

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Zoom Remote Access Meeting

Attendees: Maggie Brosky, **Megan Cleinmark, Bill Brab**, Frank Ettensohn, **Edward Lo, Donald Lumm, Donny Prater, Richard Smath**, John Popp

Welcome and Call to Order

President Megan Cleinmark called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

President's Report

Megan Cleinmark reported that Secretary Tim Crumbie had the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) award certificate printed at his office and delivered to her. Megan met with Edward Lo, the 2021 winner of the award, and presented it to him on the University of Kentucky (UK) campus. Megan added while there, the UK Geology Club (which doubles as the UK Student Chapter of AIPG) was having a bake sale. She met several members and the president of the club as well as an undergraduate advisor. She indicated that she was invited to attend the next geology club meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:30 pm and added that she is planning to attend. She will use the opportunity to learn more about the club and find out what KY-AIPG can do for them.

President Elect's Report

Donny Prater indicated that he does not have a formal report and will reserve other topics of discussion until later in the meeting.

Vice President's Report

Donnie Lumm reported that he has nothing specific to report but added that he usually monitors the websites of adjacent AIPG Sections to keep current on their activities. He reported that Ohio AIPG does not have a Fall meeting listed online for this year and added that neither Tennessee nor Virginia have active websites. Also, that the AIPG Illinois/Indiana Section has a website and they seem to be fairly active. He reported that he received a phone call from one of their members two weeks ago asking for advice about core drillers in Western Kentucky. Overall, his opinion was that there doesn't appear to be a lot of activity in the surrounding AIPG Sections.

Secretary's Report

In Tim Crumbie's absence, Megan reported that the final version of the meeting minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on November 5, 2021.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending October 31, 2021 via email and shared a screen shot. The report is summarized below:

Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2021	\$23,942.28
Checking Account Credits as of October 31, 2021	\$1.02
Checking Account Debits as of October 31, 2021	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2021	\$23,943.30
PayPal Account Balance as of October 31, 2021	\$0.00
Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2021	\$23,943.30
Net Change from previous report	+ \$1.02

Donnie made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report ending October 31, 2021. Richard Smath seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator’s Report

Richard reported that the web page is current.

Past President’s Report

Edward Lo reported that the AIPG Annual Meeting that was held last month in Sacramento, California went well. He said that the meeting included discussions about having the 2023 60th Annual National AIPG Conference to the Cincinnati, Ohio (tristate) area. He reported that AIPG National has established a committee to create a template for section web pages so that there is uniformity in terms of content and appearance.

Edward reported that based on what he heard at the meeting, he feels that the KY-AIPG is doing pretty well compared to other sections. He stated that National is looking forward to the 2022 Annual Meeting in Marquette, Michigan in August and added that while at the conference, he attended the all of the business meetings including the Executive Board.

Bill reported that his impression was that conference attendance was down a bit though it was difficult to tell because the technical conferences overlapped with the field trips. He reported that he gave two presentations on the same morning (Tuesday), both of which were very well attended and that he fielded several great questions. He was able to spend some time with Brent Huntsman from Ohio, Todd McFarland from Tennessee, Bud Ivey from Vancouver, Canada and Randy Shields from Kentucky, and several others. He felt that the quality of some of the presentations may have been sacrificed in the effort to condense the conference into a shorter timeframe.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

2023 AIPG National Conference

Megan reported that she, Edward, Bill and Trent Garrison participated on a Zoom call with members from the Indiana/Illinois and Ohio sections of AIPG and the National AIPG Assistant Director (Wendy Davidson), Professional Services (Cathy Duran), National Vice President (Christine Lilek) and incoming Vice President (Anne Murray) to discuss the 2023 AIPG National Conference. The discussion, which was held on October 23, 2021, centered around hosting two or three field trips that could be held during the conference near the border of the tri-state area between Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. The excursions would ideally be located within a two-hour radius of the regional airport and conference location. Megan indicated that in subsequent correspondence the request specifically indicated that the field trips should be located

