

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2011
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: Don Chestnut, Jim Cobb, **Tim Crumbie**, **Frank Ettensohn**, Faith Fiene, **Trent Garrison**, **Jim Howard**, **Donnie Lumm**, Daniel Phelps, Larry Rhodes, (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Meeting called to order at 10:14 AM

President's Report:

Frank Ettensohn welcomed visitors and indicated the majority of his report would be presented later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

No report

Past President's Report:

Jim Howard reported that he attended the National Executive Committee Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, last month. Jim indicated that the Ad-hoc committee on Support of Sections on which he serves, has received approximately 13 responses from the 38 AIPG sections that were polled in the Section Operations Survey they was sent out a couple of months ago. Jim mentioned that since the meeting, he has lectured at the American Red Cross in Owensboro about earthquakes and plate tectonics and the potential effects in Owensboro. On May 12, 2011 he has an all day session scheduled on Alternative Energy Fuels and Climate Change with the Owensboro Dioceses.

Jim has been working with AGI to try to figure out how to make AIPG more visible. AGI mentioned that they have noticed that many younger geologists are deficient areas of stratigraphy, sedimentation and structure. A few AIPG sections are using this information as an opportunity to offer professional development courses.

Jim will be out of the country in mid-May and will not be able to attend a meeting if one is scheduled during that time.

Vice President Report:

Trent Garrison said that he would make his report later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the minutes for the February 2011 meeting were sent out via email on March 20, 2011 and approved by electronic vote. He also contacted National and requested that they update their link our section's website. Tim also reported he has mailed letters to several Kentucky colleges and universities requesting nominations for student scholarships to be awarded at our spring banquet.

Treasurer's Report: Donnie Lumm reported the section finances as summarized below:

<i>Previous Balance as of February 28, 2011</i>	<i>\$30,841.51</i>
Total Account Balance as of March 25, 2011	\$31,354.77
General Checking Acct.:	\$1,018.27
Outreach Checking Acct.:	\$3,267.65
Certificates Of Deposit:	\$27,068.85

Donnie indicated that registration for the professional development seminar looks good. A couple of dozen have registered and more are expecting more. Jim Howard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Trent seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Registration Report:

Larry Rhodes reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting is April 11, 2011. There is also special meeting scheduled for March 28, 2011.

Editor's Report:

In Richard Smath's absence, Frank showed samples of the programs and sample certificates for professional development hours (PDH). Faith Feine reported that Richard has requested that she print out copies of the pamphlet and she will have 100 copies available for the conference. Jim Howard requested that a copy of the AIPG survey sheet be included in the handout. Two moderators are scheduled to host the session, Jim and Craig Marlow.

Old Business:

Professional Development Seminar: Jim Cobb indicated that his office can make the arrangements for lunch as they have a lot of experience with it. Jim Howard said he wanted to include a questionnaire in the program that lists several topics of interest that could be used to determine topics that people are most interested in which could be used as consideration for topics in future programs. There was also general discussion about snacks during the morning and break. Jim Howard indicated that he had received information that Dr. Ralph Ewers may be interested in presenting on hydrogeology as a potential for future conferences.

Spring Field Trip: Frank said there will be seven stops on the trip which will start at Carter Caves, then to a quarry about five miles away to look at a carbonate section. The trip will include a hike along a trail that will last about an hour at which point lunch will be served. Cascade Cave will be the final stop after stopping at a box canyon. Registration will be at 7:30 am and they plan to leave the park at 8:00 am. The goal is to be back at the park by approximately 5:00 pm. For students, lunch and guidebooks are free. There will be a cost if they (students) decide to attend the banquet. Donnie asked about any special considerations required for safety at the quarry. Frank stated that the quarry is not in operation but indicated that we will recommend that participants steel toe boots and hard hats. Larry Rhodes asked about AIPG obtaining insurance to cover the trip participants. It was decided that a waiver be prepared for participants to sign. The guide book is the only thing that remains to be finalized. Frank mentioned that there may be an issue with transportation depending on the turnout. Andy Mead has not confirmed that he will speak at the banquet therefore other options may be considered.

Natural History Museum: Don Chestnut started the effort to establish a museum in 1989. Papers were filed to establish the museum as a non-profit organization and it was set up as a 501c3. A website containing much of the background information is available online. The easiest way to find the address may be by doing a search for the Kentucky Museum of Natural History. A non-profit bank account is set up at Chase Bank and Don contributes money monthly to keep the account active. Don said the advisory board tried to get a bill to authorize the creation of the museum passed for several consecutive years but it always died in committee. Faith suggested that the Kentucky Academy of Science be involved to assist with this endeavor. Jim Cobb stated that in our current political and economic climate, it is not likely that the legislature will approve \$20 million dollars annually to fund the museum. If this is to happen in the near future, support from an influential politician and a source for funding, separate from the legislature, will be needed. Donnie suggested that an informational meeting be held wherein the status and goals for the museum be presented to potential backers. Trent recommended setting up a Facebook page. The general consensus was that the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) be involved.

New Business:

Annual Awards: Larry indicated that there are two nominations for Geologist of the Year and one nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Tom Ryavec was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Richard Smath with the Kentucky Geologic Survey and Karen Thompson of Smith Management Group were the nominees for the Geologist of the Year. Karen Thompson was selected as the winner. Andy Mead and Richard Smath will receive the Presidential Certificate of Merit. Tim will email UK's Student Award nomination request letter to Frank, as Dr. Moecher is on sabbatical.

Darwin Lecture Series: Frank said that Michael Zimmerman with Butler University may be a good option as a potential speaker for the series. He typically requests an honorarium of \$4,000 to speak but may do it for less. Dan Phelps has spoken with Eugenie Scott as another option but she has limited availability. He feels she may do it for around \$2,000. The decision was made to review each of their biographies and the final determination would be made at a later date. Dan will email Ms. Scott's information to the Executive Committee members and Frank will send Mr. Zimmerman's.

Faith indicated that next Saturday that she will be judging at the state science fair and she has already procured the awards.

Frank mentioned that AIPG National sent a list of members who haven't paid their dues. Only a few from Kentucky were listed and several of those indicated that they intended to pay.

Jim Cobb mentioned that the Annual KGS Meeting will be held on May 13, 2011 and several topics of interest relating to the enhancing the profession in Kentucky will be addressed.

Donnie said he received a letter from the president of the Indiana/Illinois Section requesting a sponsorship of \$250.00 in support of the AIPG Annual Meeting. The executive committee voted to approve this recommendation.

Larry reminded that the Highway Geologist's Symposium will be held at the Hilton in Lexington on July 25th -28th, 2011.

Jim Howard recommended that the section consider a former award be considered to be established for service to AIPG. Prior discussion tentatively established that the award could be named after Wallace W. Hagan or William C. MacQuown, or both.

Jim Cobb recommended that we have the annual awards determined sooner to allow people time to schedule. Instead of selecting award recipients in March or April, it would be better to have these decisions in the winter. Nominations could be sent out in the fall instead of February.

The next meeting is scheduled on April 30th, 2011 immediately before the banquet. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.