



AIPG MN – ExCom Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2023 (2 PM to 3 PM Central)

Microsoft Teams

Meeting Prep: Review Agenda

Meeting Purpose: AIPG Minnesota ExCom Meeting to discuss future activities, talks and progress with the board and bring up any requests from the board or members

President		President Elect		Vice President		Secretary		Treasurer	
x	Ben Czeck	x	Marian Kramer		Jason Gelling	x	Rob Blakely	x	Rebecca Ryser
Executive Committee			Fundraising Chair		Membership Chair		Education Chair		
	Alex Blel		Patrick Sweeney	x	Curt Hudak		Paula Berger	x	Jake Dalbec
	John Berger		Sophia Link	Reg & Leg Chair/AELSLAGID			Screening Chair		
x	Micaela Anderson		Eric Lonetti		Keith Rapp		Unappointed		
Nominating Chair		DE&I Chair		Webmasters					
x	Dan Hunter	x	Dan Hunter	x	Shanna Schmitt		Jake Dalbec		
Do we meet the requirements to have a quorum for this meeting?									
x	Yes		No						

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approve [past meeting minutes](#)

1. January (approved), February, March

- i. Mariam motions to approve Feb and March, Ben 2nd, no dissent, motion passed

4. Technical Talks – May 10th

1. John Westguard MN Discovery Center?
2. Emails will be sent today for the Discovery Center

5. AIPG FG Grants Awarded

1. FG Grants were awarded to two UMN TC students; Grace Elling and Keegan Hoffer.
2. ASBOG fee's increased, discussion on increasing grant coverage?



- i. FG Fees were \$225 – but are \$300 now b/c of computer testing facility. Not currently getting many applications. Proposal to do 5 awards at \$300 (\$1,500 total). Grant is a form that is filled out online.
 - ii. Need to increase annual outreach to Universities and Geo Clubs. Create a formalized strategy for outreach?

6. Per Ben's email – AIPG National has sponsored 10 applicants for Scholarships. He has a list of applicants. Should we support a MN person that didn't get an award? We would need to reply by May 1st.
 1. Our current proposed spend is approximately \$5,000. (\$1,500 mineral hardness kits, 2 x \$1,000 scholarships, \$1,500 FG grant). Additional spend associated with National Scholarship (\$1,000) and other social events.
 2. We will be hosting the National Convention in 2026 – spend the last time we hosted was 2006 approximately \$40,000, but now the administrative fees are shouldered by National. What is a good baseline to maintain? Regardless, we should start planning for hosting the conference in Q1 2025. Wisconsin AIPG would be happy to help plan and/or partner with us.
 3. What is our Y/Y revenue stream? Ben will email Dorothy.

7. **MN/WI Joint Section Discussion**
 1. Received request from Chris Lilek (WI AIPG) to discuss pros and cons of reforming the joint MN-WI AIPG Section (Meeting Proposed for October or November).
 - i. History – we were a joint group with Wisconsin but split in 1987.
 - ii. Pro – field trip was great, joint functions lend themselves to more inclusion, would be great to do more field trips
 - iii. Con – complicates things a little bit, may inhibit growth for both sections
 - iv. Ben will email Chris to setup a joint ex-comm meeting so she can present her vision regarding the joint effort to the group
 2. Request for Joint exhibit table at 2023 Annual Conference and selling state related geo-items for a fundraiser.
 - i. Chris Lilek talked about having a joint exhibit table to recruit members

8. **Future Meeting in Duluth – Shanna Schmitt – Update**
 1. Per Shanna – National asked us a few years ago if we could host a meeting, but no official year was announced. Was discussed in February – targeting 2026 for National meeting. Meet in Duluth instead of St. Paul.
 2. Per Rebecca – what about travel logistics? Not as easy to fly into Duluth vs. St. Paul. Maybe need to plan for shuttle/charter bus schedule? Carpool? Looking at doing the



event in late August or early September. Josh Feinberg (sp?) was planning some field trips prior to meeting getting cancelled b/c of COVID.

9. Top Golf Social Event – May 4th – Update

1. Ben will be at Blink 182. 😞 All the small things...
2. Per Jake – we have two stalls reserved. Only 4 people currently registered – another email blast will be sent out.
3. Ben will send out an email to the St. Thomas Geology Club

10. 2023 Golf Fundraiser – Stillwater Country Club

1. Monday, June 12th
2. Cost proposal will be similar to last year plus some inflationary food costs
3. Marketing/Fundraising Efforts
4. Mike Torres agreed to giving bike tour
5. Per Curt – we need to stress bringing in more big ticket items for auction and door prizes. Also, Stillwater CC just hired new executive chef – so food will be grubbing!
6. Final price per golfer will be \$110/golfer.

11. Committee Chair Updates

- i. Screening Committee – Dan Hunter
- ii. Nominating Committee – Unappointed in place by August
- iii. Regulation and Legislative/ASBOG Committee – Keith Rapp
- iv. Membership Committee – Paula Berger (looking for coverage)
 1. Sponsorships through the end of the year and early 2023
- v. Fundraising Committee – Curtis Hudak
- vi. Education Committee – Jake Dalbec
- vii. DE&I Committee – Dan Hunter
 1. [DEI Moments Tracker.docx](#)
 2. [Meet in April and May, normal monthly meetings in fall \(1/2 hr\)](#)
 3. [Thoughts/ideas for DEI moment for golf event and/or fundraiser](#)

12. Any Additional Business for Discussion?

13. Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.