within two hours of Cincinnati, Ohio. Bill elaborated that his impression was the call participants were comfortable using the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area as the generalized location for the conference because it is centrally located to the tri-state area. He added that in addition to requesting recommendations for the field trips, National also requested volunteers to assist with planning and organizing certain components of the conference. Megan shared an email from National that addressed the level of commitment that would be required to assist with the endeavor. She added that National has requested assistance with tasks such as marketing and organizing technical sessions and field trips. She shared that there are financial incentives for sections to participate in organizing the conference. Bill indicated that he has questions about how the financials will be handled for the conference given that it would be a joint effort between multiple sections. Donnie added that the way conferences are currently run differs significantly from the way they were run in 2005 when KY-AIPG last hosted the annual meeting. National has since assumed the control of finances associated with the conferences and retains all but 10% to 15% of any revenue generated. Megan said that she would share a letter that was distributed by Christine with the Executive Committee. Donnie was curious about the level of interest that the surrounding AIPG Sections showed regarding hosting the conference. Megan responded that they seemed to be excited about the prospect of hosting the conference in the Tri-State area and suggested that KY-AIPG come up with a couple of ideas for field trips that would satisfy National's request. Donnie and Bill had several good ideas of potential field trip sites. Frank Etensohn added that he and Charlie Mason are putting together a field trip on gas shales for the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America (GSA) which is coming up in Cincinnati and that trip could be adapted very easily. He added that another possibility would be a trip to Shakertown. He added that the most of the trips in Eastern Kentucky would be more located than two hours from the Cincinnati airport. Bill suggested that these trips could be recommended to National AIPG as options in the event they are interested in looking at other types of geology (in addition to carbonate and quaternary deposits). John suggested field trip options for the Tri-state area concerning landslides and environmental issues associated with the Cincinnati area. Megan will send an email with some of the field trip suggestions in an effort to narrow down the list. She will copy Dan Phelps and Drew Andrews from the Kentucky Geological Survey. Richard added that a trip to the Cincinnati Museum might to be a good choice for spouses, friends and those who prefer not to or are unable to otherwise make the trips into the field. Donnie volunteered to write short descriptions detailing the merits of some of the proposed field trips that can be forwarded to AIPG National to assist in the selection of the field trips.

2022 Officer Elections

Megan mentioned that the only two (2) positions on the KY-AIPG Executive Committee that need to be filled are the Vice President and the President Elect. She reported that she emailed AIPG National and requested an updated roster but did not receive it. She added that she reached out to several potential candidates but got no responses. Bill indicated that he needs to follow up with AIPG National on the Annual Meeting and will use that opportunity to request an updated roster that can be circulated for use.

Website Update

Megan reported that she had previously contacted AIPG National about getting the KY-AIPG Uniform Resource Locator (URL) transferred over seamlessly and that she received an email from National's IT Department which she forwarded to Edward for assistance. She added that AIPG National requested some specific information and they are aware that KY-AIPG is interested in transferring the website and it doesn't sound like it will be very difficult to do. Edward reported that he thinks that a template for the website

should be ready for review at some point in December and anticipates that the transfer may take place by the end of the year. He requested any content, including pictures would be helpful in creating a nice photo gallery.

Bahamas Field Course

Donnie reported that Frank emailed him a list of prospective attendees. Donnie indicated that the current hope is that KY-AIPG can host or sponsor a field trip to the Bahamas in May of 2022 and serve as the logistical base to handle the details for the course. Frank and Charlie Mason would run the trip. Donnie indicated that he would like to get with Bill to establish a registration form and deadline dates for pre-payment, full payment and refunds (including the amounts). The plan could be approved by the KY-AIPG Executive Committee and possibly start advertising the event on the National and KY-AIPG websites in an effort to also generate interest from people that are not local to Kentucky. Bill stated that the entire process can be handled using on-line forms while making paper copies available upon request if needed. He would also like to make an option available for potential attendees to pose logistical or financial questions via email if they have them. Bill will also work on the fee structure, presumably using PayPal. Frank added that he had come up with a basic fee of \$565.00 for a week at the research station, and that the Section will need to decide if they want to adjust the cost by attendee status (professional, student, spouse). He also said that the minimum number of attendees required for one of the trip leaders to attend for 'free' (room and board) is ten. If twenty people attend, then two leaders could go for 'free', which decreases the direct costs to KY-AIPG. Covid vaccinations are required to make the trip. Frank added that to get to the Bahamas, each person will be required to develop a health visa online for which there is a separate charge. Attendees will also be required to have a Covid test within three (3) days of arriving in the Bahamas even if you are vaccinated. The same applies to return to the US. All of these requirements will add to the cost. Frank added that there is a clinic on the island that performs the required testing for \$40.00, but they cannot guarantee that suitable tests will be available when needed. Bill inquired if anyone has asked if attendees could pre-pay for the testing and receive a guarantee that it will be available when needed. Frank said he will look into this option. Megan asked if the test is required to be a PCR test or would they accept a rapid antigen test. She asked if the rapid antigen test is allowed, could attendees purchase an at-home version prior to leaving on the trip so it would be available when needed. Frank responded that two types of tests are listed, one of which is a rapid antigen test, but referred the committee members to correspondence he had provided earlier for the other accepted method. Megan suggested that attendees could purchase the rapid antigen test at local drug stores for about \$25.00 which is less than they would be charged on the island. Bill added that KY-AIPG should verify not only what testing is required to enter the Bahamas, but also what testing is required by US Customs to re-enter the country. All were in agreement that fluidity of the Covid situation could create a whole list of logistical problems. Frank indicated that he is still working on possible dates for the trip as he has previously scheduled entry and exit dates on Saturday, but Bahamas Air will not be making the trip on Saturday so the trips will possibly need to be scheduled during the week. Donnie summed up that he will work with Frank and Bill to refine a plan by next month.

Edward reported that he mentioned the Bahamas field trip during the National AIPG meeting and did not receive much feedback. He added that his previous field camp director continues to lead trips to Iceland and the Galapagos Islands and utilizes a website called Geoscience Education and Outreach for advertising. Edward suggested posting the pending trip on the website to potentially attract more attendees. He said the site may also be used as a resource to see how other field trip leaders are dealing with Covid limitations.

He added that the cost to do so should be relatively inexpensive. Edward said the annual membership is \$15 per year for educators. All seemed to agree that this would be a good way to publicize the event. Bill suggested that Edward look into this option a little more to see if he would qualify as an educator and to find out if advertising a field trip on the website is included as part of the membership or if an additional fee would apply.

Edward mentioned that it appears that there appear to be available flight times from Miami to the Bahamas on Mondays and Saturdays in May. The trip is currently being considered to be held around the third week in May (beginning May 16, 2022).

November DEI Speaker

Megan reported that Dr. Liane Stevens with Stephen F. Austin State University is scheduled to be the speaker for the upcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion series that is scheduled for November 27, 2021. Megan asked if anyone knows others who may be interested in organizing the DEI speaker series once Edward completes his term as Past President. John responded that he visited with Diane Burns, Chair of the Geology & Geography Department at Eastern Illinois University, whom he thinks would be a good candidate for a guest speaker next year. Megan added that she has a couple of possible speakers that she can contact and that utilizing a team approach may be a more palatable option for organizing these events.

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS

Kentucky Board of Registration Update

Megan reported that the October 11, 2021 Board of Registration meeting was canceled due to the lack of agenda items. Bill added that the most recent ASBOG test was administered on September 30, 2021. Specifics for the test were recorded in the minutes from the October 2, 2021 meeting. Bill reported that the national ASBOG meeting was held during the same week as the AIPG National conference and as such, he was not able to attend the majority of the meeting. He was however, able to attend part of the Executive Workshop virtually while he was waiting to give his presentations at the AIPG meeting. Bill will review the handbook that was distributed to members prior to the meeting to see if it contains any information worth sharing. He added that ASBOG has moved forward with the computer-based testing protocol which will be implemented by the spring or fall of 2023. He added that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021 and that Tammy Sharp, the previous board administrator, has started a new job within state government.

Donnie reminded all of the Darwin Lecture that is historically held in February and indicated that he will contact Dan Phelps to see if he has ideas for a potential speaker. He added that Frank may also have some suggestions. John suggested that Dan Phelps could also be considered as a potential speaker.

Next Meeting

Bill made a motion to hold the next KY-AIPG Executive Committee meeting on December 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Megan seconded. The motion passed. Bill made a motion to adjourn, Megan seconded, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.