virtual event. Faith Fiene (and others?) served as judges. One entrant from each of the Middle School and High School categories were selected as winners of the KY-AIPG award, which consisted of a certificate, \$50 check and a book entitled *Earth, The Definitive Visual Guide*. Johanna Hawley, St. Francis of Assisi, won the award for the Middle School category for her entry titled *Does the Sinuosity of Streams Affect Erosion?* and Edward Donson, Paul Laurene Dunbar, won the high school division for his entry *Dating Zircon in Granite and Sandstone from the Precambrian Basement of Kentucky*. The awards are being mailed to the winner's home addresses.

Faith mentioned that KY-AIPG has exhausted their supply of the book that has been given as part of the award in years past. She indicated that more (if available) will need to be located and purchased for future use or an alternative will need to be procured.

KGS Advisory Panel

The advisory panel meeting was held remotely on April 15, 2022. Four (4) seats on the panel, including the one occupied by the Advisory Board Chair, are set to expire in September of this year if they don't renew. Mandy Long and Max Hammond have retired and Dr. Haneberg announced four (4) new hires and one position for a Geologist II that had not yet been filled. He reported that the Paul Potter estate has been finalized and it appears as though KGS may receive approximately \$50,000 per year for internships (~6 months) that are scheduled to start in May of 2022. He added that it appears that KGS will have additional funding available for employee raises. The Geological Society of America (GSA) held a joint North-Central and Southeastern Section meeting on April 7-8, 2022 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He added that the 61st Annual KGS seminar will be held in-person on May 12, 2022. The theme of the meeting will be Climate Change and Kentucky: A GeoScience Perspective.

Dr. Haneberg reported that the KGS is having a Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP Assessment) performed to evaluate the best way to preserve their samples and data. They are adding refrigerated storage for some of their samples and have repaired the roof on the EARL building. During this process, they learned that radon levels inside the structure rose to concentrations above residential levels, typically when it was closed. The radon levels are now being successfully managed with ventilation.

KGS has received \$2.35 million in funding for 17 externally funded research projects. The next Advisory Panel meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in-person on September 23, 2022.

Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to coincide with the Award Banquet on June 11, 2022. Bill made a motion to this effect and Megan seconded. The motion passed. Any additional plans will be finalized via email. Bill a motion to adjourn the meeting and Megan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.