



AIPG MN – ExCom Meeting Agenda

February 28th, 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	x	Jason Gelling	x	Rob Blakely	x	Rebecca Ryser
Executive Committee			Fundraising Chair		Membership Chair		Education Chair		
x	Alex Blel	x	Patrick Sweeney	x	Curt Hudak	x	Paula Berger	x	Jake Dalbec
x	John Berger	x	Sophia Link	Reg & Leg Chair/AELSLAGID			Screening Chair		
x	Micaela Anderson	x	Eric Lonetti	x	Keith Rapp	x	Unappointed		
Nominating Chair		DE&I Chair		Webmasters					
x	Dan Hunter	x	Dan Hunter	x	Shanna Schmitt	x	Jake Dalbec		
Do we meet the requirements to have a quorum for this meeting?									
x	Yes	x	No						

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order**
Meeting called to order at 2:01pm.

- 2. Roll Call**
8 members present. We have a quorum!

- 3. Approve [past meeting minutes](#)**
 - a. 01/31/2023 ExComm
Alexandra Blel made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Rebecca Ryser 2nd. Motion passed. Jan 2023 meeting minutes approved.

- 4. March Technical Talk**
 - a. Likely will cancel this month talk due to last minute cancellation of speaker and unable to find someone to backfill. Have people paid for this talk? Reimbursements?
 - i. Shanna – 11 people registered for PFAS talk in January before we changed speakers/topic. Registrants were contacted -no need for reimbursements.



6. Minnesota Academy of Science (MAS) – Science Fair Awards AIPG Sponsorship

- a. Micaela Anderson has graciously volunteered to donate three fossil/mineral specimens from her personal collection for this year's awards.
 - i. Anyone available to volunteer as a judge? Not explicitly needed but would be a good experience. Ben will send Shanna an announcement for MAS and Anoka-Hennepin.
 - ii. Per Rebecca – they would like volunteer information soon (i.e., March 1st or shortly thereafter).
 - iii. The fair is on Friday, March 24. <https://www.mnmas.org/about-science-engineering-fair>

7. Institute for Lake Superior Geology (ILSG) 2023 Meeting Student Travel and Participation Grant

- a. WI-AIPG donated \$300 towards a similar grant
 - i. Do we also want to match this? Allocate any funds? Institute on Lake Superior geology. We typically put out an announcement. This year meeting is Eau Claire
 - ii. Shanna says the field trips are fantastic! Bruce Johnson concurs. 😊 Registration just started yesterday (Feb 27). Conference is April 24/25 (Mon/Tues)
 - iii. Rebecca favors reallocating funds from mineral specimens
 - iv. Ben makes motion. Rob 2nd. No opposition. Motion passes!
 - v. Ben will reach out to St. Thomas re: conference
 - vi. Shanna will put together an announcement to distribute to the group

8. St. Cloud State University – Earth Science Program External Advisory Committee

- a. Dr. Sarah Gibson reached out regarding outside support as they continue to develop their earth science/geology program
- b. Aiming for a meeting late April/May
- c. Curt Hudak and Rebecca Ryser have volunteered to support, anyone else interested?
 - i. Bruce Johnson will also help out
 - ii. If anyone else interested, please email Curt/Rebecca/Bruce

9. Legislation – Earth Science Education Bill

- a. Dana Smith reached out for an update on the earth science legislation (e-mail below). I've forwarded to St. Thomas since they were unaware of the legislation and offered to provide support where I can.
 - i. Requires high school curriculum to include earth science course. Was cut in early 1900s. How do we leverage our network to support the bill and what channels do we use?
 - ii. Ben will reach out to Dana
 - iii. Bruce suggests to Shanna to include links to local legislators
 - iv. If anyone is interested in supporting further, please reach out to Ben



Re_ Legislative Alert
in Earth Science Educa

10. 2023 Golf Fundraiser – Stillwater Country Club

- a. Monday, June 12th
- b. Cost proposal will be similar to last year plus some inflationary food costs
- c. Marketing/Fundraising Efforts
 - i. Can we also do another bike tour for non-golfers? Email to Mike Torres to make sure we can do it. Shanna/Dan Hunter will reach out. Girl scout cookie donation. Mmmmm.

11. Committee Chair Updates

- a. Screening Committee – Dan Hunter
 - i. No updates
- b. Nominating Committee – Unappointed
 - i. Needs to be in-place by August
- c. Regulation and Legislative/ASBOG Committee – Keith Rapp
 - i. Updates on FG/PG exams? Two credit course at St. Thomas?
 - ii. Per Shanna, ASBOG also developing a review course
- d. Membership Committee – Paula Berger (looking for coverage)
 - i. Sponsorships through the end of the year and early 2023
 - ii. Let Ben know if interested. Position involves recruitment of new members and sponsors, along with feedback re: types of talks that are interesting.
- e. Fundraising Committee – Curtis Hudak
- f. Education Committee – Jake Dalbec
 - i. Jake has been assisting Jason with trying to find a speaker for March without any luck, unfortunately. The original speaker previously scheduled for March cancelled on us, and most of the folks we have been reaching out to have declined due to schedule conflicts. We might have an internal speaker option available to us from Stantec, but the applicability of the topic to our normal contingent of local AIPG participants is questionable as the talk would be focused on the origins of international legal requirements for mineral resource exploration. Please share any other last minute options you might have for March speakers with Jason.
 - ii. Jake has an Education Committee meeting scheduled this Friday from 10am-11am, with two main initiatives driving this year's agenda.
- g. Resume grant/scholarship awards to deserving geology/geoscience college students
- h. Resume k-12 classroom presentations (in-person and/or virtual)
- i. DE&I Committee – Dan Hunter
 - i. [DEI Moments Tracker.docx](#)
 - ii. Dan would like people to volunteer to give a quick talk at the beginning of each of our technical talks. Click the link above and volunteer!



12. Any Additional Business for Discussion?

13. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.