

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, November 9, 2019
Kentucky Geological Survey

Conference Room 102, UK Mining & Mineral Resources Building

Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Donnie Lumm, Edward Lo, Trent Garrison, Bill Brab, John Popp, Faith Fiene, Richard Smath.**

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 10:53am.

President's Report

The purpose of this meeting was the recruitment of new members, especially for next year's vacant board positions. Donnie planned to send out the most current Excel spreadsheet of the KY-AIPG member roster. He emphasized the need to truly reach out to people who have not served in the last two to three years. It is important that everyone make at least one personal contact.

Currently, 50% of more of the membership are students.

President Elect

Edward Lo described having reached out again to Steve Russo at the East Kentucky Science Center (EKSC). He has organized a single-person demonstration and tabling event at EKSC on Saturday, December 14, 2019. This outreach will be a follow-up event to the EKSC site visit that Edward and Bill conducted on July 6, 2018 in Prestonsburg. He reported that he will use fossil and mineral hand samples already available at EKSC, as well as a basic table setup.

Additionally, Edward informed that the UK Geology Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 5:30pm in Slone Research Bldg. Room 203. Bill pledged to try to attend the student meeting, because Edward will be in class at that time.

Donnie asked Edward about his dissertation and coursework responsibilities. Edward reported that he is on track to complete his analytical goals by the end of the semester. His goal is to start working on his first publication manuscript to be submitted by May 2020. This academic year 2019-2020 is his final year of NSF funding, so he will resume teaching assistant responsibilities unless he otherwise secures a nearby adjunct teaching position to gain experience teaching as the instructor of record.

Trent Garrison mentioned that adjunct jobs across the state are searchable on Indeed.com. For example, Dan Phelps holds an adjunct position at the Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC).

Donnie will meet with Edward after Dec. 26 for a hands-on leadership transition approach.

Vice President

John Popp reported that he has three people in mind to contact about potentially serving on the on the Executive Committee. Two of the three potential nominees operate in different areas of the state, while the third was confirmed to have moved out of state.

Secretary

Tim Crumbie was not present but Donnie confirmed that the October meeting minutes were electronically approved.

Treasurer

Bill Brab distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for the periods ending September 30, 2019. The reports are summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2019	\$24,639.17
Checking Balance as of October 31, 2019	\$24,217.50
PayPal Account Balance as of October 31, 2019	\$ 337.75
Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2019	\$24,555.25
Net change from previous report:	- \$83.92

Communication Coordinator

Richard Smath reported that he is waiting to upload the last meeting's minutes.

John mentioned that he forgot to send Richard his Clastics Workshop presentation, which he has endeavored to do. Donnie planned to edit and include the text material of the presentation but omit photos. The target date for completion will be after Christmas.

John also researched information to submit to the national newsletter. Donnie read the last meeting minutes to remind everyone of what John had pledged to do, as recorded in the minutes. Donnie pledged to summarize KY-AIPG's key 2019 achievements by Thanksgiving. There will be further discussion on how we can mine the minutes for updates to send to the national organization.

Past President

Trent reported that he, Clayton Brown, film Director, and Dan Phelps participated in a panel discussion about the documentary "We Believe in Dinosaurs" organized by The Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS). At this event, 85 people were present for a film that has been shown numerous times nationally. The film is available for streaming or on DVD through Amazon. An edited version of the film will air on PBS' Independent Lens series on February 17, 2020. Trent emphasized that the discussion did not vilify Creationists but showed these people objectively in their "natural environment."

The Weekend Science Benchmark series had presented awards.

Amanda Fuller, Trent Garrison, and Frank Etensohn with the KAS met to discuss future spending. Frank is President, Trent is President Elect, and the new Vice President is the president of the Louisville Science Center. They are considering operating a centrally located science center (e.g. Richmond or Berea) to showcase fossils and other samples to facilitate future outreach. Donnie asked about chaired sessions at the KAS Annual Meeting, which has improved in quality. Faith Fiene talked about getting younger people to participate on the museum board. John encouraged that the KAS museum initiative be expanded to include other science museums such as the EKSC.

Trent reported a push to increase quality of publications in the KAS journal to raise the journal profile.

Trent spoke about the need for female officers on the board, who are seriously unrepresented. John remembered a woman was looking for a job in Kentucky after taking a few years off for maternity leave. Bill agreed that we needed to get her name.

Education/Community Outreach

There is a need to compose a newsletter that can be sent to our members and student chapters.

On October 30, a panel discussion was held at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) during which Jon Malzone talked about what KY-AIPG does and the panel fielded general interest questions. Senior undergraduate students at EKU are required to take the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology exam. Bill has worked to get student applications processed.

Bill reached out to Melissa Dieckmann about the fossil collection (vertebrate and invertebrate) that was left to EKU. He also reported that because of the accreditation review, the EKU Department of Geosciences asked KY-AIPG to be a third-party independent reviewer of the collection.

Bill plans to host an AIPG resume preparation workshop in Richmond, KY, to be modeled after the Operation Unite webinar. January may be too early in the semester, but a presentation could be organized soon thereafter. Trent suggested a spring social event tied to a student chapter meeting. It would be important to emphasize that every geoscience career track and position is different in terms of the job preparation strategy. It was recommended that EKU and UK coordinate a joint recorded career session for 60-90 minutes in February or March.

Other Discussion Topics

Donnie reminded that the elections ballot needs to be established by Thanksgiving (Nov. 28, 2019).

John motioned to close the meeting, and Bill seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.