

Kentucky Section AIPG Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Application

Attendees: **Austin Dilla, Donnie Lumm**, Dan Phelps, John Popp, Donny Prater, **Richard Smath**.

Welcome and Call to Order

President Donnie Lumm called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. Donnie stated that he would attempt to take notes during the meeting in Secretary Tim Crumby's absence. He added that the agenda was emailed to the Executive Committee on September 22, 2023 and proceeded to share the document online with those in attendance via the Zoom application.

President's Report

Donnie reported that the National AIPG meeting that was held Covington, Kentucky from September 15th – 19th, 2023 was a success. He reported that there were 234 attendees including professionals, spouses and exhibitors. All exhibit spaces were sold out. Donnie added that some of the proceeds from the meeting will be shared between the Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio sections of AIPG. He added that approximately 18 of the participants were from Kentucky and reported that he has an application that was used to facilitate the meeting that he will use that resource to try to contact some non-AIPG members to spur their interest to become active or join the KY-AIPG. Donnie stated that he ran two field trips during the conference, one of which was run with John Popp. John added that he really enjoyed the technical sessions and more so the comradery. He complimented Austin on his presentation on geophysics and indicated that he enjoyed and would follow up with the early career professionals and student sessions that he attended on Saturday. He thought that it would be a good opportunity for him to reach out to some of the younger people as a potential mentor and/or recruiter. He added that the Ohio Geological Survey was disposing of several paleontology books that he thought might be of interest to someone with the Kentucky Paleontological Society (KPS). Dan Phelps responded that KPS has a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 29th, 2023 at 7:30 pm and invited John to bring the publications.

President Elect's Report

Austin Dilla reported that he gave a presentation on geophysics at the meeting and added that he thought the conference was informative and he enjoyed himself. Austin also reported that he received notification earlier today that he will be filling the At-Large position that was vacant on the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. Austin indicated that he recent started a new position with Vision Engineering in Lexington and encouraged everyone to use his personal email for contact going forward.

Vice President's Report

No Report.

Secretary's Report

No report. A short discussion was held about KY-AIPG sending a donation, a contribution to a charity or a floral arrangement to commemorate the recent passing of Tim Crumby's mother.

Treasurer's Reports

No report.

Communications Coordinator's Report

Richard Smath reported that the website is up to date except for the minutes from the previous meeting which will be upload as soon as they become available.

Past President's Report

No report.

New/Ongoing Business

Student Outreach

Donnie revisited the KY-AIPG outreach efforts for the fall and developed a tentative list of contact names for each college/university maintaining a geology program in Kentucky. He added that has listed himself as the contact for Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and Murray State University. He also requested that Austin partner with him to serve as contacts for Western Kentucky University (WKU). Donnie tentatively listed Bill Brab and Austin as the contacts for the University of Kentucky (UK). Bill and Austin can work out the details at their convenience.

National AIPG Conference Wrap-Up

Donnie shared some of the information he was provided during the conference as the KY-AIPG section representative. He reported that there are currently 18 inactive AIPG sections and that National AIPG is going to attempt to resurrect the Oklahoma and North Carolina Sections because they have small contingents of willing participants. The cause for the drop in numbers is aging members and declining membership, which are ongoing issues. Students were well represented at the meeting which suggests that there is a younger population ready and willing to participate.

Other Discussion Topics

Kentucky Geological Survey Advisory Panel

The last meeting was held on September 15, 2023 at the UK Mines and Mineral Resource Building. John Popp reported that he, Tim Crumbie and Faith Fiene attended the meeting, which was the first gathering since Drew Andrews became the Acting Director of Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). John categorized Drew's leadership style as "open" meaning that he welcomed input from others. John reported that he feels the survey is in good shape other than the budget, which in his opinion, shameful. During the meeting, Drew announced that he will apply for the position of Director of the Survey. John added that the search is expected to resume at the beginning of the year and will likely be led by the Survey itself instead of the UK Administration. John added that of the two previous candidates for the position, one declined the offer and the other withdrew his application. Tim, Faith and John were all reappointed to serve another 3-year term on the advisory panel. Donnie would like for the KY-AIPG to reach out to the KGS to express their appreciation for their support in past years, including the meeting space they provided. Donnie indicated that he would like to prepare a letter to the powers that be, to request permission to resume holding future KY-AIPG meetings there. Dan added that the KPS and the GSK have scheduled meetings with Drew to iron out some issues that have resulted from recent changes at the survey. For example, support for the

KPS and GSK websites are provided by KGS and the person who was assisting (hosting) them left the country and has not been able to return. As a result, neither organization has been able to update their websites for a couple of years. Dan is hoping that the various professional organizations could sit down with Drew to discuss potential resolutions to some of these concerns. Donnie expressed interest in the KY-AIPG participating in a meeting like this. Dan indicated that he is planning to speak to Drew during the KGS open house on October 11, 2023 and may be able to schedule a meeting at that time. Donnie asked Dan to keep he and Austin involved in the schedule so they can participate.

KY Board of Professional Geologists Update

No report.

Donnie reported that Megan Kleinmark has reached out the president of the AIPG Virginias Section and may be joining that group to continue her contributions. Donnie also mentioned Larry Rhodes' passing on July 27, 2023. He was 85 years old and had made several significant contributions to the profession over the span of his career. Donnie mentioned that John attended his services and Dan added that he, Richard and Meg Smath also attended the services.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. In closing, Donnie said he would reach out to Donny Prater to see if he will contact Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and added that he will get with Austin next week to see if they can set up remote or in-person meetings as part of student outreach. Austin made a motion to close the meeting and Richard seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.