

# **Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Tim Crumbie**, Ben Currens, **Austin Dilla**, Daniel Draper, Frank Ettensohn, Ryan Parks, John Popp, Shishir Sarker, Lucy Steiner

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

## President's Report

Austin deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

## President Elect's Report

Ben Currens reported he, Austin and Daniel Draper talked about the scopes of their positions on the AIPG Executive Committee and reviewed the Bylaws together. He added that he has been contemplating the possibility of KY-AIPG implementing a new series of speaking engagements/presentations. He reported that he has already talked to a potential future speaker for this new 'series' who is a drone operator at the Kentucky Division of Water. These engagements would be less technical but more application and technology based, showcasing some of the tools and technologies that are currently being used in the industry. He also added that he would be happy to assist with the logistics or preparation for the upcoming Darwin Lecture.

## Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper reported that he and Donnie Lumm have been talking about student outreach efforts. He indicated that they have tentatively scheduled meetings at Morehead State University on February 20, 2024, and a visit to Murray State University on February 23, 2024. He added that Bill Brab and Austin also have plans to visit Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) on February 23, 2024.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie indicated that the draft minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee for review on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The minutes were approved electronically by majority vote on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Copies of the final version of the minutes were emailed to the Executive Committee following approval.

## Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab emailed a copy of the Treasurer's Report from the month ending January 31, 2024 as he was unable to attend the meeting. Austin shared the report on his screen and summarized it as follows:

<b>Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$28,936.64</b>
Checking Account Credits as of January 31, 2024	\$10.95
Checking Account Debits as of January 31, 2024	\$196.50
<b>Checking Account Balance as of January 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$28,751.09</b>
<b>Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$28,751.09</b>
Net Change from previous report	-185.55

Ben made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Daniel seconded. The motion passed.

#### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath was absent during the meeting but passed on by word of mouth that the website is up to date.

#### Past President's Report

No report.

#### **New/Ongoing Business**

##### Student Outreach

Austin mentioned that he thinks that the best time to hold outreach events will be during the window between Spring Break and final exams. The students will have had time to relax but will not yet be bogged down by schoolwork. Austin added that he had been contacted by Kevin Carey who volunteered to help with outreach activities at EKU. Austin acknowledged that a lot of KY-AIPG's efforts over the next few weeks will be focused on the Darwin Lecture but he encouraged everyone to keep reaching out to their contacts to get these outreach events set up.

#### **Other Discussion Topics**

##### Darwin Lecture Series

Dr. Claudia C. Johnson, Indiana University, will be the speaker at the Darwin Lecture which is scheduled at 7:00 pm on March 6, 2024 in room 102 of the Mines and Mineral Resources Building.

Austin reported that he and Bill will be having lunch with Drew Andrew to talk about event logistics, how and if the event can be streamed online, and a few other topics. He will have a better idea of what is needed in terms of logistics and assistance after their conversation. He will update the members of the KY-AIPG Executive Committee after their meeting. Austin added that he has finished the flier for the program and will need to get with Donnie to add the sponsors. He requested that everyone freely share the flier once has been finalized. Ben said that streaming the event may be as simple as sharing a screen or setting up a Zoom meeting.

Austin has reached out to the President of the University of Kentucky Geoscience Graduate Group and they are interested in holding the outreach event shortly after Spring Break. The details for this event are pending. Austin reported that he also invited them to the Darwin Lecture. He envisions the event as an opportunity to educate them on AIPG and why it is important for young professionals and graduates to be active, and what the organization offers. Ideally, professionals from multiple geologic disciplines would be available to speak with them during a short luncheon.

Dr. Frank Ettensohn reminded everyone that the State Science Fair is coming up on March 23, 2024. KY-AIPG usually gives \$50 checks and a book to the Middle and High School Winners. He reported that Faith Fiene is looking for authorization to proceed (judging the projects and issuing the awards). Austin made a motion to support this effort, Tim seconded. The motion passed. Dr. Ettensohn indicated that Faith already has the books which were left over from previous years.

