

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie**, Ben Currens, Bryan Davenport, Frank Ettensohn, Faith Fiene, **Edward Lo, Donald Lumm**, Daniel Phelps, John Popp, **Donny Prater, Richard Smath**,

## Welcome and Call to Order

President Megan Cleinmark called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

## President's Report

Megan reported she met with the UK Geology Club (Student Chapter KY-AIPG) on November 11, 2021. She said attendance was very low because of the weather but five (5) students attended the informal meeting. She added that she thought the meeting went very well because it gave her the opportunity to talk about what AIPG can do for them and what they want to see from AIPG. She said four (4) of those in attendance were not members of AIPG and weren't even aware that they weren't. She added that those that weren't members actually signed up during the meeting. Megan also used the opportunity to speak with them about keeping their contact information up to date so they can be included on future communications. Megan added that the students are interested in AIPG having more of a presence on campus, suggesting activities such as job fairs and mentoring. They seemed particularly interested in interacting with geologists and learning about their jobs. Megan exchanged contact information with them and gave them the address for the KY-AIPG website.

## President Elect's Report

Donny Prater thanked Megan for mentoring with him this year and indicated that he would be leading the next meeting. Donny added that he has been considering ways to improve communication and interaction with the KY-AIPG student chapters and possibly meeting with them on a regular basis to nurture the relationships. He is also proposing to meet with existing professionals with the intent of making connections between them and graduating seniors seeking employment.

## Vice President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he will defer his comments until later in the meeting. He added that he would like to have an in-person meeting early next year to give everyone an opportunity to meet face to face, some of us for the first time.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed copies of the draft minutes from the November 6, 2021 meeting to the Executive Committee on December 1, 2021. Only a few comments, not enough to constitute a quorum, were received prior to today's meeting due to the short lead time. After a short discussion, Megan suggested that the minutes be approved via email vote

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2021 via email and shared a screen shot of his report which is summarized below:

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| Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2021         | \$23,943.30        |
| Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2021     | \$23,438.23        |
| PayPal Account Balance as of November 30, 2021       | \$0.00             |
| <b>Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2021</b> | <b>\$23,438.23</b> |
| Net Change from previous report                      | -\$505.07          |

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2021 as presented. Richard Smath seconded. The motion passed.

### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is up to date. He added that when members and students update their contact information on National's website, he does not receive that information and can't update his mailing list. The information would have to be provided to him separately. General communication was held about the best way to ensure that the membership database is kept current. He said it would help if new or modified contact information was forwarded to him as it comes available. He typically only gets updated membership information when that information is requested from AIPG National. Ben Currens asked if updated contact information has been requested from AIPG National as providing updated information is a part of the annual membership renewal process. Bill added that a recurring problem is that when student members graduate, the email address of record becomes inactive which leads to additional bounced or returned emails. Richard said he also has difficulty cross-referencing the information on his outlook mailing list with the Excel spreadsheet. Ben responded that he will look into a script that might be able to allow the spreadsheet to be imported into a Python database which may allow more flexibility. Richard added that he may be able to sort the spreadsheet by the date that the member joined AIPG which would allow him to concentrate on the new members only.

### Past President's Report

Edward Lo deferred comments until later in the report.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### 2022 Executive Committee Nominations

Megan reported nominations need to be finalized for the 2022 President Elect and a Vice President. Donnie Lumm suggested that Megan formally announce who the current candidates are and open the floor for discussion or vote if there is no discussion. Megan announced that Donnie Lumm is the candidate for President Elect. Donnie added that he feels qualified to fill the position because he has served as President for three (3) terms (2005, 2015 and 2019). He feels that he is prepared to handle the responsibility of assisting with the coordination of the pending National AIPG to be held in the Greater Cincinnati area in 2023 and would be honored to serve as President Elect and President. Megan added that Ben Currens is the current nominee to serve as the 2022 Vice President. Ben stated that serving Vice President will be a new experience for him and that he will take the opportunity to learn more about the position and give back to the organization by assisting the President to the best of his ability. Ben added that he has a Bachelor of Science degree in Development Sociology and Geology with a focus on basin analysis from Cornell

University and subsequently attended to the University of Kentucky to obtain his Master's Degree and left with an all but dissertation PhD. He is currently employed in the Water Supply Section at the Kentucky Division of Water where he performs water withdrawal permitting and site evaluations for environmental impact statements. Bill made a motion to accept the nomination of Donnie Lumm for President Elect. Richard seconded. The motion passed. Bill also made a motion to accept the nomination of Ben Currens for incoming Vice President. Donnie seconded. The motion passed. Donnie suggested mailing the ballots out tomorrow and allowing three weeks for voting (ending on December 23, 2021). This would allow the ballots to be tallied so that the results can be announced prior to the first of the year.

#### Nominations for Early Career Professional to Serve at AIPG National

Edward reported that Christine Lilek (Wisconsin-AIPG) contacted him directly to request nominations for an early career professional to serve on the Executive Committee. This would apply only to those who would be classified as early career professionals during the 2022 calendar year. He shared a link showing the duties for the position. He requested that anyone who knows of a suitable candidate or qualifies as one, reach out to National AIPG. Megan asked if this is something that should be posted on the KY-AIPG web page and Edward agreed that it should be.

