

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Monday, November 25, 2024

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Web Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, Ben Currens, **Austin Dilla**, **Daniel Draper**, **Donnie Lumm**, Hans Naumann, John Popp, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

President's Report

Austin welcomed everyone and reported he will defer his comments until later in the meeting. He also requested the group's input on identifying a rock that someone had given him as a gag gift, which has him puzzled. A short discussion was held about the matter.

President Elect's Report

No report.

Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper reported that he and John Popp visited Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on Nov. 8th, 2024, spending most of the day with the students there. He also reported that he had a very good visit Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) with Tim Crumbie on November 12th, 2024 where he met with several students and faculty, including Dr. Estiphanos Haile, Dr. John White and Dr. Huffman.

Secretary's Report

Tim reported that he emailed the draft version of the minutes from the October meeting on November 22, 2024 and after a few minor revisions, they were approved and circulated to the Executive Committee earlier today.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2024. A summary of the report is provided below:

Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2024	\$27,135.02
Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2024	\$27,152.04
Total Operating Funds as of October 31, 2024	\$26,670.04
Net Change from previous report	-\$464.98

Donnie Lumm made a motion to approve the report dated October 31, 2024 and Richard Smath seconded. The motion carried.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the minutes from the October 29, 2024 meeting have been posted to the KY-AIPG website.

Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

2025 Bahamas Short Course

Donnie reported that he sent an updated trip announcement to AIPG National with costs and the schedule for the short course. The trip is scheduled for March 15th -22nd, 2025. Donnie added that, to his recollection, this event will represent the sixth time the event has been led by Dr. Frank Ettensohn and added that Charlie Mason will also attend. Donnie said that the information has also been posted on the KY-AIPG Section Website. Austin stated we will get the information posted to the KY-AIPG social media accounts.

2025 Darwin Lecture

Donnie reported that the Darwin Lecture will be held on February 20th, 2025. He added that he would like to have the event at the Mines and Mineral Resources Building (MMRB) at UK with a setup time of 6:00 pm and a lecture start time of 7:00pm. Dr. Loren Babcock, Professor at The Ohio State University and Director of the Orton Geological Museum will be presenting. The title of the presentation will be provided to him after the start of the year. Donnie asked if someone would check with Dr. Mike McGlue to verify if he would be amenable to allowing the KY-AIPG to hold the program at the MMRB. Bill indicated that he intends to have a conversation with Dr. McGlue prior to the next Board of Registration for Professional Geologists meeting that is scheduled for next month. During the discussion, he will also ask him about the potential for the KY-AIPG to hold meetings at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and for approval to host the Darwin Lecture there.

Student Outreach Update

Daniel reported that on November 8, 2024, he and John Popp taught two classes during their visit to Northern Kentucky University (NKU). One was a class about minerals where they held an open forum discussion, and the other was a class about Geology Careers during which they had had pizza and talked about AIPG. Daniel and Tim visited Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) on November 12, 2025 and met with approximately 17 students. Daniel reported that the students were very interested and engaged with questions ranging from how to prepare for the job market, work-family balance and pay. They also spoke about reviving the EKU Geology Club. There was a brief discussion about some of the topics that were discussed during the meeting. John added that at NKU, the geosciences are a small part of a larger, shared department and that they only have two adjunct faculty members. Because the program is so small, the turnout wasn't as large as it was at EKU. John added that the attendees invited the KY-AIPG back for future visits and that he feels that their program is worth following up on. Daniel added that the questions at EKU were largely about the job market, the ASBOG, how to interview and they were interested to know how they can get a job in the field. He added that seemed like most of the students were interested in skipping graduate school and going straight to work. Ben Currens added that he is still trying to get in

contact with someone at UK so a visit can be scheduled there. He has emailed the Director of Undergraduate Studies but has not received a response. He added he will reach out to a different person.

Executive Committee Nominations for 2025:

The terms for all Executive Committee positions except the President and Past President, will expire at the end of 2024. The vacancies that need to be filled are as follows:

Vice President

President Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

Communications Coordinator

Tim and Bill volunteered to continue in their current roles and Daniel agreed to run for President Elect. There was general discussion about who can hold office (AIPG members, CPGs, Young Professionals, students) according to the National and Section Bylaws. Austin said he will reach out to some prospective candidates to gauge their interest and suggested that this effort be made a priority so that the positions can be filled by year-end. Tim reminded all that voting can be performed online as has been done in the past. Austin suggested closing nominations on December 8th, 2024 with voting (Google Forms) on December 9th -13th, 2024 and the results will be finalized by December 15, 2024. Donnie will reach out to Marie Musial to see if she would be willing to serve on the 2025 Executive Committee.

Donnie nominated Daniel Draper to serve as President Elect for 2025, Tim seconded, the motion passed. John asked if it would be appropriate to ask nominees which position they are interested in and added that it would be a good idea to provide a description of position duties, as stated in the By-Laws, for consideration by the candidates.

Other Discussion Topics

Board of Registration Update

Bill reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2024 at 1:00pm. The main topic of discussion will be to try to fill the 'At Large' vacancy that was left when Megan Cleinmark's term expired. He reminded everyone that the approval process is not as rigorous as it has been in the past and requested that if anyone is interested, or knows someone who is, let them know. They only need one candidate.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held remotely on December 30th, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Donnie asked the meeting attendees to let him know if they have recommendations for the 2025 Executive Committee. Austin reminded everyone of the voting deadlines. Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ben seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm