

AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 04-28-2021

Attending the meeting: Dan Hunter, Shanna Schmitt, Alex Blel, Christina Morrison, Kelsi Ustipak, Jeff Neisse, Keith Rapp, Mike Hultgren, Jake Dalbec, Dylan Young, Trey Howard and Rebecca Ryser.

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. The 03/17/2021 draft meeting minutes have been posted to the AIPG-MN website.
Motion made by Kelsi Ustipak to approve the draft meeting minutes pending two minor corrections, motion passed.
The corrections have been made to the meeting minutes and the final version is available on the website.

2. Discussion about a potential BIPOC scholarship
 - a. Dan Hunter indicated the MGWA is rolling-out a number of plans/programs to promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Programming was discussed during the Spring Conference held earlier in the week-check it out.
 - b. Exploratory Committee Update
 - i. Amy Block, with AWG-MN is working to coordinate a group of folks from the local geoscience community to have a discussion about anti-racism and promoting DEI. At this time, the contact list is being put together so a doodle poll can be administered to select a future date for the first discussion.
 - ii. We received some feedback from the Minnesota Earth Science Teachers Association. Recommendations included educating ourselves about systemic racism through book studies, viewing sessions for videos, podcasts, etc. as well as supporting policies that promote DEI. Support for groups like, “Teach Outside Minnesota” and “Native Skywatchers” was also recommended.

3. Small Group Discussions – Student Mentorship Opportunities
 - a. Kelsi provided an update that things are still moving forward.

4. FG Grant Requirements (10 grants per year: five in the fall, five in the spring)
 - a. Applicant must be an undergrad or grad student enrolled in a MN college or university geoscience program.
 - b. Applicant must be a student member of AIPG.
 - c. Applicant must not have been previously awarded an AIPG MN FG Grant.
 - d. Applicant must demonstrate proof of approval to site for the Spring or Autumn FG exam.

Via an email thread on April 19, 2021 Shanna Schmitt made a motion to award grants to all 6 applicants at the full \$200 amount (because we did not award any grants in Fall 2020 due to a lack of applicants), motion carried.

5. Geoscience Education Letter
 - a. Tabled until next meeting.

6. Golf Tournament
 - a. Date set for August 5, 2021
 - b. We should begin by establishing an online presence.
 - c. Begin soliciting companies for donations for an online auction.

7. National Section Liaison – Christine Lilek
 - a. Assistance our section needs this year.
 - b. Possible joint Fall Field Trip with MN and WI sections?

Dan Hunter will continue to work with Christine on this.

8. Other Items
 - a. Career notification email blast went out to “Young Professionals” who recently changed to “Early Career Professionals”.
 - b. Jeff Neisse and Shanna Schmitt are both expecting to be phased back in to their offices around July 1st.

Christina Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.