

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Thursday, November 28, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

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

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. He introduced himself and added that the agenda has already been emailed to the Executive Committee and shared his screen with those in attendance.

President's Report

Donnie reported that he has contacted Wendy Davidson at National AIPG to inquire about the proceeds that were generated from the event. She responded saying that they are still in the process of determining how much revenue was generated and how it will be distributed between themselves, KY-AIPG, Ohio-AIPG and Indiana/Illinois-AIPG.

Donnie added that he participated in a field trip co-hosted by National and Missouri-AIPG on November 3, 2023. The trip was held at the Doe Run Fletcher Mine located in the Central Ozark Mountains in Missouri. He estimated that 20-22 people participated in the trip to the underground lead mine, which is something he always wanted to do.

Donne added that he has been desperately trying to get trips lined up to visit some of the AIPG Student Chapters before the end of the year and said he would discuss this matter more later in the meeting. He stated that he perceives an urgency to generate new interest in KY-AIPG as the membership roster is shrinking. He sent out a copy of the most recent membership document to the Executive Committee Members which has shown a noticeable decline in membership over the past several years. KY-AIPG membership currently consists of 36 Certified Professional Geologists (CPGs), 24 members and nine early career professionals. Students make up the remainder of the membership (95 total members) which has been declining for several years. Donnie reported that suitable, younger replacements for the Executive Committee are needed as the current population is aging.

President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla indicated that he does not have a formal report as President elect but does have comments about outreach efforts and potential nominees for future officer that he will defer until later in the meeting.

Vice President's Report

Megan reported that her employer (TRC) is a sponsor for the Ron Burton Training Village which serves as an outreach organization for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) learning for 6th through 12th grade students. She added that she has volunteered to participate in the outreach efforts to interact with underprivileged students from all over the country. People from the environmental sector at

TRC will combine their efforts with other organizations such as Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Northeastern University to host a four-hour virtual event to talk about careers in STEM. There will be several breakouts ‘rooms’ during the meeting, one of which will be for geology. Megan volunteered to host that room. While this event may not directly help KY-AIPG directly, it can certainly garner interest in the profession. She added they are seeing a similar decline in the number of geologists that Donnie referenced earlier. The event is on Feb. 10, 2024 and will be online so students from anywhere can participate.

Secretary’s Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the October 26, 2023 minutes were emailed to the Executive Committee for review on November 26, 2023 and were approved unanimously on November 27, 2023. The approved version of the minutes has already been uploaded to the KY-AIPG website.

Treasurer’s Reports

Bill Brab shared the treasurer’s report from the October 31, 2023 meeting. The Treasurer’s Report is summarized as follows:

Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2023	\$24,039.38
Checking Account Credits as of October 31, 2023	\$9.04
Checking Account Debits as of October 31, 2023	\$631.10
Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2023	\$23,417.32
Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2023	\$23,417.32
Net Change from previous report	-\$622.06

Tim thanked KY-AIPG for donating to the American Kidney Fund in honor of his recently deceased mother. Austin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report and Tim seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator’s Report

Richard Smath reported that he is experiencing issues with the Zoom Application but that the website is up to date. Donnie added that he wants to get together with Richard to learn about maintaining the website and they will plan to do that in the near future.

Past President’s Report

No report

New/Ongoing Business

Student Outreach

Donnie reported that he has not heard back from Dr. Dixit at Northern Kentucky University (NKU). He requested that Austin contact Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) around the beginning of the year. Donnie will visit Western Kentucky University (WKU) and Dr. Mike May on November 30, 2023 because it was the only time he could schedule it before the end of the year. Donnie added that he met with Jen O’keefe from Morehead State University during the recent Geological Society of Kentucky (GSK) meeting at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park a couple of weeks ago. He added that he will be receiving an invitation from Morehead to speak to their group in January or February of 2024. Donnie asked Bill and/or Austin to reach

out to the University of Kentucky (UK) and ECU to schedule meetings early next year. Austin reported that Kevin Carey has expressed interest in helping with recruiting efforts at ECU as he is also a graduate.

Officer Elections for 2024

Donnie referred to the roster that he recently shared and requested that the members of the Executive Committee review it and select a few potential candidates that could be considered for the pending officer election. He added that the only requirements would be that the person is a current CPG, Member, or an early career professional (ECP). Austin said he has not followed up with Bronson McQueen since he provided his contact information to Donnie. Donnie added that his membership information does not appear to be on our current roster to which Austin responded that he is a new member and that his information should show up soon.

Tim reported that the Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Coordinator are currently completing the first of their two-year terms. The President will automatically be filled so the remaining positions will be the President Elect and Vice President. Donnie again asked everyone to review the recent roster that was provided by AIPG National to try to identify potential candidates. John Popp also indicated that he would be happy to look through the roster or otherwise assist with recruiting options for the 2024 ballot. Donnie is particularly interested in considering some of the early career professionals.

Other Discussion Topics

Board of Registration Update

Bill Brab reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm on December 11, 2023. He added that the last ASBOG test went very smoothly and that he attended that ASBOG National meeting remotely through the Web-X App. on October 24-25, 2023. He added there have not been any significant developments since the last meeting.

Donnie reported that he, John and Richard GSK's annual meeting at the Blue Licks Battlefield State Park on Saturday, November 18th, 2023. He reported that there 20 or so attendees including a few students from Morehead and a few professionals. He felt the event was successful and partially attributed the success to several student poster presentations. Donnie added that there appears to be an opportunity for KY-AIPG to team up with GSK to recruit younger members. He also suggested that the two organizations combine resources to host events with GSK. John added that it was a very good event and suggested that when these types of events are planned, attendees who are not professionals should be considered to keep the event interesting to everyone.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm via Zoom, to finalize an election ballot. Donnie thanked John for his ongoing participation and Megan for her help and wished her future success. Austin made a motion to close the meeting and Megan seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.