

AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 02-17-2021

Attending the meeting: Kelsi Ustipak, Shanna Schmitt, Christina Morrison, Dan Hunter, Ben Czeck, Alex Blel, Curt Hudak, Keith Rapp, Paula Berger, Paul Putzier, Rebecca Ryser, Ryan Mathieu, Jeffrey Neisse, Jake Dalbec, Jeri Massengill, Mike Hultgren, Miller Gruenewald

The Meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. The 01/20/2021 draft meeting minutes have been posted to the AIPG-MN website.
Motion made by Paul Putzier to approve the draft meeting minutes; motion passed with none opposed.
2. Potential direct application for scholarships for people of color (Jeri Massengill)
 - a. Jeri emphasized the main goal is to get more people of color into geoscience careers.
 - b. Jeri proposed focusing on exposing/promoting geosciences to BIPOC at the high school level before junior year of college when AIPG scholarship is given.
 - c. Likely start small and partner with one or two schools first.
 - d. Ben Czeck has a connection within the MN Academy of Science that could be a potential partner.
 - i. Agreed it would be best for AIPG-MN to offer additional support to an existing STEM organization rather than creating something new within AIPG.
 - e. Kelsi suggested reserving spots on field trips for younger (high school) BIPOC folks at no cost.
 - f. Offer talks at schools to teachers and students emphasizing geoscience.
 - g. Create a geoscience career fact sheet targeted for high school students.
 - h. Kelsi Ustipak proposed AIPG thoroughly discuss a multi-pronged approach and develop a long-term plan to get more BIPOC representation within the geosciences.
3. Start Small Discussion Groups with Students to help with their Career paths (Kelsi Ustipak)
 - a. Kelsi has reached out to people on LinkedIn who want to have 1-on-1 conversations.
4. Update on geoscience education letter (Curt Hudak)
 - a. Curt waiting to hear from AWG and Geotechnical Society about signing letter.
 - b. Jeri will be on AWG call later today and will find out who the current president is.
 - c. Geoscience education letter will be sent to college and universities throughout MN.
 - d. Volunteer needed to prepare letter and mail to addresses provided by Curt.
5. Updates on golf tournament for 2021
 - a. Discussion tabled until next meeting due to meeting time constraints.
6. Updates on sponsorships

- a. Currently have 9 sponsors.
 - b. AIPG-MN averages 9 to 11 sponsors annually.
 - c. Will send out sponsorship letter once more if needed.
7. Discussion about when we would like our Student Grant Recipient (Heide Krauss) to speak to the group
- a. In a June meeting? Or a "Social Hour" lecture?
 - b. Will discuss next meeting.
8. National Section Liaison contacted Dan Hunter regarding:
- a. Any assistance our section needs this year.
 - b. Possible joint Fall Field Trip MN and WI sections.
 - c. Working on a small project with another local section.
 - i. Will discuss further next meeting due to meeting time constraints.
9. Any other administrative discussion topics.
- a. No other topics to discuss.
10. Upcoming Meetings
- a. **Next meeting (March) will be scheduled at a later date.**

Kelsi Ustipak made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.