

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2024

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams Web Application

Attendees: **Bill Brab, Tim Crumbie, Ben Currens, Austin Dilla, Frank Ettensohn, Donnie Lumm, John Popp, Daniel Draper.**

Welcome and Call to Order

Austin Dilla called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

President's Report

Austin reported that he has quite a few things to talk about but will add more later in the meeting.

President Elect's Report

Ben Currens reported that he is still working on the KY-AIPG website but hasn't had a lot to devote to it recently. He'll keep plugging away.

Vice President's Report

Daniel Draper reported that he has scheduled with NKU to meet on November 8, 2024 for an outreach talk to two classes. He added that he has more stuff to add later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Tim Crumbie reported that he emailed copies of the draft minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting to the Executive Committee for review on September 27, 2024. The minutes were approved via electronic vote on September 29, 2024 following minor revisions. The final version of the minutes was emailed on the Executive Committee on September 30, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

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

Total Operating Funds as of July 31, 2024	\$27,101.26
Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$27,118.41
Total Operating Funds as of August 31, 2024	\$27,118.41
Net Change from previous report	+\$7.15

Donnie Lumm made a motion to approve the report dated August 31, 2024 and Austin seconded. The motion passed.

Communications Coordinator's Report

No report.

Past President's Report

No report.

NEW OR ONGOING BUSINESS

2025 Bahamas Short Course

Dr. Frank Ettensohn reported that he has not yet received the costs from the Bahamian field station for the March 2025 carbonates short course. When he gets the costs, he will work get with Donnie. He thinks the turnout should be good based on early communications. Donnie said when the cost information becomes available, he will start working on the announcement and notification to AIPG National.

2025 Darwin Lecture

Donnie reported that Dr. Loren Babcock, Professor/Director, Orton Geological Museum, The Ohio State University, has agreed to serve as the speaker for the event. Dr. Babcock will travel to Lexington and his presentation will focus on his research on sloths and mega sloths. The target date for the event is February of 2025. Donnie indicated that he would coordinate the trip details and logistics with Dr. Babcock and added that he had offered a stipend of \$500.00, which was accepted. Donnie stated that he will solicit sponsors for the event around the first of the year and added that last year's meeting was very comfortable, and that it would be nice to use that same venue at KGS again next year.

Student Outreach Update

Austin encouraged everyone to reach out to all university contacts before the next KY-AIPG meeting so we can get the appointments on the books. Daniel reported that he has a meeting scheduled at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on November 8, 2024 at 9:00 am. He has contacted two professors there and offered to buy the students lunch. He said he and John Popp will talk to one class on minerals, and another class about professional organizations. Austin said he will also plan to attend. Daniel added that he talked to Dr. Jen O'Keefe at Morehead State University, who said she is overloaded right now so no meeting has been scheduled there. Daniel offered to attend one of their existing events if they are not able to schedule a separate event for AIPG. Ausin is going to reach out to someone at the University of Cincinnati when the contact information becomes available. Donnie reported that he has contact information for Mike Friedhoff with the AIPG Ohio Section and any visits could be coordinated with them. Austin volunteered to investigate this option.

Other Discussion Topics

Sub-Committee Participation

The following three (3) sub-committees were discussed: fundraising, outreach, and web page R&D. Austin volunteered to participate on the fundraising sub-committee. Bill indicated that he could help with the R&D and Ben has already volunteered to work on the web page. Donnie provided some ideas to post on Facebook and other social media outlets. Austin says he has access to post information on the KY-AIPG Facebook page.

Solution for Online Meeting Sessions

Bill reported that all of the options were relatively close in cost as listed below.

Zoom costs \$13.32/month and is billed annually

Google Meets costs \$99.99 per year

Microsoft Teams costs \$4/month for the Business Option.

An open discussion was held comparing the options and the consensus was to go with the Google Meets platform because we already have it set up. Donnie concurred with continuing with Google Meets. There seems to be general acceptance to using this platform. Austin made a motion to use Google Meets Premium for \$99.99/year, Donnie seconded. The motion passed. Bill said he would set the account up. Donnie asked if it renews annually at the start of the year. Bill said it's pro-rated on a 12-month period instead of calendar year.

New State Geologist Announced

Daniel reported that he talked to Dr. McGlue, the new Director of KGS and State Geologist, during the GSK field trip and added that he is receptive to participating in a meeting with KY-AIPG. Donnie suggested that we invite him to our next online meeting and perhaps early next year we could meet with him in-person at KGS. He believes that meeting him sooner is better. Austin said he will personally invite him. Donnie suggested giving him a couple of talking points that he could address such as gaining his insight on the profession of geology in general, and how AIPG and the KGS contribute. John Popp agreed that it would be good to invite Dr. McGlue to a meeting. He added that Dr. McGlue is a gifted and accomplished speaker and he has a lot to offer to geology, and KGS. John thinks this may be a good opportunity to build a connection with him, the Survey and possibly his staff and others at UK.

KGS Advisory Panel Meeting

Tim and John provided brief summaries of their meeting with him during the September 6, 2024 KGS Advisory Panel meeting, and both felt that Dr. McGlue's addition to the survey will be a good move. John reiterated Dr. McGlue presents very well, which may strengthen KGS in the eyes of UK and possibly even in Frankfurt.

GSK Field Trip

John gave kudos to the GSK, Courtland Eble and Steve Greb for hosting a good trip on September 7, 2024. He said that Dr. Ettensohn and Jen O'Keefe were also in attendance. John reported that it was a wonderful day with really good geology. Charlie Mason somehow got Rowan County Middle School teachers and students to attend, which afforded GSK the use of the school bus, thereby minimizing the number of vehicles that were needed. John said he will make an attempt to visit Morehead State to meet with Jen O'Keefe and the other professor that attended the trip. John said this was a good example of how middle school students, who seemed to be quite interested, could be reached. Daniel also attended the trip.

Board of Registration Update

Austin reported that the Board is still trying to fill the vacancy left by Megan Cleinmark. He added that three recommendations to fill the position are no longer required, they only need one. The next scheduled meeting is on October 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm. It will be a virtual meeting. Bill added that they are still trying

to tighten up the budget and evaluate the effect of the fee adjustment that as enacted last year. Bill added that the ASBOG Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 21-25, 2024 in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Board Administrators Workshop is on October 21, 2024, which is for the administrative personnel that work for the various Boards, the National Administrators Workshop (business portion of the meeting) will start on October 22, 2024, and a field trip is scheduled on October 23, 2024 and the Council of Examiners Workshops will be on October 24-25, 2024.

Open Discussion

Bill suggested following up with the new KY-AIPG committees, maybe within the next 30 days or so, to see if any progress has been made in the respective areas. Austin said he plans to reach out to the committees later this week but is anticipating having more detailed discussions about midway between now and the next meeting. Bill added that AST is having an open house at their facility in Midway on October 3, 2024 and invited everyone to attend. Daniel reported that KGS is hosting their annual Open House on October 16, 2024. Frank reported that Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) is having their annual meeting on November 1 & 2, 2024 at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Frank added that on November 2, 2024, KAS will host a breakfast for geologists where they will be discussing the problem with bringing in new geology majors.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held remotely on October 29th, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm