

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Ben Currens, Austin Dilla, Donnie Lumm, John Popp, Daniel Draper, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

President's Report

Austin reported that he has comments that he will defer until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report

Ben Currens mentioned that he and Richard Smath have talked about updating the KY-AIPG website. He also mentioned we should remind the colleges and universities about the deadline to submit nominations for the student scholarships during campus visits and that we should start thinking about a speaker for the Darwin Lecture.

Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper reminded everyone about the GSK field trip that is scheduled for September 6, 2024. He deferred additional comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed copies of the draft minutes from the July 30, 2024 meeting to the Executive Committee for review on August 26, 2024. The minutes were approved via electronic vote following minor revisions and final versions were distributed electronically on August 27, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2024. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of June 30, 2024	\$27,087.54
Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2024	\$27,101.26
Total Operating Funds as of May 31, 2024	\$27,101.26
Net Change from previous report	+\$13.72

Donnie Lumm made a motion to approve the report dated July 31, 2024 and Austin seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date.

Past President's Report

Donnie reported that he has revised the registration form from the 2023 Bahamas Short Course and emailed it to Frank Ettensohn for review. He recommended that trip participants submit an initial deposit in the amount of \$200 by January 15, 2025 and that the full payment be due by February 15, 2024. The total cost for the trip has not yet been determined and will partially depend on the number of participants. Donnie also recommended that the announcement for the short course be posted on the National AIPG website by November of this year.

Donnie recommended Dr. Loren Babcock, Professor/Director, Orton Geological Museum, The Ohio State University, as the speaker for the 2025 Darwin Lecture. He added he would reach out to him and provide the information to Ben.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

National AIPG Meeting Recap

The AIPG National meeting was held on August 9-13, 2024th in Durango, Colorado. John Popp served as the KY-AIPG Section Delegate during the Business Meeting on August 9, 2024. John reported that it seems that AIPG National and Sections are concentrating on outreach to colleges and universities. He added that National AIPG is trying to focus on helping sections identify their 'goals' and he suggested that KY-AIPG develop some sort of pamphlet or informative brochure to make sure we are all on the same page. John indicated that the next AIPG National Town Hall Zoom meeting is scheduled for September 19th, 2024 and encouraged all to participate. John stated that several AIPG sections provide scholarships to students, and that one gives about \$4,000 per year. He thinks that KY-AIPG should consider increasing the amount of its scholarships so it will be more useful to the students. Increasing the amount may also result in more nominations.

John reported that the business meeting was held on August 10, 2024 and that he attended technical sessions on the August 12th, 2024, all of which he enjoyed. He added that during the meeting, most sections reported having the same issues that have been encountered in the past, including aging population and declining membership. General discussion was held about whether the scholarships should or could be increased. Donnie responded that KY-AIPG funds have declined over the years and that we have not been consistently successful at bringing in new money. John suggested that the section consider hosting a golf outing or a similar event to generate income. Bill added that he is in favor of supporting the students but thinks it needs to be done in a way that won't be detrimental to the financial well-being of KY-AIPG. John and Bill suggested that students and faculty be polled, possibly during the outreach activities this fall, to determine what types of events would interest them before we decide what options will be considered. Bill asked if it would be helpful to establish a committee to come up with ideas on how to develop this program.

KY-AIPG Section Dues

Austin revisited the email that National AIPG circulated earlier, requesting the status of section dues. Austin addressed two items: 1) National AIPG wants to charge all section members with voting rights beginning with the 2024 dues cycle (Feb. 2023) and 2) increase the membership dues for all categories of membership to \$30 for CPG, \$15 for professionals and \$7.50 for Early Career Professionals, \$10 for Emeritus and \$5 for Associates. The question was posed whether it would be necessary to increase the dues for professional non-practicing and CPG Emeritus members. A general discussion was held about

how this topic should be addressed and what would incent younger professionals to join AIPG. What do they want to get out of AIPG? The consensus was that the membership was against increasing membership dues. Austin made a motion not to increase dues and Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussion Topics

Invite the New KGS Director/State Geologist to a Meeting

Austin mentioned that he would like to invite Dr. Mike McGlue to KY-AIPG's next meeting. Donnie suggested that a meeting be held at the KGS to allow in-person introduction with him and other KGS personnel when it's convenient. Ben indicated that he knows Dr. McGlue and can reach out to him regarding a prospective meeting. John added that he and Tim will meet him during the September 6, 2024 KGS Advisory Panel meeting.

Fall Student Outreach

The following preliminary outreach teams were established during this portion of the meeting:

University of Kentucky-Austin, Bill and Ben

Eastern Kentucky University-Bill, Tim and Ben

Northern Kentucky University-Daniel, Ben and John

Western Kentucky University-Austin and Ben

Murray-none selected

Morehead-none selected

University of Cincinnati-Donnie said he has contact information for Mike Friedhoff with the AIPG Ohio Section and any visits could be coordinated with them. Austin volunteered to investigate this option.

Board of Registration Update

Austin reported at the latest Board meeting was held on August 12, 2024, during which time Dr. Michael McGlue was sworn in as a member. During the meeting, the Board procured a new provider for future investigative services and investigated changing the fee structure. It was decided that the Department of Professional Licensing (DPL) will be asked to perform an assessment of the current cost structure to see what it needs to be. The vacancy left by Megan Cleinmark's departure remains and will need to be filled even though the Board already has a quorum. Bill provided a link to the website where candidate applications can be submitted. He added that he will ask Drew Andrews if he would be willing to fill the position, but he'll have to wait until he has time in his schedule.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14th, 2024. The ASBOG Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 21-25, 2024 in Fort Collins, Colorado. The business portion of the meeting will start on October 22, 2024 and a field trip is scheduled on October 23, 2024. The Council of Examiners Workshops will be on October 24-25, 2024.

Open Discussion

Daniel reminded everyone of the GSK field trip on September 6-7, 2024 along the Mountain Parkway. Steve Greb and Cortland Eble, both with KGS, will lead the trip and a banquet will be held later in the Trillium Room at Natural Bridge State Park.

Ben reported that in June, he and Richard met to discuss possible updates to the KY-AIPG website. Ben is going to try to convert the current information, which is in HTML, to CSS to update the website. He said the website is perfectly functional as is, but an updated website may help engage existing members and possibly attract new members.

Bill revisited setting up ad hoc committee(s) to investigate how KY AIPG can reach the students, to come up with ideas for fundraising, and determine ways to improve/grow the organization. A Research and Development committee could also help with website refinement.

John reported that the next KGS Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2024. Daniel reported that he has a potential speaker in mind for the 2025 Darwin Lecture and indicated that he is planning to gauge their interest.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held remotely on September 30th, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Austin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm