

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Web Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Ben Currens**, Daniel Draper, Jim Drahovzal, John Popp, **Richard Smath**, Wesley Turner

Welcome and Call to Order

President Ben Currens called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

President's Report

Ben Currens reminded everyone that officer elections are coming up and we need to start thinking about that process. Bill Brab sets up the Google forms and we should get an updated roster to get things going. Ben added that Donnie did a good job at the Annual AIPG meeting and also mentioned that the Darwin Lecture is pending.

President Elect's Report

Daniel Draper said he talked to Dan Phelps about potential speakers for the 2026 Darwin Lecture and he recommended that KY-AIPG contact Dr. Neil Schubin. Daniel has prepared a letter to Dr. Schubin to ask him but has yet sent it pending the approval of the Executive Committee. Daniel indicated that he will proceed with sending the letter to Dr. Schubin to see what he says. He also reported that a backup candidate has been identified but did not provide a name. Tim Crumbie mentioned that Charlie Mason had recommended considering contacting Peter Ward, Paleontologist and Astrobiologist, to be the speaker. During the discussion about logistics, Tim reminded everyone that there's always the option for the speaker to attend remotely or to host the event virtually, which has proven to be an appealing option in the past.

Daniel added that he attended the National AIPG National Conference and was there when Donnie Lumm gave his presentation. He added that he attended several short course/presentations and went on a couple of field trips, one of which was to a lead mine 1,000 feet underground. Daniel also reported that there was also discussion about the erosion of the geosciences and the fact that they are not doing well on the college level. He indicated that AIPG National is preparing a report to address this topic.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed the draft minutes from the September KY-AIPG meeting to the Executive Committee on October 31, 2025. The draft minutes were revised and approved by majority electronic vote on November 4, 2025, and distributed to the Executive Committee on the same date.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared the shared the Treasurer's Report for the period ending Oct. 31, 2025 with the Executive Committee. A summary is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of 9/30/2025	\$26,396.19
Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2025	\$25,522.63
Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2025	\$25,522.63
Net Change from previous report	- \$873.56

Ben made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Daniel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath indicated that website is current except for the minutes from the previous meeting which will be uploaded when received. Ben asked if he could upload Wesley Turner's talk on drones to the section website if he sent them to him.

Past President's Report

No report.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

Officer Elections for 2026

Bill reported that the only Executive Committee positions that need to be filled for 2026 are the Vice President and President Elect. He indicated that he will update the voting form once he gets the names of the candidates for each position. Ben asked if KY AIPG should solicit nominations from the membership for the referenced positions and indicated that he will volunteer to run for Vice President and Communications Coordinator as well as serving as Past President. Bill recommended limiting the nomination period to one or two weeks so that the process can be completed in time. Daniel added that it should be made clear to anyone running for President Elect that it is a 3-year commitment (President Elect, President and Past President). John Popp added that in the past, he and several other members have used the section roster to reach out to potential candidates.

Bill made a motion to approve Richard to send out an email to the membership requesting nominees to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee and Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed. The KY AIPG email address will be used as the point of contact for this effort.

Next Meeting

Bill made a motion to have the next meeting on the 4th of December 4th at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Ben said he will get an agenda out before the meeting date. Ben made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.