

AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 01-21-2021

Attending the meeting: Shanna Schmitt, Dan Hunter, Jeff Neisse, Miller Gruenewald, Rebecca Ryser, Keith Rapp, Alex Blel, Ben Czeck, Christina Morrison, Mike Hultgren, Lauren Larkin, Kelsi Ustipak, Jake Dalbec, and Paul Putzier.

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. The 10/27/2020 draft meeting minutes have been posted to the AIPG-MN website. **Minutes from meeting were approved at annual meeting, handled by Christina.**
2. Donation to host section for AIPG annual meetings discussion
 - a. Last year never got around to making \$250 donation for annual meeting, AIPG postponing donations for now.
 - b. Annual Meeting is scheduled for beginning of October 2021. Postpone discussion for later in spring to see if meeting will happen due to Covid-19.
3. Discussion of upcoming talks
 - a. Speakers set up through May of 2021. Speaker for March 2nd has been scheduled.
 - b. Working on setting up speakers for September 2021 to May 2022.
 - c. Seek speakers from outside of MN since we have embraced virtual technical talks.
 - d. Shanna confirmed with Double Tree and we have no events scheduled through May 2021. We have no contract with Double Tree past that point. Maybe we get a quarterly social event on the books?
4. Geoscience Education Letter
 - a. Curt not in meeting. Update next meeting.
5. Golf Tournament Cancellation Updates
 - a. Donations already made. Jane Willard (\$100), Shanna Schmidt (\$20) and Jake Dalbec (\$100)
 - b. Consensus is to have the golf tournament and have a socially distanced auction. Maybe golf course has ideas on how to best set it up the auction.
 - c. Virtual auction is a possibility if socially distanced, live auction does not happen.
 - d. In the spring, start working on getting donations for the auction.
6. Sponsorship Amount and Cycle
 - a. Current companies signed up as sponsors: HIG, Bay West, WCEC, WSP, and Antea.
 - b. Need to follow up with: Pace, Pointmap, Terracon, Braun, Summit, AECOM, Wood, Barr, Big Rock, Burns & McDonnell, Geosyntec, Stantec, Legend HDR, Nova, Javelin, Landmark, Pinnacle, SEH, TetraTeck, Ramboll, etc.

- c. AET came in with donation on 1/20/2021.
 - d. Send out email blast next week with sponsorship letter.
7. Potential direct application for scholarships by people of color
- a. HIG has offered to contribute funds to a scholarship.
 - b. Shanna has a call scheduled with Jerry (spelling?) on 1/21/2021--Want to get speakers to give technical talks and use money generated from talks to put towards a scholarship.
 - c. Christina shared a link to help coordinate workshops with speakers that are separate from technical talks.
https://www.ymcanorth.org/social_responsibility/unitedhealth_group_equity_innovation_center
 - d. **Update from Shanna at next meeting.**
8. Occurrence of Executive Committee Meetings
- a. Monthly meetings in 2021 or every other month?
 - b. Mentions that monthly meetings are good, because if meeting is missed, people do not get even further behind.
 - c. Even is the agenda is light, it doesn't hurt to check in.
 - d. **Consensus it to keep meetings monthly.**
9. Other Administrative Topics
- a. Ways to push FG scholarships.
 - i. Lauren has a UMD geology professor interested in FG scholarship applications.
 - ii. Keith giving a path to licensure talk in UMD class 1/21/2021.
 - iii. Winona, St. Thomas, and Gustavus planning to develop a course specifically related to students planning to enter the work force (non-academia path).
 - b. Jake proposing doing a virtual geology trivia happy hour.
 - c. Kelsi proposed doing small group discussions with undergrads and young professionals in a way to ask questions and network with one another. She is working on a trial and will share results at the next meeting.
 - i. Wants assistance from ExComm to use Teams as a platform and use the calendar invite feature.
10. Next ExComm Meeting
- a. **Date and time for next meeting is forth coming.**

Christina Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.