

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday January 16, 2021

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Edward Lo, Donnie Lumm, Donny Prater, RichardSmath.**

## Welcome and Call to Order

President Megan Cleinmark called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

## President's Report

After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Megan reported that she recently participated in an episode of “Prodigious Kentuckians” with Trent Garrison and Julie Martinez during which she discussed AIPG. She thinks it went well and added that the episode has been uploaded to their Facebook page for viewing.

## President Elect

Donny Prater introduced himself and reported he is glad to be a part of the organization and is looking forward to participating.

## Vice President

Donnie Lumm indicated that he has nothing new to report but added that he anticipates a good year and hopes it goes well even with the persisting COVID conditions.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes from the December 5, 2020 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee members for comment and review on January 12, 2021. The minutes were approved by electronic vote (majority approval) on January 15, 2021 following minor revisions.

Tim reported that he provided the results of the KY-AIPG officer elections to AIPG National on December 28, 2021. The results of the election were as follows:

President	Megan Cleinmark
Vice President	Donnie Lumm
President Elect	Donny Prater
Treasurer	Bill Brab
Secretary	Tim Crumbie
Communication Coord.	Richard Smath
Past President	Edward Lo

## Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared a screen shot and distributed via email, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2020. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of <b>November 30, 2020</b>	\$24,006.73
Checking Balance as of December 31,2020	\$24,007.75
PayPal Account Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$24,007.75</b>
Net Change from previous report	+\$1.02

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Tim seconded. The motion passed.

#### Communication Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is up to date and he will be updated with additional information as it becomes available.

#### Past President's Report

Edward Lo utilized an auto caption feature on Zoom to share his discussion. He wanted to introduce this option as something that could be used to help those with special needs participate in meetings.

Edward revisited the verbiage for the requirements for the newly proposed KY-AIPG Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) award. After discussion, the text was amended to read as follows:

The annual DEI award recognizes an individual or organization who has served as a catalyst for change for a more inclusive geoscience community across the Commonwealth during the previous calendar year. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the following qualitative criteria, in no particular order:

- Raised awareness of importance of diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Demonstrated sustained work with underrepresented minority group to strengthen the geoscience community outreach to support the advancement of DEI.
- Improving physical and virtual accessibility to Kentucky field sites of a geological nature for people with disabilities and special needs.

Nominees will be selected each spring and the award will be determined by a vote of the KY-AIPG executive committee. The award will be first issued in 2021 and annually thereafter as a plaque.

General discussion was held about whether this award should replace the Geologist of the Year award. The Geologist of the Year, by description, is required to be a Geologist but does not have to be an AIPG member. The DEI award is not limited to geologists, instead, it applies to all geoscientists. Based on this information, in part, the decision was made to keep the awards separate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review and Skills Workshop for ASBOG Exam

Bill reported that he texted Drew Andrews (Kentucky Geological Survey – KGS) about his plans for the next skills workshop. The next ASBOG test is scheduled for March 19, 2021 and the deadline to register January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The workshop will likely be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> or February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Richard added that AIPG could send an email notification about the training and exam dates but he can't do it until the dates have been finalized. He added that KGS will send appropriate notifications once the dates have been established.

#### Darwin Lecture Update

Edward reported that he has reached out to Dan Phelps who contacted Dr. Lee Dugatkin, author of "How to Tame a Fox," to see if he would be interested in presenting the 2021 Darwin Lecture. Dr. Dugatkin responded that he is interested in giving the presentation remotely but is requesting a \$500.00 stipend to do so. General discussion was held on the matter and the consensus was that this option would satisfy the requirement for a speaker and would be less expensive than paying the expenses typically required for an in-person presentation. Donnie made a motion to engage Dr. Dugatkin as the speaker for lecture and Bill seconded. The motion passed. Potential dates for the presentations are January 25<sup>th</sup> or February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Megan will email Dan Phelps to solidify the commitment.

Bill suggested that the way donations are solicited could be modified to attract more contributors. He said contributions could be requested to provide support to KY-AIPG for activities hosted throughout the year as opposed to requesting donations for a single event. For example, potential contributors may have reservations about sponsoring certain events, but may be willing to support KY-AIPG as a whole. Donnie indicated that he will send out letter of solicitation to potential contributors and asked if suggested donation amounts should be included in the solicitation or if it should be left open-ended. The general consensus was that the letter will request \$100.00 to support the organization over the course of the year, but that any amount would be appreciated. Bill indicated that if needed, he can provide invoices to sponsors if needed. They can email him at [ky.aipg@gmail.com](mailto:ky.aipg@gmail.com).

Edward added that The Paleontological Society ([www.Paleosoc.org](http://www.Paleosoc.org)) could serve as a resource for potential future speakers.

#### Student Chapter Outreach

Megan asked for suggestions on how student outreach can be performed this year considering the ongoing COVID restrictions. Donnie suggested that each school could be contacted to determine their current safety requirements and once that is known, future activities could be developed accordingly. Donnie volunteered to reach out to Morehead State University and Western Kentucky University and Donny will assist (with Morehead). Bill or John Popp will contact Northern Kentucky University, and Bill and Edward can communicate with the University of Kentucky. Mark Sweet and Bill will contact Eastern Kentucky University. Megan said she can contact Murray State University. Bill reminded everyone that Morehead does not have a AIPG student chapter so any contact with that program should include an effort to establish a chapter there. General discussion was held about some of the advantages to becoming student members of AIPG and how the information could be conveyed to students to solicit interest and participation.

#### Fall Short Course/Workshop

Megan mentioned that KY-AIPG should develop a plan for two scenarios, one where the course would have to be hosted virtually or outside (socially distanced) and one where the event could be hosted in person. Edward suggested considering a hybrid synchronous program where people could either participate in person or virtually. This option would cover either eventuality. Megan referenced the outdoor classroom that is being developed at Bluegrass Community and Technical College and indicated

that she would like to utilize that area to hold some sort of workshop that could cover groundwater sampling. She added that there may be karst windows there as well. Bill added that the company he works for is also developing an outdoor laboratory of sorts to train their employees in various field methods. Megan and Bill will collaborate on options on this front.

January DEI Speaker

Edward reported that he has contacted Trent Garrison who agreed to be the speaker for the DEI meeting on January 25, 2021.

Updated Member List

Richard requested an updated list for AIPG members that are past-due. At the end of January Tim will request an updated list of current members from National AIPG.

## **OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

Board of Registration for Professional Geologists Update:

Bill reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday February 15, 2021 and it will be held virtually.

Bahamas Short Course:

No update was provided and it is assumed that the event will not occur in 2021 based on current COVID-19 conditions.

Field Safety

This topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Donnie shared that he has evaluated the information in the KY-AIPG roster that was provided on December 15, 2020 and determined that the list contains 41 CPGs, 21 Members, 6 Early Career Professionals and 42 Student Associates for a total of 110 members.

Next Meeting

The next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2021 at 10:00 am. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donnie seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:42am.