

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie**, Edward Lo, **Donald Lumm**, John Popp, **Donny Prater, Richard Smath**,

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donny Prater called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

President's Report

Donny reported that he and Donnie Lumm participated in the online meeting in preparation for the 2023 National AIPG Annual Meeting that is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Greater Cincinnati area. He added that it was a very interesting meeting with a diverse group of individuals. Donny added that he feels it's going to be a very busy year and that he did not have anything else to add at this point in the meeting.

President Elect's Report

Donnie Lumm echoed Donny's comments that it will be a very busy year and added that he will defer his comments on the National Conference until later in the meeting. He stated that he looks forward to the opportunity to be able to meet in person again.

Vice President's Report

No Report

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the results of the 2022 KY-AIPG Executive Committee election to National AIPG on December 28, 2021. Electronic copies of the new letterhead were distributed on January 10, 2022. Tim added that the draft minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on January 7, 2022 and were approved on January 8, 2021 after minor revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2021 via email and Megan shared a screenshot of his report which is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of November 30, 2021	\$23,438.23
Checking Account Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$23,439.23
PayPal Account Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$0.00
Total Operating Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$23,439.23
Net Change from previous report	\$1.00

Megan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2021, Donnie seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard reported that the website is up to date. He added that he is waiting on more information relating to the Bahama's trip as it becomes available.

Past President's Report

Megan commented that she does not have a formal report.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

2023 National Conference Update/Discussion

Donnie reported that there were 10-12 people online during the December 9, 2021 Zoom meeting including Bill Brab and Donny. He added that a venue has not yet been selected because AIPG National is looking for a facility in the Northern Kentucky area capable of accommodating 500 to 1,000 people. Currently obtained capacity estimates are running around 160 people. Donnie added that historically, attendance at the annual meeting runs somewhere between 160 and 300 people. Bill will be serving as a Technical Session Chair Person and Donnie will be a Co-chair for field trips, which will include involvement from staff at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). The meeting is tentatively scheduled for September or October of 2023, and AIPG National is planning to lengthen the meeting from four to six days. Donnie added that this is still in the early planning stages. Megan added that the expectation for a larger than usual turn-out may be attributed to the 60th Anniversary of AIPG.

Student Outreach

Donnie suggested that the in-person meetings may be limited again this year so outreach efforts may have to be conducted via Zoom. Megan suggested that it might be interesting to consider doing a career fair type of activity, maybe set up a booth outside with materials that could be distributed to students. This could be viable for the more centrally located schools. John Popp said that he thinks that the newsletter that Megan prepared at the end of the year contained good information that could be distributed to make students aware of KY-AIPG's efforts. Donnie said he can reach out to Western Kentucky University (WKU) to schedule for a potential Zoom meeting. He said that the students are typically interested in the job market and the industry outlook. John responded that he will do the same with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and added that it is important for younger members to be involved in outreach efforts, largely because of evolving technologies and the aging workforce.

Website Update

No report.

Bahamas Trip (May 2022)

Donnie reported that Dr. Ettensohn sent him a draft flier via email indicating that the dates that have been selected for the short course are Saturday, May 14 – Saturday, May 21, 2022. He emphasized that a minimum of 10 people will be needed to make the trip work and explained COVID related requirements. He also emphasized that air transportation should not be scheduled until a more accurate head count has been obtained. Donnie made some simple text edits to the flier and is awaiting a final version. Richard added that the announcement indicated that children can attend but there has not been a cost provided for them. He indicated that Bill had sent out a copy of the registration form for the ASBOG short course, which will need to be modified accordingly. Bill added that the example that he had sent earlier in the week was

merely a template. Donnie wanted to make sure that the information included in the flier covers the need for a current passport, who is paying for the course vs who is attending, sending the deposit with the registration form and several other items. The form needs to cover everything that is required to participate in the course. Tim asked if the online registration form would be easier. Bill responded that if an online service (to accept payment) is used, it is likely that a fee would be charged and the cost vs benefit should be evaluated further. There are benefits to using either or both. Donnie added that Frank is aware that 10 people need to be registered by February 28, 2022. Richard added that in addition to registering, the participant MUST have a negative COVID test within three days of leaving for the Bahamas. The same would apply for the return trip from San Salvador. Megan made the recommendation to use the phrase ‘vaccinated per CDC guidelines’ because the requirements may change.

Darwin Lecture

Donnie reported that Dr. Linda Kah, Professor at the University of Tennessee Knoxville specializing in Precambrian Paleontology, has agreed to be the presenter for the lecture. The date and time need to be established. Donnie suggested two to three dates be provided as options. Dr. Kah had indicated that Tuesdays and Thursdays are better for her but if it’s handled virtually, she can be more flexible. The Committee agreed to suggest February 10th or 22nd, 2022 at 7pm as potential dates for the lecture. Donnie added that as he would request financial support from a couple of businesses to offset costs. An honorarium for Dr. Kah has not been specifically discussed and Donnie suggested recommending offering \$500 to see if that would be acceptable. Donnie asked Megan to send the introduction power point to Donny for use during the speaker introduction.

January 2022 DEI Speaker

Donny will reach out to Edward Lo to see if the representative from the Ben Clements Mineral Museum will still be available to speak during the January DEI meeting

Kentucky Board of Professional Registration Update

Megan reported that the last meeting was held virtually on December 13, 2021. She and Bill reported that the new legal counsel (Olivia Amlung) has been appointed by the Attorney General’s Office and is permanent, while the Board Administrator is temporary. Megan added at they reviewed and approved the applications of the six to eight applicants who passed the FG and PG exams. Bill added that they are still working with Occupations and Professions to evaluate how the fee structure that the Board operates under has changed. This is needed for budgeting purposes and to determine if the fee structure for licensure needs to be adjusted going forward. And because the Commonwealth is currently operating under a declared state of emergency, the Board has not been able to collect fees for license renewals. This gives rise to uncertainty when trying to predict the amount of revenue that will be generated by renewals.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2022 and the deadline for the next ASBOG exam is January 18, 2022. The next ASBOG exam is March 18, 2022. ASBOG has signed the contract to implement virtual testing starting in the spring of 2023.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Megan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.