#### Ideas for Potential Technical and Non-Technical Workshops

Ben reported that he and Austin discussed hosting educational programs or workshops that would be relatively low cost and simple to put together. These events have the potential to draw new members to AIPG as well as offer continuing education. Ben reported that Wesley Turner, the head of the Kentucky Division of Water Drone Program, has offered to speak about mapping techniques, bathymetry, and video mapping using drones. These events could be held in person, virtually, or both. Because several topics could be addressed with these types of events, Ben and Austin thought it would be good to let the membership decide what topics they want to see or hear.

John Popp added that in the past, there have been some very technical sessions that essentially last for a full day. While those were very good sessions, he also likes the idea that is currently being considered, something that is less burdensome on the presenters and trip leaders that will also allow for more fellowship among fellow geologists.

Austin asked Daniel if he had any ideas about topics that could be discussed during these types of events. Daniel suggested that an electrical resistivity demonstration would be good. Ideally, the presenter would have the equipment set-up so attendees could see it in use. The physical demonstration could be supplemented by a power point presentation to show what kind of data can be procured using the technology.

#### Collaboration with the Geological Society of Kentucky

Austin reported that he has had limited communication with the Geologic Society of Kentucky (GSK) and added that they are still trying to get organized for the year. Austin said since KY-AIPG already has several ideas about lecture topics that could be shared with GSK to get their input.

#### Board of Registration Update

Austin reported that the last Board of Registration meeting was held on February 12, 2024 and asked Bill to provide an update. Bill reported that the next ASBOG test is scheduled for March 15, 2024 and that seventeen (17) people are registered to take the FG portion and eleven (11) are scheduled for the PG part. The Council of Examiners Workshop is scheduled on April 5-6, 2024 in Dallas, Texas. A field trip will be hosted in connection with the meeting on April 7, 2024.

The next Board of Registration meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Austin reported that the number of PGs that have not renewed their professional registration has been cut in half since our last meeting. Bill added that there are still about 100 members that have not renewed and added that he will reach out to the ones he knows personally once he gets the information.

### General

Daniel mentioned the AIPG Bylaws indicate that each section should have about five (5) standing committees such as for membership, legislation and a couple of other tasks. He suggested enlisting committee participation from members who want to be active in AIPG but are not necessarily on the Executive Committee. Austin agreed that the KY-AIPG could benefit from a structure like that but the challenge would be finding members that are willing to get involved, adding that outreach activities may help fill some of these slots. Daniel added that Edward Lo gave a talk during one of AIPG National's outreach efforts about Young Professionals and he did a great job. He added that KY-AIPG has a lot of talent locally that can be drawn upon.

John Popp mentioned that the dates to request student award nominations is approaching and wanted to make sure we did not let this opportunity pass. Tim mentioned that he is planning on sending out the letters to the colleges next week but requested assistance in identifying the best contact at each college because it is a moving target. He added that it may be worth investigating the possibility of resuming presenting the awards during the annual KGS award banquet as had been done in years past. Bill said the he and Austin could bring this up during their meeting with Dr. Drew Andrews next week.

Daniel added that Donnie has a trip planned to visit Morehead on February 20, 2024 and that he and Donnie will visit Murray State University on February 23, 2024. He reported that other Executive Committee members are going to visit EKV with Bill on February 23, 2024. Bill said that Dr. Walter Borowski would be the best contact there. Bill added that currently the meeting will be a loosely formatted panel discussion to allow attendees to meet geoscience professionals who can share experiences about how to land a job, entering the workforce, taking the ASBOG and many other topics. They could also look at resumes, cover letters and discuss the interview process. The group may then go to Apollo Pizza for some less formal one-on-one conversation if desired. Bill indicated that the geology program at EKV is currently growing so this event represents a good opportunity for KY-AIPG.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Austin made a motion to close the meeting, Bill seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.