#### Website Update

Edward reported that he has not made as much progress on the website as he had hoped but will be working on it in the upcoming weeks. He added that National AIPG is trying to develop a new website template for the sections to use but the effort has not yet been finalized. For now, he indicated that he would continue with the current format he is using which should allow him to plug and play into the new standardized format once finalized.

#### 2023 National Conference Update/Discussion

Donnie reported that a ZOOM meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 1:30 pm during which the plans for the 2023 National AIPG Annual Meeting will be discussed. The meeting will be led by Christine Lilek (Meeting Co-Chair), who has sent out an agenda for the meeting. Donnie, Bill and Megan indicated that they would participate in the meeting. Some of the topics that will be addressed will include venue, organization of the field trips and alternative activities for spouses and guests. Donnie suggested not holding the meeting in downtown Cincinnati for logistical reasons, preferring an area near the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky (CVG) Airport.

Bill reported that he had received approval from Dr. Bill Haneberg to offer field trip support from the Kentucky Geological Service personnel. He's been in touch with Drew Andrews who will be assisting. Dan Phelps asked if there is anything that the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) can do to help with the field trips. He also mentioned that attendees might be interested in viewing the documentary that was created about the Ark Encounter. He added that with that much lead time he may be able to encourage the director to come down from Chicago. Further discussion on the topic was tabled for the time being. Edward shared a link to the Lawrenceburg (Indiana) Event Center as a potential venue to hold the National Meeting.

### Bahamas Trip (May 2022)

Frank Etnensohn reported that COVID testing on San Salvador Island was one of the potential issues discussed in the previous meeting, but has since found out that there are two or three options available for the testing that is required prior to returning to the country, one of which includes arrangements for someone to come to the research facility at do the testing there (for \$15). He added that KY-AIPG needs to determine if the trip will be held and what the cost will be. Frank added that he has provided a 'baseline' number for the cost of the trip but needs feedback from the Executive Committee to determine the cost structure that will be publicized. Donnie said that the base price that had been developed was \$565 which is the absolute base price to participate. Frank indicated that additional costs are typically added to that amount to cover the cost of the field trip leaders. He also said that he feels the course should be held in May, after Spring Break, because travel costs tend to soar during that time. Bill said he ran the numbers to determine what costs would be needed to cover the costs of the trip and based on historical information, came up with a 'break-even' cost of approximately \$825 for student and \$875 for professionals. The higher cost would be needed to cover flight and incidental expenses for one trip leader. Bill added that there a couple of variables that come into play that will affect the cost of the trip such as the number of attendees and instructors. Frank added that he needs an estimated cost for the trip before he can recruit participants and suggested establishing a minimum number of 10 participants to cover the cost of one trip leader. If a second leader will be used then the number of participants would need to be double.

### Darwin Lecture

Dan reported that he has contacted Dr. Linda Kah, Professor at the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a specialty in Precambrian Paleontology. She is currently working on the Mars Rover (Preserverance) as well as the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter, looking for Precambrian fossil evidence as well as the overall sedimentary geology of the Gale Crater. Dan thinks that she would be an excellent speaker and is willing to do it, but he did not (could not) provide her with any specifics as to how much the honorarium would be or when the event is scheduled. He added that he told her that it would be a remote meeting (Zoom) and would like to know if the Executive Committee would be interested in having her speak. Bill suggested that any potential speaker should be asked what they would consider an appropriate honorarium, especially for a remote meeting. General discussion was held and Megan agreed to reach out to her to get more information such as her preference as to a zoom or in-person meeting and a reasonable amount for an honorarium. Richard said that if the meeting is held in-person, a venue would need to be considered. He added that he wasn't sure if UK is currently receptive to allowing off-site organizations to meet on-site considering the current environment. Dan added that based on his experience, they are not allowing off-site organizations to host meetings on campus. Megan asked what dates she could mention. Donnie added that the event is typically held in the second or third week of the month to coincide with Darwin's birthday. Dan said that if she does agree to come for an in-person event, the KY-AIPG should offer compensation for mileage and offer overnight lodging and that he could take her and her husband fossil collecting the next day (weather permitting).

### DEI Speaker

The November DEI speaker will be Dr. Liane Stephens with Stephen F. Austin State University. This meeting had been rescheduled to Monday December 6, 2021 at 5:30 pm. The December DEI speaker will be a representative from the Ben Clements Mineral Museum on December 20, 2021.

### **Kentucky Board of Professional Registration Update**

Bill reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021. The exam scores have been migrated from ASBOG to the state level but he has no other details.

Tammy Sharpe, the Board Administrator, left her position on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and has been temporarily replaced by Tiler Hahn. Chas English, Legal Counsel from the Attorney General's office resigned his position on November 16, 2021 and has been replaced by Olivia Amlung, also from the Attorney General's office. Bill added that according to the most recent financial report, it appears that the shortfall of the fee needed to cover the Occupation and Profession Licensing fee may have been resolved, apparently because several professionals appear to have renewed their licenses.

### **Next Meeting**

Donny proposed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Megan took the opportunity to express her gratitude and thank everyone for their support during her term as President.

Donny made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.