

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Remote Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Ben Currens, Frank Ettensohn, Trent Garrison, Donnie Lumm, John Popp, Donny Prater, Richard Smath**

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Donny Prater welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

## President's Report

Donny shared the agenda on the screen and reported that he doesn't have much to report.

## President Elect's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he has contacted Dan Phelps to ask him to be the speaker during the Darwin Lecture and he respectfully declined. He volunteered to help find suitable candidates but Donnie hasn't heard back from him yet. Donnie postponed other comments until later in the meeting.

## Vice President's Report

No report.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the November 17, 2022 KY-AIPG meeting to the Executive Committee for comment on December 6, 2022. The minutes were approved during the current meeting.

## Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2022 to Executive Committee members via email. The report is summarized below:

<b>Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$21,486.23</b>
Checking Account Credits as of November 30, 2022	\$0.88
Checking Account Debits as of November 30, 2022	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2022	\$21,487.11
<b>Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$21,487.11</b>
Net Change from previous report	\$0.88

Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurers report presented above and Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that he will wait for the final version of the minutes before uploading them to the website. He indicated that he had a little trouble with the cloud-based storage and got locked out of the Google Drive account and added that he has purchased a terabyte of memory on One-Drive and will have to convert the files. Once he learns how to use it he feels that everything will be ok.

### Past President's Report

No report.

### **New Business**

#### 2023 KY AIPG Executive Committee Officer Elections

Tim reported that Bill has set up a draft version of the electronic ballot and it will be ready to go once the candidate's names are furnished. John Popp reported that he has contacted nine (9) potential candidates for the President Elect position and only one (1) has shown interest. Three (3) others declined the current offer but showed interest in serving on the Executive Committee in the future. John has not heard back from five (5) of the contacts. Donnie volunteered to reach out to the contact that showed interest to see if they have any questions about the President Elect position and Donny Prater agreed to reach out via email, to several of the other potential candidates for the same reason. John will provide the contact's information to Donny.

As of today, the ballot for the 2023 KY-AIPG Executive Committee is as follows:

President: Donnie Lumm

President Elect: vacant

Vice President: Megan Cleinmark

Secretary: Tim Crumbie

Treasurer: Bill Brab

Communications Coordinator: Richard Smath

#### 2023 Darwin Lecture

Donnie recommended that the Section consider continuing hosting these types of programs online because they are convenient and cost effective. Megan agreed but suggested the Section consider having other events in-person to help with building membership.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS**

#### Student Outreach

No updates

#### 2023 AIPG National Conference

Bill reported that the Education Sub-Committee is still developing the draft version of the request for abstracts. The sub-committee is also working on finding keynote and luncheon speakers as well as continuing education activities and training requirements such as HAZWOPER, OSHA, and other annual certifications.

Donnie added that AIPG National has a lot of information about the conference that they want to publish in The Professional Geologist (TPG) magazine soon and they will need the information by early February.

Donnie explained that field trips (including logistics) require a lot of coordination and agreements have to be in-place before the plans are finalized. He added that Frank Etensohn, and potentially Charlie Mason, will lead a field trip in Northeastern Kentucky to visit the organic rich black shales and the dropstone near Morehead, Kentucky. He added that William (Drew) Andrews with the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) will lead a trip in Boone County, Kentucky to observe Quaternary deposits in the area and Donnie will lead a field trip to sand, gravel and limestone quarries in Northern Kentucky. One (1) field trip is planned in Indiana and three (3) are planned in Ohio. He added that the awards banquet will be held at the Newport Aquarium which has a private dining room that overlooks Newport and the Ohio River.

#### Bahamas Short Course

Donnie reminded everyone that the proposed fee schedule for the trip had been discussed earlier in an email sent out by Bill Brab. The costs, which were approved by electronic vote, were \$900.00 for professionals and \$825.00 for spouses, children and students. Donnie added that Richard has updated the flier and the informational document with the above information.

Richard added that he is waiting to hear back from Frank on the payment due dates so he can update the flier and the application that is required to be submitted with the down payment. Bill reported that the application form he had sent to Richard has the due dates listed, which, to the best of his recollection, were February 13, 2023 (for deposits) and March 13, 2023 (for final payment). Frank expressed concern that the cost, especially for the professionals, was a little higher than it needs to be. He is concerned that \$900.00 may scare professionals away. Bill responded that the estimate was developed using the current cost of the research center and factoring in the expenses that were reimbursed during the 2017 trip, assuming ten (10) participants. He added 15% to that number to account for any cost increases (lodging, travel..) that may have been implemented since 2017.

Frank reported that he has two (2) people committed to going on the trip and several others who are waiting on more information before committing. He anticipates that the course will start on May 13, 2022 but volunteered that the schedule tends to be a little looser in the Bahamas. General discussion was held about the actual dates of the course, which do not include travel. Frank recommended getting to Miami a least one day prior to the start of the course. Donnie recommended that the announcement simply state that the course will start on May 13, 2023 and end on May 20, 2023 to minimize confusion.

#### Kentucky Board of Registration Update

Bill reported that the roll-out of the computer-based testing (CBT) initiative in the spring of 2023 is progressing smoothly and elaborated that several regulation amendments (CBT, fee adjustments and language updates) are currently being reviewed by the Legislative Research Committee (LRC). He added that the next Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022 at 11:00 am and invited all interested parties to attend.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Donny made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.