

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2009
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg.
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, Gil Cumbee, **Frank Ettensohn**, **Faith Fiene**, Trent Garrison, **Jim Howard**, Tom Lierman, **Donnie Lumm**, Charlie Mason, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath** (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting Convened at 9:46 AM

President's Report:

No report.

President Elect's Report:

Jim Howard reported that Henry Morgan, Larry Rhodes, Trent Garrison and Frank Ettensohn have shown interest in participating in the effort to AIPG is developing, to provide opportunities for continued professional development which will be targeted at working professionals. This effort will not be limited to AIPG or its membership. The program is intended to target professionals who are new to the workforce and those already in the workforce who may be changing disciplines. Jim stated he would like to have 15-20 people involved with administering the program. He met with IGS this past Thursday. He has also discussed the program with Ron Wallace (Georgia AIPG) to see if they have any resources that could be utilized. The target date for the first class August of 2010. Ideally one or two sessions will be held annually. Optimally, these training sessions would qualify for Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Some of the sessions can be put on by companies who can use the sessions as a marketing opportunity. Possible topics include monitoring well installation and design and new remedial technologies.

Jim has been talking with the Catholic Church of Owensboro (includes all parish priests in the Owensboro diocese) and in May of 2010, he is scheduled to give a ½ day presentation to discuss topics such as global climate change and renewable energy

Jim stated that on Dec. 11th he will be back in the hospital and may not be ambulatory until mid January.

Past President Report:

See above.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from August meeting were approved electronically beginning November 30, 2009.

Tim also reported that 15 votes were received (electronically) for the section's Executive Committee elections. The results of the election for the Executive Committee for 2010 are:

President: Jim Howard
President Elect: Frank Ettensohn
Vice President: Charlie Mason
Secretary: Tim Crumbie
Editor: Richard Smath

Faith certified the ballot vote by making a motion to accept the results as reported. Frank seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report:

The Spring Field Trip is on April 17th, 2010, and will be held at the Red River Gorge. The banquet will be held at Natural Bridge State Park. Tom Lierman will be assisting with the field trip. Faith and Frank have met with the Forest service personnel who seem to be excited about the trip.

Outreach – Two teachers, selected from AIPG's drawing, will go for free. The winners of the drawings are Natalie Quisenberry from Bullit Lick Middle School and Theresa Williams from Morgan County Middle School. Alternate #1 was Cathi Bair from Southwestern High School, alternate #2 is Paul King from Fleming County High School.

Carol Hanley, Tracey Farmer's Center for the Environment, will provide \$100.00 stipends for each of five teachers to attend the field trip.

Frank asked if the field trip should last a day and a half because there is so much to see. The general consensus was to start the program on Friday (maybe an orientation or 'meet and greet'). The recommendation was also made to invite the National Executive Committee members and the AIPG sections from the contiguous states.

Richard has reserved 15 rooms reserved for the meeting on Friday 4/16/10, and five for Saturday 4/17/10. The banquet room is reserved for the 17th and adult beverages are allowed but will not be provided. Richard will inquire about obtaining a meeting room for Friday night if the meeting is extended to two days.

[update: Richard emailed the Ex. Comm. On Dec. 7, 2009 and indicated that he has secured a meeting room for Friday night and has increased the number of rooms for the 16th to 20, and on the 17th to 10]

Treasurer's Report:

Donnie Lumm distributed copies of the treasurer's report

Previous Balance as of October 15, 2009	\$32,998.90
Total Account Balance as of December 1, 2009	\$32,354.44
General Checking Acct.:	\$2,120.19
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$947.42
Student Award Acct.:	\$0.00 (closed)
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$29,286.83

Jim made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Frank. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion opened about the CD renewals. One expires on January 21, 2009, and the other matures on Feb. 22, 2010. Donnie recommended when the CD that matures in January expires, we take \$3,000.00 from it and distribute it among the checking accounts as follows: \$2,000 to the general checking account, and \$1,000.00 to the Outreach account. Further discussion included re-investing the CDs in 12 month (or shorter) in the short term, until the interest rates increase. Jim made a motion to accept Donnie's recommendation, Frank seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

PG Board Report:

Larry Rhodes reported that the next board meeting will be December 7, 2009 at 1:30 pm. The new board administrator is Lucie Duvall (replaced Will King).

During the meeting the Board will attempt to finalize the proposed statute changes with Senator David Boswell and Representative Tommy Thompson before the January 2010 meeting.

Gil Cumbee and Larry Rhodes attended the ASBOG meeting in Birmingham, Alabama in early November. The amount each member board pays to ASBOG annually will increase from \$2,950.00 to \$4,500.00. The

increase will go into effect in 2010. ASBOG also will raise the exam fee from \$200 to \$250 starting in 2011.

Gil reported that ad hoc committee has put an initial draft of the proposed regulations and sent it out electronically to several professionals across the state requesting input. He requested that all comments be returned by the end of January 2010.

Editor's Report:

Richard hopes to get the newsletter out before Christmas. Four people have submitted their names for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Board so far.

Congratulations to Charlie Mason for receiving the award for the Outstanding College or University Teacher for 2009 during the 95th annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Sciences.

Richard passed out an example of a tri-fold that could be included in the field trip books to provide a simplified overview of geologic features of an area. These would be directed toward the general public and ideally would not be overly technical. It was generally agreed to be a good idea.

Old Business:

There appears to be some confusion as to the amount of the stipend that we agreed to give to the speaker at the symposium. The general consensus was that he would be provided with \$1,500.00 (a motion was made and passed, to make this amount official). The Anthropology Department pledged \$500.00 which leaves a balance of \$1,000.00 (plus expenses) to be paid by AIPG. Morehead State University may also add \$500.00 and UK will add \$200.00. After these contributions are made, a final balance of \$300.00 plus expenses will remain to be paid by AIPG. Approximately 180 people were reported to have attended the symposium.

Frank requested that the section evaluate whether the symposiums are effective and if they benefit the organization. Responses were mixed. Generally, the sessions provide a benefit to the community but they have not yet provided a direct benefit to the organization. Further discussion about how future symposiums could be held while being economically feasible ensued.

Donnie asked Jim if any new members joined as a result of manning the booth at the Eastern Section A.A.P.G. Meeting held in Evansville, IN, September, 2009. Jim reported that 4-6 new members joined AIPG, but none joined the Kentucky Section.

Outreach Committee Report:

See Below.

New Business:

Extensive discussion was held about having the next symposium in February of 2011, around Charles Darwin's birthday. Charlie Mason will contact renowned paleontologist Jack Horner about possibly being the speaker at the event. Andrew Knoll is another option. The symposium would be co-sponsored with the Kentucky Paleontological Society. The section made a motion to authorize a stipend of \$1,500 plus reasonable expenses. KPS will carry \$500.00 of this amount. Motion was made by Jim Howard and seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

Larry reported that it's time to start considering the awards. Nominations and student award recommendations are due by the 1st of March

Faith inquired if there are better ways to reach our membership. She referenced doing a 'scrub' of all of the listserves to make sure our contact information is complete and accurate.

Faith also mentioned that the state science fair is in April of 2010 and asked if AIPG has an award that can be offered. Suggestions of the types of awards that could be given include certificates, cash, charge cards

and/or appropriate publications. The expenses for the award should total approximately \$150.00. Frank made a motion that the section provide an award for the “Best of state show in earth sciences”, not to exceed \$150.00. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

Faith turned the meeting over to Jim who set up the next meeting for the February 13, 2010 at the Geologic Survey at 9:30 am.

Faith moved to adjourn the meeting, Frank seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

