

AIPG Business Meeting Minutes – 08-25-2021

Attending the meeting: Dan Hunter, Ben Czeck, Rebecca Ryser, Alex Blel, Paul Putzier, Jake Dalbec, Curt Hudak, Keith Rapp, Jeri Massengill, Mike Hultgren, Paula Berger, and Shanna Schmitt.

The Meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM.

There were only 5 Executive Committee members, 9 are needed for a quorum. We proceeded with a business meeting and approval of past minutes will be postponed.

1. **AIPG National Meeting Sponsorship.** An email vote was held after the meeting and a sponsorship of \$250 was approved by 8 of the 11 Executive Committee members.
2. **AIPG National push for Annual Conference Registration.** The AIPG National office and the chairs of the AIPG 2021 National Conference: Role of Geoscientists for Resiliency, Sustainability, and Opportunities in a Changing Environment have asked the state sections to promote the event. Full refunds are available until October 8, two weeks prior to the conference.

The AIPG National office will also be sending student flyers for us to distribute.

3. **AIPG MN Section FG Grants.** We will start advertising for the autumn round of the Fundamentals of Geology Exam grants. Applications will be accepted through October 15, 2021: https://aipgmn.org/Scholarships_Grants.
4. **Bay West Safety Training/HAZWOPER Scholarships.** Alex Blel will check on the applications/awards: https://aipgmn.org/Safety_Training_Scholarship.
5. **BIPOC Committee.** Discussed holding a meeting of the Exploratory Committee to see what options we have and would be reasonable long-term with our limited volunteer hours. The Exploratory Committee was formed in March 2021.
 - a. Talking to local high school student
 - b. Training for members
 - c. Grants/scholarships
 - d. Supporting other efforts (AIPG National, AWG, MGWA, MN Academy of Sciences, etc.)

Ben Czeck has been working with AIPG National 2022 President-Elect Dawn Garcia on a set of interviews with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) professionals/leaders in geosciences. The interviews will be posted on AIPG National's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZJVHi1yAPLJe1AksLOV3pA>.

Dan Hunter will request a meeting with Keith Rapp, Jeri Massengill, Ben Czeck, Christina Morrison, and Kelsi Ustipak to discuss the topic further.

6. **Online Meetings and Autumn Social.** With the decision in the spring to continue online meetings for the 2021-2022 season (greater out-state attendance and flexibility with speakers), we'd like to make an effort to have social events on a regular basis. We will plan an event for early October at a facility with an outdoor space option. Shanna Schmitt and Kelsi Ustipak will lead the effort as the Social Sub-Committee members.

7. **Golf Scramble Fundraiser.** Curt Hudak reported that we made just under \$2,800. We had 39 golfers (down from 69 in 2019) and 7 diners (down from 11 in 2019). The group agreed to stick with Prestwick Golf Club for 2022 and to secure the date in October, start advertising in early 2022, and cancel the event (only if necessary) at the last minute. This should give people more time to plan.

8. **Earth Science Curricula Letter.** The SME declined to sign on and MAPSS didn't respond. Curt Hudak will email the final letter to Mike Hultgren as AET has agreed to mail it out.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 4:00-5:00 PM via MS Teams.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.