

# Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2024

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Web Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab**, **Austin Dilla**, Frank Ettensohn, **Donnie Lumm**, John Popp, **Richard Smath**.

## Welcome and Call to Order

Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

## President's Report

Austin welcomed everyone to the meeting and deferred his comments until later in the meeting.

## President Elect's Report

No report.

## Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper was unable to participate in the meeting but submitted his report in writing, in advance of the forum. A copy of his report is attached hereto.

## Secretary's Report

No report.

## Treasurer's Report

Bill Brab shared the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2024. A summary of the report is provided below:

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| Total Operating Funds as of August 31, 2024           | \$27,118.41        |
| Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2024     | \$27,135.02        |
| <b>Total Operating Funds as of September 30, 2024</b> | <b>\$27,135.02</b> |
| Net Change from previous report                       | +\$16.61           |

Donnie Lumm made a motion to approve the report dated September 30, 2024 and Austin seconded. The motion passed.

## Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is current.

## Past President's Report

Donnie Lumm indicated that he has been dealing with some personal issues, so he does not have a lot to report. He has some information to share about the Darwin Lecture and the Bahamas short course that he will share at the appropriate time.

Donnie reported that Daniel Draper provided him with an update of his activities over the past several weeks regarding student outreach activities. Daniel reported that he has been following up on the planned visit to Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and has been hosting some core workshops.

## **NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS**

### 2025 Bahamas Short Course

Dr. Frank Ettensohn reported that he has received information on the short course from those in charge at the research facility in the Bahamas, which he forwarded to Donnie. The information contained the proposed costs for students, professionals, spouses and children (age dependent). Donnie indicated he will update the template of the announcement and send it to National AIPG for inclusion in the printed copy of The Professional Geologist (TPG) and will also provide the information to Ben Currens and Richard Smath for posting on the KY-AIPG website. Donnie asked if Frank had any revisions or suggestions to the announcement template that he had provided earlier. Frank replied that the content was fine and that the costs just needed to be revised. Frank added that the costs he provided were considerably lower than those that had been proposed earlier. The estimate costs that Donnie had provided earlier however, also included a margin to cover airfare and the field trip leader(s). The due dates for the down payments and final payments were approximately two months and one month respectively, prior to the date of the trip. Frank added that the people in the Bahamas would like to receive the information approximately eight weeks before the trip, but he doesn't think they will hold us to that. Donnie reminded everyone that passports are required but proof of current COVID vaccinations are no longer required. Donnie said he will double check to verify that the announcement contains this information before he sends it back to Frank for final review. Once it has been finalized, Donnie will forward the information to National AIPG for further dissemination. Donnie added that participants MUST make their own travel arrangements to and from the Bahamas. Frank added that ten participants will need to attend the course for the KY-AIPG to break even. Charlie Mason will assist with leading the trip and Frank said that they already have several people interested in participating. He thinks it will be a good turnout. Frank mentioned that he has been leading this trip since 1976 and Donnie thanked him for all of his time and effort.

### 2025 Darwin Lecture

Donnie reported that he recently sent an email reminder about the upcoming event to Dr. Loren Babcock, Professor/Director, Orton Geological Museum, The Ohio State University, who will be the speaker. Donnie asked him to provide a couple of preferred dates on which the event could be scheduled. Donnie suggested Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, (Darwin's Birthday), Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Dr. Babcock's response is pending. Donnie reported that we are well ahead of schedule and therefore in much better shape than we have been in the past. Austin thanked Donnie for arranging this event and added that the reason we are ahead of schedule is because of his efforts. Donnie added that the KY-AIPG will ask Dr. Michael McGlue and/or Dr. Drew Andrews to use the first-floor conference room in the KGS building for the venue.

### Student Outreach Update

Austin said that he has discussed outreach activities at UK with Ben Currens, who indicated that has not had much success reaching anyone to plan the event, but he will continue trying. He added that Daniel has made arrangements to visit EKV on November 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm to meet with the students. Also, Daniel

and John Popp have been in contact with NKU and have a campus visit planned for November the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. During the trip, they will speak to two classes, one at 9:00 am and a second around lunchtime. Afterward, they plan to go to lunch with students who are interested. John reported that he plans on sharing information about AIPG, who they are, what they stand for, and other organizations that they partner with, as well as discussing any other topics of interest to the students.

## **Other Discussion Topics**

### Sub-Committee Participation

Austin reported that he has not gotten as much accomplished on this front as he would have liked. He will make it a priority to start scheduling meetings for the three (3) sub-committees (fundraising, outreach and webpage development). He added that he will get with Bill, Ben Currens and Richard to make progress on the website.

John added that he has reached out to Dr. Jen O'Keefe at Morehead State University, who indicated they are really busy and would like to postpone the trip to their campus until the Spring of 2025, which would be about a year from the previous visit. He added that he will also reach out to Donny Prater to see if he would be interested in visiting the campus when the time comes. Further, Dr. O'Keefe asked if he had any recommendations for people who might be interested in serving on their departmental advisory board as they have recently lost some participation. John will recommend that they reach out to Donny and he will also gauge interest from a couple of other geologists in the Huntington West Virginia area who he thinks would be good candidates.

### Meeting with Dr. Mike McGlue

Austin said that he had intended to speak with Dr. McGlue about attending an AIPG meeting during the last Board of Registration meeting, but he was not in attendance. Austin thinks the Board meetings present a good opportunity for such a discussion and will try again at the next one. Bill said he would take the lead on contacting Dr. McGlue about attending an AIPG meeting and use of the KGS facility, whether it be by email, letter, phone call or in-person visit. He said it would also be fine to wait until next Board of Registration meeting or after the New Year.

