

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie**, Ben Currens, **Austin Dilla**, Frank Ettensohn, **Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, John Popp, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. He shared the meeting agenda with the attendees via the Zoom application.

President's Report

Donnie deferred comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President's Report

No Report. Megan provided an update on her status and informed us that she now resides in Charlottesville, Virginia but will be able to continue participating remotely.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the May 23, 2023 KY-AIPG meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee for review and comment on July 10, 2023. The minutes were approved electronically by majority vote on the same day and the final version was distributed.

Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab emailed copies of the Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting because he would not be in attendance. In his absence, Donnie presented the Treasurer's Reports as summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of April 30, 2023	\$33,636.46
Checking Account Credits as of May 31, 2023	\$105.31
Checking Account Debits as of May 31, 2023	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of May 31, 2023	\$33,741.77
Total Operating Funds as of May 31, 2023	\$33,741.77
Net Change from previous report	\$105.31

Tim made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report above and Megan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Total Operating Funds as of May 31, 2023	\$33,741.77
Checking Account Credits as of June 30, 2023	\$1,335.34
Checking Account Debits as of June 30, 2023	\$10,761.28
Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$24,315.83
Total Operating Funds as of June 30, 2023	\$24,315.83
Net Change from previous report	\$-9,425.94

Bill provided the following summary (via email) of the costs associated with the Bahamas Short Course: Registration income for the short course totaled \$12,282.80 with a cost of \$9,363.87 resulting in a net profit of \$2,918.93. Bill attributed the profit to exceeding the minimum quota (number of participants) needed to be profitable and a reduction in the costs reimbursed to the trip leader.

Austin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date and the latest minutes have been posted.

Past President's Report

No report.

New/Ongoing Business

KY-AIPG Awards Banquet

The banquet was held on June 10, 2023. Donnie reported that eleven people attended, including Dr. Bill Haneburg. Donnie had hoped for a better turnout and was pleased with the venue. He asked for recommendations on how the attendance can be increased going forward.

KGS Outreach/Mock Interview Summary

Austin reported that on July 6, 2023, Austin, Bill and Tim conducted mock interviews with six (6) interviewees. Another student had a conflict and could not participate. Four of the interviewees were interns. He added that it was good to talk with the students and Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) employees to help guide their paths forward. Tim added a few comments to confirm what Austin had already mentioned. Donnie thanked all three for the time commitment.

KY-AIPG Membership Roster Update

Donnie reported that he had received an updated spreadsheet showing the AIPG membership in Kentucky. He added that there are a total of 88 members. He added that the member numbers in all categories (students, young professionals, professionals, CPGs and Associates) could be increased and he requested any input in how to achieve that goal. He added that this Fall, KY-AIPG will focus on getting more students involved by sending them a link where they can register for free and try to figure out how to get more members involved with recruiting and outreach.

2023 Annual AIPG National Meeting

The registration from for the meeting is online. The event will be held in Covington beginning on starting September 15, 2023. Donnie added that portions of the program will be held virtually which may allow those who cannot attend to participate virtually. He added that he will prepare a summary of the KY-AIPG activities and budget to provide to AIPG National as part of the annual report. Donnie also mentioned that AIPG has shared a link to a virtual field trip and he indicated that he will share it with anyone interested. Bill and Austin are scheduled to give presentations during the meeting.

KY-AIPG Sponsorship of the 2023 Annual Meeting

Donnie reported that KY-AIPG has sent a sponsorship check for \$500.00 to National AIPG to become an official co-sponsor of the event.

Other Discussion Topics

State Geologist Update

Tim reported that the search for a new state geologist is ongoing and a final decision has not yet been made. He added that William ‘Drew’ Andrews will serve as the interim State Geologist and KGS Director pending a final resolution. John Popp added that a celebration of Dr. Bill Haneburg held at the KGS on June 26, 2023. John, Frank Ettensohn and Faith Fiene attended. He said that Dr. Lisa Cassis, the University of Kentucky’s Vice President for Research, indicated that the search will continue but that for now, Drew will fill the role. Donnie mentioned that KY AIPG needs to maintain the relationship with KGS because they are an invaluable resource.

KY Board of Professional Geologists Update

Megan reported the Board is still experiencing financial distress but that the new fee structure and amendment are online and have gone into effect. This amendment should assist the Board with meeting its financial obligations. She added that several PGs and GITs recently passed the ASBOG exam which should increase the number of practicing geologists in the state.

Donnie added that he hopes to create a newsletter within the next month or so, to encourage the general membership to attend the Annual Meeting.

General discussion was held about the state of the profession and the outlook for employment. Both Megan and Donnie agreed that there are many job opportunities out there, particularly in entry level and mid-level positions. She added that she feels that people looking for jobs that do not fall into these categories may have a more difficult time finding open positions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. Tim made a motion and Austin seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.