

# **Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

Remote Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Ben Currens, Donald Lumm, John Popp, Donny Prater, Richard Smath**

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Donny Prater welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

## President's Report

Donny reminded the attendees that the meeting is being recorded before he shared the agenda online. Donny reported that he has reached out to Morehead State University but hasn't received a response back from them.

## President Elect's Report

Donnie Lumm deferred his comments until later in the meeting. He added that he's been quite busy with planning for the 2023 National Annual meeting and is doing well otherwise.

## Vice President's Report

Ben Currens reported that he met with Bill Brab to discuss membership recruiting efforts, specifically at the University of Kentucky (UK). He added that he did not reach out to Northern Kentucky University (NKU) again because Bill has already contacted them (everyone in the department, twice) and has not received any responses. Bill indicated that Ann Harris is a part-time faculty member at NKU and she may be a good contact if someone knows her. General discussion was held about the best methods to reach them. Ben added that he and Rick Bowersox met with the UK Geology Club on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 pm. He said the turnout was fair but the energy was good, adding that he will maintain/improve communications with them.

## Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that the draft minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee on October 18, 2022. The finalized minutes were distributed to committee members on October 20, 2022 after minor revisions.

## Treasurer's Reports

Bill Brab distributed the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending September 30, 2022. The report is summarized on the following page:

<b>Total Operating Funds as of August 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$21,650.43</b>
Checking Account Credits as of September 30, 2022	\$0.89
Checking Account Debits as of September 30, 2022	\$0.00
Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2022	\$21,651.32
<b>Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$21,651.32</b>
Net Change from previous report	\$0.89

Donnie made a motion to accept the treasurers report and Richard seconded. The motion passed.

#### Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date.

#### Past President's Report

No report.

#### **New Business**

##### Student Chapter Visits

Donnie reported that he has a meeting with Assistant Professor Christine Witkowski at Murray State University on Friday, November 11, 2022. He is planning an in-person meeting with a small group of students that afternoon and will talk to them about AIPG and provide information on institute trends, statistics for employment in the geosciences, graduate school and other topics as applicable. He will also talk about his career and what new graduates can expect over a long-term career. Donnie added that he intends to reach out to Dr. Michael May at Western Kentucky University (WKU) in January 2023 to set up a meeting (virtual or in-person) with him and his students in Bowling Green.

Bill added that he reached out to Dr. Walter Borowski at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and received a reply on September 21, 2022 indicating that the Geology Club may or may not be active at present and that they have an event scheduled for October 14, 2022 that KY-AIPG could participate in. Someone was to follow-up to provide more information to Bill but they never did. He indicated that he will reach out to Dr. Borowski again to see if there were other similar opportunities pending.

##### Student Career Day

No progress has been made toward this end to date. Ben suggested that this may be the wrong time of the year to hold this event because it's not likely that students are preparing resumes right now. He feels this is something that would be better suited for the Spring when students are preparing to graduate. Bill added that he already has a template and a presentation for this that he and Ben can polish if needed.

##### Bahamas Trip

Donnie indicated that he would reach out to Frank Etnensohn to see what dates seem to work best for the trip and what the COVID protocol may be so event planning and advertising can begin. He added that the short form flyer and a long form template that Richard had developed previously can be updated and used. The trip date, costs and COVID protocol would likely be the only things that need to be updated. Donnie said he will also verify adjustments that need to be made to the informational documents before providing them to National AIPG and posting them on the KY-AIPG website. Donnie indicated that KY-AIPG should strive to start advertising the event in early December to give potential attendees enough time to plan. Bill

said the main issue last year was that no one wanted to fully commit to the trip even though several verbal commitments were received.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

Donny asked if anyone had a recommendation for a speaker for the upcoming DEI talk. A short discussion was held about the previous meeting. John Popp urged KY-AIPG to make sure future speakers have all of the information needed (including the link) prior to the meeting because there were a few apparent miscommunications during the last meeting. Donny requested recommendations for the next DEI speaker and for the Darwin Lecture. Donnie indicated that he would reach out to Dan Phelps to see if he has any suggestions. John suggested that Dan himself be considered as the speaker. Donnie agreed that would be a good idea and that he will ask if he is interested.

