

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Frank Ettensohn, Trent Garrison, Donnie Lumm, Dan Phelps, Larry Rhodes, Richard Smath, Mark Sweet.**

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Mark Sweet. Mark welcomed all that were in attendance.

President's Report

Mark mentioned that Larry Rhodes informed him that the Governor's office does not have any of the applications needed to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists (PG Board). Mark reported that he has attempted to fill out the application on-line but when he submitted them in PDF document as required, they were rejected. Mark will contact the PG Board Administrator, Tammy Sharp, to find out more information. Frank Ettensohn reported that he initially had difficulty submitting his application, but it appears to have worked on the second attempt.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the January 14, 2017 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members on February 16, 2017. The minutes were approved (by electronic vote) after minor changes on February 17, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurers Report, the contents of which are summarized below:

Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$35,939.24
Total Funds as of January 31, 2017	\$36,648.22
Net change from previous report:	+708.98

Trent Garrison made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dan Phelps seconded, the motion passed.

Vice President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that National AIPG is acutely aware of the issue of declining membership and they are actively working on ways to retain current members and promote growth of the organization.

Donnie indicated that the nominations for the KY AIPG annual and student awards need to be received by April 1, 2017. Tim mentioned that he has already set up the templates for the letters to send out to the universities, but needs to verify the date of the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) Annual event. Trent mentioned that we should consider presenting the awards at a different time (not during lunch) when people are paying more attention.

Donnie mentioned that KY AIPG Section will be 50 years old this year (the Section was established on November 10, 1967). Donnie suggested considering hosting a social event in November to commemorate the date, possibly a dinner or something similar.

Past President's Report

Dan asked who would send out thank you letters to those who contributed to the Darwin Lecture Series. Bill reported that he has already sent them out.

General discussion was held about the KY AIPG Annual Darwin Lecture, the venue, accessibility and cost. It was generally agreed that the event went well. Dan reported that he is considering asking Neil Shubin to speak at the lecture next year.

Dan reported that Dr. Bill Haneberg will be speaking during a Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) meeting on February 24, 2017 in room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building. Dan reported that the next KPS field trip is scheduled to the Cincinnati Museum Center on February 25, 2017.

President Elect's Report

Trent reported that Doug Bartlett, the President-Elect of the AIPG National Executive Committee mentioned that he would like to elevate the status of AIPG in states that do not require licensing. Trent agreed that it would be a good idea and they held a discussion on the matter.

General discussion was held about how AIPG membership can be increased. Trent reiterated that the section should consider having meetings at different locations and venues. This would make meetings convenient to others around the state. He volunteered to come up with some suggestions for future events that may attract more potential members. Bill elaborated that once we have their attention; we need to find ways to retain them. Frank mentioned that several professional events are scheduled in October of this year, including those hosted by the Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) and the Society of Professional Engineers (October 4-6, 2017), which can provide networking opportunities.

Mark suggested that we request input from the student chapters to determine what types of events or services they would like KY AIPG to perform. Tim added that face to face contact is preferred by older professionals, but maybe KY AIPG should accept the digital age and utilize technology to attract younger people. Mark emphasized that while that approach would be good, the middle-aged group who may not be as technologically proficient should not be overlooked.

Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the KY-AIPG website is current and will be updated as more information becomes available.

DISCUSSION POINTS

The Professional Development Course *Review and Skills for Professional Geologist Exams* was held on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Bill reported that approximately 18 people attended the class. As in the past, he polled the attendees using an internet-based platform. Eleven of the 18 responded. Most responded that they would be interested in classes related to the environmental field or preparing for the ASBOG test. Resume building, networking and how to interview for jobs were specifically listed as areas of interest for future programs/courses. Bill provided attendees with a summary of the results of the poll.

The Darwin Lecture Series Lecture entitled “Dinosaurs of the Cedar Mountain Formation” was held on February 9, 2017 at the Agricultural Science Building on the University of Kentucky campus. Dr. James Kirkland was the guest speaker. Donnie reported that he counted 135 attendees and Dan added that he estimated 150 people may have been there for at least a portion of the event.

Frank Etensohn reported that 10 people have registered for the Bahamas short course, which is enough to host the trip. He needs to check with Bill to see if all of the registrants have sent their money. The registration deadline was February 17, 2017. Bill said 1 registrant has paid in full and at last check, he had 8 deposits. Bill recommended that we develop a registration form because when he receives the checks, sometimes they don’t designate what they are paying for. Frank expects that with this number of registrants, it’s not likely that we will make any money.

Mark reminded everyone that the 15th Annual Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair will be held on April 1, 2017 at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in the Alumni Coliseum. Frank mentioned that he attended the Fayette County Science was held on Saturday, February 11, 2017. He added that these types of events are always in need of more judges.

Larry Rhodes reported that the meeting dates for the PG Board for 2017 are as follows: April 10th, June 12th, August 14th, October 9th, and December 11th.

Bill met with the University of Kentucky (UK) Student Chapter of AIPG on February 1st, 2017, and the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) student chapter on February 2nd, 2017. During the meetings, he mentioned that he would like for AIPG to have a presence at the state science fair. He also wanted to gain some insight as to what they would like to see in the form of guidance and educational opportunities from KY AIPG. Responses were generally along the lines of finding out what they need to find employment. He also met with Jonathan Malzone at EKU, a new hydrogeology professor, who asked Bill to visit one of his classes to give a presentation on remediation.

Trent suggested that KY AIPG host an event this spring, that could help students prepare for their job search and interviews. This short course should be followed by a less formal gathering where there could be more one-on-one contact. Trent mentioned Ethereal Brewing as a potential meeting site and Frank mentioned Pivot Brewery, both of which have free meeting rooms that could be utilized. Mark indicated that having a calendar showing all other professional events would be useful in avoiding scheduling conflicts. Trent indicated that he has access to a calendar that lists geology related events that can be added to the section web page.

Mark asked Dan about the status of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pay grade issue but he didn’t have any new information to add. Mark asked Dan to put Bart Schafer in contact with him so he can see what, if anything, AIPG needs to do to assist them.

Bill indicated that he would like to discuss the following topics in future meetings:

- Online registration for future events as opposed to continuing with paper mailings.
- Online payment options for events.
- Follow up on information he pulled from the AIPG-California Section about our potential Spring short course on resume preparation and job interviews.

Schedule of Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 18th, 2017 in Room 102 of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building at 10:00 a.m. Tim made motion to adjourn, Trent seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.