### KGS Advisory Panel Meeting

John reported that there have not been any new developments since the previous report. He added that the KGS Mapping Advisory Committee will hold its annual meeting (remotely), on November 11, 2024. The committee meets to discuss and provide input on the surface mapping initiative that is funded by the US Geological Survey (USGS). Much of the work that they have done has been focused in the Louisville and Bowling Green areas. John added that the KGS open house that was held on October 16, 2024, was very good with a good turnout.

### Board of Registration Update

Bill reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00pm, and 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.

### Open Discussion

Austin mentioned that the annual KY-AIPG officer elections are upon us and requested recommendations for candidates. He reported that he will get a list of the positions that are up for election and Bill added that we should probably start this process (via email) before the next meeting and possibly vote during the next meeting. Donnie said that he thinks the positions that will be vacated include the President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and possibly the Communication Coordinator. He stated that there are more vacancies this year so we need to start gathering candidates. Richard volunteered that the KY-AIPG website has some information on the expiring terms. Austin suggested communicating prior to the next meeting, to make progress on this effort. John recommended that we get a current list of active, voting members from which potential officers can be recruited. Austin asked if blanket requests for candidates to fill the open positions have been sent out to the general membership in the past. Donnie said that he doesn't think that this has been done but feels that a request like this may go unanswered as opposed to communicating with individuals on a personal basis. Donnie volunteered to reach out to National AIPG to request a current membership roster that can be reviewed for potential candidates and send it to the Executive Committee members. He reminded everyone that students are not able to hold office, but some students have been elected to serve using a junior professional status.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held remotely on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Donnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm

## Kentucky Section of AIPG Vice-President's Report for October 2024

I have several things to report and announce.

**First:** I will be visiting Northern Kentucky University during the daytime hours on November 8<sup>th</sup>. There is time reserved in the Mineral/Petrology class at 9AM, and in the Geoscience Career class at 11AM. A big thank you to Julia Reizner and Rachel Thornton for making this possible. A big thank you to John Popp for helping me put things together, and for the hours he will invest on November 8<sup>th</sup> when we go to the campus. Also, I plan to offer a pizza lunch to the students there. Call or email me if you have any questions.

**Second:** AIPG-Kentucky is visiting ECU at 5PM on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This event would benefit from sizable attendance by our membership. It will be informal, but we are hoping to have a roundtable discussion with everyone in the room. I think I will bring some printed material from work and maybe a few rocks. Show-and-tell could be a good format for conversations with the students, especially if we all bring a variety of items. With the visit to ECU, we are also building the relationship with new members in the faculty. Please attend if possible.

**Third:** A big thank you to the recent hosts of open houses and workshops.

I went to the AST Open House and loved it. Thanks to Bill Brab, Brendan Hardin, Boyd Gray, and Derrick Miller. If you don't know about this event, they had a wonderful PowerPoint presentation which explained the story of a major project, and then there was a demonstration of their pumping equipment outside the building. There was some wonderful food as well.

I went to the KGS Open House and loved it also. They did a fantastic job at putting the variety of geology together in one building. There was so much to offer! It was a great service to all who attended, especially all those school-age children.

I attended the AAPG Eastern Section core workshop in Indiana on October 27 and 28. I went to learn something new and that was achieved. I am not a petroleum geologist, so I wanted to be exposed to that world. At this event, there was a karst features field trip, and a number of economic cores on display. Each core had an expert to explain the geology, and all these experts contributed to a wonderful booklet to go with the event. There was an AAPG awards banquet as well, and 5 Kentucky people received honors:

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| Dr. Marty Parris   | 2022 A.I. Levorsen Memorial Best Paper Award                                |
| Dr. Cortland Eble  | 2022 Pittsburgh Geological Society Best Presentation on Appalachian Geology |
| Dr. Steve Greb     | 2024 George V. Cohee Public Service Award                                   |
| Dr. Jen O'Keefe    | 2024 Gordon H. Wood Jr. Memorial Award                                      |
| Dr. Frank Etensohn | 2024 John T. Galey Memorial Award   |

Dr. Jen O'Keefe brought 6 students to this event and I was able to spend enough time with them that we are all on a first-name basis at this point. Concerning outreach to Morehead this semester: we have been fortunate that these students have attended the Mountain Parkway Field Trip and this workshop in Indiana.

**Recommendation I am making:** Dr. Mike McGlue is willing to address our organization, especially with the ease of video-call business meetings. He knows the drill. He will be on a call with us, he will briefly explain his vision for the survey, and he will take a few questions. He is waiting on an invitation. I recommend someone write a formal letter inviting him to video-call our group. He knows that we help students and he knows that we spread the good word of professionalism in our industry. Along those lines, I just want to point out that we have an opportunity to introduce ourselves and define our goals to him, and that it should be addressed in the letter or in the video-call.

**On a personal note,** I want to publicly say THANK YOU to Dan Phelps, who gave me a book and map collection about the Wells Creek Impact Structure. This means so much to me, because I was lucky enough to log rock core in the crater in August of this year.

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I was not able to attend the meeting this month with the adjusted schedule, because I am in the field, drilling/logging metamorphic rock in Pennsylvania.

I love my work and have never been happier. I am a busy man, but I would gladly make time for any of you. Feel free to contact me anytime you need, especially if you want to collaborate on something.

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