

# **Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

Remote Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Megan Cleinmark, Tim Crumbie, Austin Dilla, Donnie Lumm, Donny Prater, Richard Smath.**

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Donnie Lumm introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. He shared the meeting agenda with the attendees via the Zoom application.

## President's Report

Donnie thanked everyone for participating and indicated that he does not have any specific comments at this time and deferred until later in the meeting.

## President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla reported that he does not have anything to report at this point in the meeting.

## Vice President's Report

Megan Cleinmark reported that she attended the joint Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting in Reston, Virginia on March 17-19, 2023. She said the conference was very good and the portion of the program that she participated in was geared to recent graduates and early career professionals. She said there was a general theme about how to get people excited about geology and how to fill vacant jobs because there aren't enough people to do so. She said it was standing room only and added that the program was very inspirational and she was glad to have been a part of it. Donnie asked Megan if she could post her abstract on the KY AIPG website and she agreed.

Megan shared that she and her family will be relocating to another state near the end of the year or early next year and just wanted to make the KY-AIPG aware of the pending change and confirm that her current duties in AIPG will be fulfilled.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the February 9, 2023 KY-AIPG meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee for review and comment on March 14, 2023. The minutes were approved electronically by majority vote on March 23, 2023 after minor revisions. The final version of the minutes was emailed to the Executive Committee prior to today's meeting.

## Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab provided copies of the Treasurer's report to the Executive Committee. Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2023 as summarized below:

<b>Total Operating Funds as of January 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,349.94</b>
Checking Account Credits as of February 28, 2023	\$1.64
Checking Account Debits as of February 28, 2023	\$5.00
<b>Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,346.58</b>
<b>Total Operating Funds as of February 28, 2023</b>	<b>\$21,346.58</b>
Net Change from previous report	\$-3.36

Bill said the costs from the Darwin Lecture and the Bahamas trip should show up on the next Treasurer's report and we should be able to tell if that is a profitable venture or how to generate revenue in the future.

Donny made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Austin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting have been posted to the website so it is up to date. Richard added that he received an online notification from someone indicating that one of the links on the KY-AIPG website was not working. This person subsequently requested that the KY-AIPG allow them to place a link on the section website. General discussion was held about the matter and the consensus was not to allow the link to be posted on the website for several reasons, including giving a false impression that AIPG is supportive of the business entity and that the information on the link did not relate to geology.

Richard asked if anyone had checked the new 401 KAR 004 link that had been added to replace the one that was reported to be broken to see if it worked. Bill confirmed that it appears to work fine.

#### Past President's Report

Donny Prater reported that he visited an elementary school (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) and spoke about geology as a potential profession for the students. He reported that it was a good experience.

#### **New/Ongoing Business**

##### 2023 Darwin Lecture Recap

The 2023 Darwin Lecture was held on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm Eastern via Zoom. Dr. Lindsay MacKenzie, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology at Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington, gave a presentation entitled *In Search of Exceptional Fossils*. There was a good turnout (20-25) for the event and Richard reported that several people have asked if the recording of the talk would be posted online. Megan reported that Dr. MacKenzie has given permission to post the video online and Richard will do it once the link is available.

Donnie asked Bill if a stipend had been sent to Dr. MacKenzie and he responded that he was not aware that one had been requested. General discussion was held on the matter. Donnie suggested to send \$500.00 to her and asked Megan to reach out to her again and thank her for her time, and to let her know that a stipend will be sent to her once she tells how she wants to receive it (check, electronically...).

### 2023 Bahamas Short Course

Donnie reported that the trip will proceed as planned because more than the minimum required number of participants have registered. Bill reported that 15 people have registered and are paid in full. Donnie indicated that Charlie Mason had asked him if KY-AIPG would accept late registrants. It was subsequently decided to leave the registration information posted on the KY-AIPG website in case others want to participate. The course will be held May 13-20, 2023 on San Salvador Island, Bahamas.

### Student Chapter Visits for Spring Semester

Bill reported that he and Austin visited ECU on February 17, 2023. He said that about 7 or 8 students attended and they took a tour of the Geology Department. He said they met with Dr. Walter Borowski and two other staff members. Bill and Austin spoke to the students about their professional and academic backgrounds, experiences, and how professional registration and AIPG has benefitted them. Bill also volunteered to hold a short course about resume writing and interviewing as potential future topics of discussion. Dr. Borowski seemed very interested and excited about the potential for the class. Austin added that it was a great trip and experience.

Donnie asked Austin if he was able to connect with Dr. Michael May at WKU. Austin indicated that he has reached out to him but has not heard back. He will verify his contact information and try again.

Bill added that Ben Currens, who could not attend the meeting today, asked him to provide the following information. Ben met with the Geology Club president at UK who has requested that KY-AIPG attend their next scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on April 10, 2023.

Donnie indicated that he will reach out to Charlie Mason, professor emeritus at Morehead State University, to find out who would be an appropriate contact for the geology program at the school.

### Student Career Outreach/Social Event

Donnie asked if a social event could be arranged within the next three (3) weeks or so, sometime before finals begin. He requested recommendations for potential venues. Austin recommended West 6<sup>th</sup> Brewery because it has an open venue. Based on his personal experience, it doesn't appear that there are any age restrictions to enter the establishment. Austin suggested the event could be held from 6 to 8 pm and Donnie thought it would be a good idea to be able to notify multiple student chapters in case more people want to attend. General discussion was held about the time and date. Donnie indicated he would initially shoot for the end of April, probably a Thursday.

### Student Awards

Tim reported that letters requesting the nominations for the annual student award(s) were emailed to ECU, WKU, UK, NKU, Murray State University and Morehead State University on February 14, 2023. The deadline for the submittal of nominees was March 31, 2023.

Richard asked if anything has been received for the Lifetime Achievement, Geologist of the Year and DEI awards. The deadline for these recommendations was also March 31, 2023. Bill reported that nothing along the lines of these requests have been received. Richard indicated he would wait until the deadline expires and extend it until April 15, 2023. Tim will follow the same course.

### 2023 Annual AIPG National Meeting

Donnie reported that he has been very busy preparing for the meeting and will be leading two (2) field trips during the conference. Over the last couple of weeks, he has visited two of the quarries that will be visited during the excursions. He added that he took a Geologist from Denver to Big Bone Lick State Park, Clifty Falls and the Cincinnati Waterfront to create 360-degree video of the field trips for those who would not be able to attend because of physical impairments.

Bill added that the requests for Abstracts have been sent out by the Education sub-committee. They have received six or seven and are awaiting more so they can proceed with planning. Donnie urged the Executive Committee to look at the registration documents that are now available on the National AIPG website, including costs. He indicated that all of the events are “a la carte” so attendees would only need to pay for the portions of the meeting that they will attend.

All abstracts for the conference are due by May 1, 2023. Pricing for the event has not yet been established. As previously mentioned, seven (7) field trips will be run during the conference.

### **OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS**

#### KY Board of Professional Geologists Update

Bill reported that the Computer Based Testing administration of the ASBOG exam on March 16-17, 2023 seemed to work well.

Next meeting Board meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm. It is open to the public if anyone is interested in attending. No new developments to report at this time on the amendment of the regulation.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Austin seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.