### 2023 KY AIPG Executive Committee Officer Elections

Bill asked which offices will need to be filled this year. Tim indicated he would determine which positions are up for election and Donnie asked if anyone had recommendations for new candidates. Bill looked up last year's ballot and it appears that all positions are up for election. General discussion was held about potential candidates. Tim, Bill and Richard volunteered to continue in their roles. John indicated that he can look through his notes to see if he can identify any potential candidates. General discussion was held about potential candidates.

## **OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### 2023 AIPG National Conference

Donnie reported that six or seven of the eight field trips that were originally considered will be run during the conference. He added that Frank Etensohn has agreed to lead a field trip to Northeastern Kentucky to visit the black shales and perhaps the dropstone in Morehead where he led a trip several years ago. He has already prepared the guidebook that can be updated and used again. Donnie summarized that the field trips are in pretty good shape and added that he is leading zoom meetings every month with representatives from the Ohio and Illinois/Indiana AIPG sections to finalize details.

Bill reported that the agenda for the technical sessions that will be held during the conference is in development. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2022 during which the members will work on the structure for the web page when the announcement for abstracts goes out. Two of the presentations planned during the conference involve personnel from state geological surveys. Drew Andrews has agreed to give a short presentation on the state of affairs at the KGS and some of the projects that they are working on. Bill added that a time-slot has been set aside to allow state agencies to speak about their respective programs but he has some concerns about whether they will be able to participate.

### Kentucky Board of Registration Update

Bill reported that the final paper-based Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) exam was administered on October 7, 2022. He indicated that nineteen people sat for the FG portion of the exam and six sat for the PG part. In the Spring of 2023, everything will shift to computer-based testing (CBT).

The previous Board meeting was held on October 10, 2022. Bill reported that a new Department of Professional Licensing (DPL) Commissioner has been appointed. He added that DPL recently issued state

domain-based email addresses for the Board Members for liability protection and access to Board specific communication. Until that occurred, Board members received communication through personal email accounts. Bill added that a calendar for future Board meetings has been posted on the Board's website for public access. Essentially, meetings are scheduled the second Monday of every other month beginning in February of 2023.

Bill announced that ASBOG has established the following schedule for their annual meeting which will be held in the Fall of 2022:

- Monday, October 24, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting
- Tuesday October 25, 2022 – Annual Business Meeting
- Wednesday October 26, 2022 – Field Trip
- Thursday, October 27, 2022 – Council of Examiners (COE) Workshop
- Friday, October 28, 2022 – COE Workshop
- Saturday, October 29, 2022 – Task Analysis Survey (TAS) Workshop.

He added that because of the budgetary shortfall, the Board is restricting travel and meeting attendance until it can be resolved.

Everyone registered in Kentucky should have received the Task Analysis Survey which has been completed. Bill indicated that this is important exercise and thanked those who completed it. He said there were quite a few applications that were submitted and approved the August and October meetings. During the August meeting seven Registered Geologists were reinstated, two that were certified through endorsement and five new Registered Geologists were approved. In October there were seven reinstatements, eleven endorsements, one initial registration and one Geologist in Training application approved. Also, the Regulations Committee submitted revisions to the regulations and the fee structure to the Legislative Research Committee (LRC) prior to the October 15, 2022 deadline. The form was accepted by the LRC for review and the approval process will continue from there. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2022 at 1 pm. All are welcome to attend.

### **Next Meeting**

After a short discussion, the decision was made to have the next meeting on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Donnie reminded everyone of the importance of getting the ballot together for officer elections. John added that a list of KY AIPG members would be helpful in developing a list of potential candidates. He added that he, Tim and Faith attended the September 23, 2022 KGS Advisory Panel meeting during which Dr. Haneberg announced that will be leaving the KGS in mid-2023.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm