

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 2014
Kentucky Geological Survey
Room 102, Mining & Mineral Resources Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Tim Crumbie**, **Jim DeCinque**, Frank Ettensohn, **Trent Garrison**, Earl Hoover, **Donnie Lumm**, Larry Rhodes, **Richard Smath**, Jerry Weisenfluh (Executive Committee members in **bold**).

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Bill Brab.

President's Report:

Bill reported that he is still waiting to hear back on his inquiry about the potential to hold an impromptu field trip through the tunnel that was constructed under the Drumanard Estate in northeastern Louisville. The tunnel is one component of the East End Bridge Construction Project that will connect the Gene Snyder Freeway/KY 841 in Kentucky, to the Lee Hamilton Highway/IN 265 in Indiana. Bill deferred additional comments until later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report:

Donnie Lumm reported that he had attended a Professional Geologists of Indiana (PGI) field trip in the Bloomington, Indiana area. He said it was an excellent trip and recommended that we maintain contact with geologists in neighboring states. While there, Donnie met PGI's webmaster. The Kentucky Section of AIPG can now forward announcements to the webmaster, who will post them on PGI's website.

Donnie mentioned that he had volunteered to write a letter to support the need for continuing the requirement for continuing education. He reported that as he began writing the letter, he realized he should take more time to carefully consider the content of the letter. He also mentioned that the AIPG National website has a section about continuing education units (CEUs) that he would like to review before finishing the letter. Frank Ettensohn added that he and several other AIPG members had participated on a CEU task group a couple of years ago and that much of the research has already been performed. Donnie mentioned that he would talk with Frank or Gil about it more.

Past President's Report:

Trent Garrison deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Vice President Report:

Donnie deferred comments until later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the September meeting were emailed to Executive Committee members on October 27, 2014. The minutes were approved on October 31, 2014.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance as of August 31, 2014	\$31,574.22
Total funds as of September 30, 2014	\$33,161.10
<i>Net change from previous report:</i>	<i>+\$1,586.88</i>

Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Trent seconded. The motion passed.

Editor's Report

Richard Smath reported that the site currently is up to date.

Discussion Points:

Darwin Lecture Series 2015

Bill indicated that Dr. Dave Meyer only requested to be reimbursed for travel expenses (mileage), but Bill is still planning to offer a stipend. The event is currently scheduled for Wednesday February 11, 2015.

Bill followed up on a suggestion made during the last meeting, that the section should utilize a formal document or contract to serve as confirmation of the conditions and obligations that were agreed upon with potential speakers. Tim reported that the topic had been discussed and it had generally decided the email correspondence should suffice to document commitments.

2015 Spring Short Course

Bill revisited an earlier discussion about the possibility of co-hosting the upcoming 2015 short course with Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA). Shale Gas would be the subject of the course. Frank indicated that a portion of the course could be hosted in a classroom setting while a second portion could be held in the field. The Lower Huron and Cleveland Units would be ideal geologic formations to visit in the field. Charlie Mason, Patrick Gooding, Boyd Gray (Rubicon) and William Gilliam (Terra Nova) may also be able to contribute valuable information. Donnie indicated that this may be a good opportunity to have a state well inspector participate as a resource to get a perspective from the regulatory perspective. Donnie volunteered to come up with a list of five (5) or six (6) subjects to narrow the choice of potential topics that could be covered during the event. April and May are being considered as potential months during which the event could be held.

Bahamas Carbonate Course

Frank reiterated that he thinks it would work best if attendees paid for and arranged their own transportation to Ft. Lauderdale. He thinks approximately 16 participants would be required to cover the cost for two (2) trip leaders. He would have to know how many participants would go by January 16th, 2015 to allow time to finalize the arrangements. Typically if early registrants later discover that they cannot attend, their deposit can be refunded. Trent suggested that after a certain date has passed, most likely January 16, 2015, that only a certain percentage of their deposit be returned. Bill asked if the cost of the leader expense should be different for each of three (3) tiers of participants. It was agreed that a cost differential would be applied to each tier, and that this cost difference would account for any profit that would be realized.

Frank handed out a copy of an advertisement that Richard had developed for the trip and estimated costs to attend the short course. A general breakdown of the costs (per person) is as follows: Room & Board: \$469.00, Technology Fee: \$10.00, Insurance: \$12.00, Boat Trip: \$18.00, Leader Expenses: \$63.00. The total cost per person would be: \$572.00. It is important to note that this estimate does not include transportation to Fort Lauderdale or airfare to the Bahamas. Potential participants have been divided into three (3) tiers: students, professionals and AIPG members. The Leader Expenses would vary for each tier as follows: students would pay \$50.00, AIPG members would pay \$75.00 and professionals (non-AIPG) would pay \$100.00. Accordingly, the cost for a student to attend was amended to \$559.00, AIPG members: \$584.00, and professionals: \$609.00.

The deposit for potential attendees will be \$150 and will be due on January 16th, 2015. The balance would be due February 13th, 2015. If the trip is cancelled, participants would receive a 100% refund of their deposit. If a registrant cancels after Jan. 16, 2015, 50% of their deposit will be refunded. None of the deposit will be refunded for cancellations received after Feb. 13, 2015.

This course would qualify as an independent study through the University of Kentucky (UK). Frank stated that he would prefer not to handle it in this manner because it would qualify as an International Studies course and the cost would be significantly greater.

Donnie asked if a formal registration form has been developed. Richard reported that a formal registration form has not yet been created. Frank indicated that forms such as travel checklists should be available to download. After a little discussion, it was decided that a formal registration form is not needed. Frank is going to summarize the fee structure so it can be posted on the website along with the announcement

2015 Student Outreach

Trent contacted Masterson Station Park and said they have a building in the back of the park that costs \$50.00 to rent. He said the Logan's Steakhouse also has a room that he believes is free of charge, that will accommodate approximately 50 people, but that venue may be too noisy.

The Eastern Unconventional Oil and Gas Symposium will be held in Lexington on November 5-7, 2014. Bill indicated that he and several other AIPG members are planning to attend.

KAS Annual Meeting

The annual Kentucky Academy of Science meeting will be held November, 14-16, 2014 in the Lexington Convention Center. The cost for registration is \$50.00, and the dinner is \$30.00. Frank, Charlie, and Trent will be presenting at the meeting.

Officer Elections

Donnie and Richard sent out a request for nominations for 2015 officers but no recommendations were received. Offices up or elections are as follows:

Vice President
President Elect
Treasurer
Secretary
Editor

Tim, Richard and Jim volunteered to continue their positions as secretary, editor and treasurer. Donnie asked if additional attempts should be made to contact other members to solicit nominations to fill the Vice President and President Elect vacancies. Bill indicated that he would personally contact Faith Fiene, Gil Cumbee, Dan Phelps and had a couple of others to consider. Bill indicated that the section would wait until the next meeting before the new officers are announced.

Board of Registration Update

Larry Rhodes reported that the next meeting for the Board of Registration will be December 1, 2014. Marsha Taylor Meyer is developing a list of Planning and Zoning offices and Gil Cumbee is preparing a letter to send out, informing them of the services geologists provide. Tim asked if the information they are sending will address the ability of PGs to sign off on official documents. Larry responded that he anticipates that Gil's letter will address that. Bill recommended getting contact names at each Planning and Zoning Committee and following up with them to make sure the material was received. Jerry recommended the information could also be provided to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO).

Larry reported that during the December meeting, the Board will vote to determine if they will approach the legislators to require CEUs going forward.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2014 at 10:00 am in Room 102 in the Mines and Mineral Resources Building at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Donnie made a motion to accept the meeting date and to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded both motions. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 pm.