

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, February 2, 2013
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

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

Meeting called to order at 10:14 am by Trent Garrison.

President's Report:

No report. Trent Garrison deferred additional comments until later in the meeting

President Elect's Report:

Comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

Past President's Report:

Comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the November 2012 meeting had been distributed to Executive Committee members via electronic mail and that the recommended changes have been made. The minutes were approved with minor revisions. Copies were passed out to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Previous Balance as of December 31, 2012</i>	\$34,534.43
Total Account Balance as of January 31, 2013	\$33,616.57
General Checking Acct.:	\$471.61
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$33,616.57

Jim DeCinque thanked Donnie Lumm for assisting him in the transition to treasurer. Tim made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bill seconded. The motion passed.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that he has received all of the information for the Darwin Lecture and dispersed it accordingly. He was contacted by the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) who is interested in possibly sponsoring the event, but expressed some concern about sponsors that that were not recognized on the poster or fliers. Richard added that advertisements for the event are being posted on Facebook, Linked-In and will be printed in the Kentucky Now and other readily accessible media. Gil Cumbee reported that he has forwarded the event notification to geologists in Indiana.

Richard reported that there may be additional costs associated with printing the handouts as a result of some 'printer' issues that are currently being addressed.

Bahamas Short Course

Frank reported that he has found a travel agent that will transport people from Nassau for about \$250.00. A minimum of 10 people would need to participate to be able to obtain this rate. Participants would have to get to Nassau on their own. This rate would be cheaper than last year's cost by about \$200. The deadline

date is February 18, 2013. If 10 people are signed up, the trip will proceed. If not, the trip will be cancelled.

Darwin Lecture for 2013

Charlie reported that has contacted Dr. Phil Currie and his wife (Dr. Eva Koppelhus) are arriving at the Cincinnati Airport on February the 20th. Charlie will pick them up from the airport and transport them to the Hyatt where a reservation has been made. Charlie is also taking them to Morehead on Thursday evening in preparation for Dr. Koppelhus' presentation at Morehead State University on Friday.

Current sponsors for the event as follows: the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (KSPG) - \$300, UK Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences - \$200, the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS) - \$500, Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) - \$200, UK Dept of Biology - \$500, KAS - \$200, Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) - \$100 minimum, Pepsi - \$400, Morehead Department of Earth and Space Systems - \$200.00. In addition, Morehead will pick up Drs. Koppelhus and Currie's expenses from Thursday through the rest of their visit. Including airfare, these costs total approximately \$1,500.00. While visiting, Dr. Koppelhus will present a lecture at MSU on Friday, February 22, 2013 in Reed Hall at 4 pm. Her lecture will be entitled "*Cretaceous Park in Alberta, ongoing paleobotanical studies*". Dr. Currie will speak on the same evening at 6:30 in Button Auditorium on "*New Discoveries in Dinosaur Paleontology*".

Charlie suggested that the section consider subcontracting the printing of the posters, given that the date of the program is rapidly approaching. Charlie made a motion that the poster printing be performed commercially if the printer issue isn't fixed in the next couple of days. The amount requested was \$150. Trent seconded. The motion passed. Faith requested 10 to 20 copies of the poster to display at various locations around town. Dan said that KPS will set up a table and assist with the program in whatever ways they can.

Charlie mentioned that an itinerary should be developed while our guests are in town. Frank recommended that a luncheon be held at the UK Faculty Club, which would give the sponsors from UK an opportunity to interact with the speakers. Charlie suggested that on Thursday, if there are no other commitments, they could be given a tour of the Lexington area.

Trent suggested that he give a quick, five minute overview of AIPG, its purpose and benefits. He would like to show a few slides of some of our recent activities and to invite new members. Membership cars should be available for those interested in joining. He will also thank the sponsors of the event. Charlie will then introduce the Dr. Currie.

Pizza and Speaker Nights for Geology Students

Trent reported that he was recently informed that the conference rooms were not available on Thursday nights but they are available on Friday and Saturday. Considering this, Trent suggested that we consider having the event on April 12th, 2013. The agenda would consist of giving a brief presentation about AIPG and then to allowing the students opportunities to casually discuss varying aspects of geology that will prepare them for the job market, with professionals. Trent said he will proceed with booking the room, which will cost AIPG about \$100. Gil suggested that a poster be developed to assist in advertising the event. This event may present an opportunity for interested businesses to sponsor the vent.

Spring Professional Development Conference

Bill reported that he emailed a potential agenda and outline to Executive Committee members for comment and has received some feedback on that front. He reported that he may also be making progress on getting a commitment from one of the state agencies to present the conference.

Bill reported that there are currently no costs for vendors or presentations. He expects that the cost to attend will be similar to the event last year (approximately \$75 for state employees & members, \$20 for students and \$100 for professionals).

Trent reported that someone has contacted him about advertising (books) on the section website. Trent sent out an email the committee members and requested feedback. Most seemed to think it would be a good idea if we can figure out how to place an ad on the website and a reasonable rate to charge. Tim volunteered to contact AIPG National to see if they have any idea of what a reasonable web page advertising rate would be. Donnie requested that Tim also check to see if the Kentucky Section has any outstanding fees.

Faith reported that the Kentucky State Science Fair is coming up in March. She would like to continue with the awards (\$50 check and a book to each winner of middle school and high school awards). Tim made a motion and Trent seconded. The motion carried.

Larry requested that a deadline of April 1, 2013, be set as the deadline for nominations for AIPG's annual awards. This would give the Executive Committee an opportunity to vote on the nominations. The annual awards are as follows:

Geologist of the Year
Lifetime Achievement Award (must be a member).
Past President Award
Presidential Certificate of Merit (if suggested)

Miscellaneous

Trent opened discussion on the embarrassment that the Kentucky State Mineral is coal. The point was made about the regulators charging fees for mineral rights, which could present a problem if coal is no longer considered a mineral. Discussions pro and con followed and the suggestion was made to contact primary educators to make the argument. The subject was tabled until later.

Charlie reported that he would hold off on contacting T. Boone Pickens until further notice. Trent and Charlie discussed future meetings of the Kentucky Geologic Consortium. Charlie suggested that the issue be discussed with Jim Cobb prior to making any decisions.

Gil reported that a Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2013.

The next section meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2013 at 10:00 at the Survey, Room 102. Bill made a motion to adjourn and Jim seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.