



AIPG MN Section – Business Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022 (2 PM to 3 PM Central)

Microsoft Teams

Meeting Prep: Review agenda, review previous meeting minutes for approval, and prepare updates on your committees and initiatives.

Meeting Purpose: Discuss future activities, talks, and progress with various initiatives, and discuss requests from the committee members or section members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE				COMMITTEE CHAIRS					
President		President Elect		Education Chair		Fundraising Chair		DEI Chair	
	Ben Czeck		Ben Czeck		Bruce Johnson		Curtis Hudak		Dan Hunter
Vice President		Secretary		Membership Chair		Reg & Leg Chair		Screening Chair	
	Marian Kramer	X	Miller Grunenwald	X	Paula Berger	X	Keith Rapp		Unappointed
Treasurer		Past-President/Director		Webmasters				Nominating Chair	
X	Rebecca Ryser		Dan Hunter	X	Shanna Schmitt		Jake Dalbec		Unappointed
Directors									
	Alex Blel	X	Patrick Sweeney						
	Lauren Larkin		John Berger						
X	Jeffrey Naisse								
Do we meet have a quorum (at least 6 of 11 ExCom members) for this meeting?									
	Yes	X	No						

Other attendees: not applicable

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM.

- 1. Roll Call. No quorum of Executive Committee, so continued as a Business Meeting.**
- 2. Virtual votes, via email, in August.**
 - a. Motion to spend a few hundred dollars to support President Ben Czeck attending the *Improving Geoscience Graduate Student Preparedness for the Future Workforce Workshop* at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA on August 18-19, 2022. This would include a rental car, gas, and meal that are not provided. Seven votes in favor, motion passed.
 - b. Motion to spend about \$475 to register the Section for a booth at the University of Minnesota’s *Department of Earth & Environmental Science Career Fair*, pay for parking, buy candy, and pay to ship the AIPG booth materials. Seven votes in favor, motion passed.



3. **Congrats Shanna! May need to ask for additional volunteers for Webmaster duties.**
4. **Upcoming ExCom meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Final meeting of the year.**
5. **Upcoming AIPG MN/WI Geology & Remediation Weekend**
 - a. Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2
 - b. <https://aipg.org/page/2022MNWIGeoWeekend>
 - c. Promote Sponsorships and Market Field Trip
 - d. Promote Student Poster Session and Student Registration
 - e. Register!
6. **Upcoming AIPG MN Section Annual Business Meeting**
 - a. Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 1:15 PM, immediately following the December technical talk.
 - b. Agreed to plan an in-person happy hour at the Forgotten Star Brewery.
7. **Upcoming technical talks.**
 - a. Scheduled through May 2023.
 - b. April 2023 is open, AWG MN Chapter is our co-host.
 - c. Marian is waiting for confirmation on the May 2023 date.
 - d. Marian will help recruit a candidate for the 2023 Vice President.
8. **Still need volunteers for the Social Sub-Committee, the Screening Committee, and the Nominating Committee.**
 - a. Will email another call for volunteers.
 - b. Rob Blakely (former Director) emailed Ben and is interested in becoming more involved.
9. **Reply to AdHoc Education Committee, Minnesota Universities Discussion**
 - a. No major update
10. **Improving Geoscience Graduate Student Preparedness for the Future Workforce Workshop**
 - a. Ben's update is provided on the attached document.
 - b. Overall, great workshop.
11. **National Conference update**
 - a. Ben's work schedule was problematic. Shanna was already attending, so represented the Minnesota Section at the 2022 National AIPG Conference in Marquette, Michigan August 6-9, 2022.
 - b. Smaller conference, only one day of technical sessions, but several field trips.
 - c. The business meeting on Saturday, where the Sections presented updates was the most interesting. Many Sections only meet once or twice a year, so the pandemic really affected them. Only a few Sections have made the transition to online meetings, including Minnesota and Texas. Several Section have had meetings or fields trips over the summer or have them planned for this autumn.
 - d. Membership engagement was a common concern.
12. **Committee Chair Updates**
 - a. Screening Committee – Unappointed
 - b. Nominating Committee – Unappointed
 - c. Regulation and Legislative Committee – Keith Rapp (also MN Board of AELSLAGID and ASBOG)
 - i. ASBOG is working with CO, OH, and MI on licensure. Trying to get all 50 states to help with EPA requirements for geologists
 - ii. ASBOG annual meeting is at the end of October. From Minnesota, Keith Rapp, Josh Feinberg, and Bruce Johnson are planning to attend.
 - iii. The last paper-based FG and PG exams are in early October. Beginning in March 2023, the exams will be online and can be taken at any Prometric Testing center in the nation.
 - iv. Keith's term on the MN Board of AELSLAGID ends this year. There should be a notice for applications for a geologist in December, with an appointment in early 2023 by the Governor. Keith will notify us in December and we'll put out an Announcement.



- v. The number of people taking the FG, especially since Josh Fienberg's course at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Fred Davis's course at the University of Minnesota Duluth, has nearly tripled. Minnesota is replacing PGs faster than we're losing them to retirement.
- vi. The MN Board of AELSLAGID has a proposed rule package for 2023, stay tuned for updates.
- vii. There have been early discussions about a Hydrogeologist license in Minnesota. No proposals yet.
- d. Membership Committee – Paula Berger
 - i. No updates.
- e. Fundraising Committee – Curtis Hudak
 - i. No updates.
- f. Education Committee – Bruce Johnson
 - i. No updates.
- g. DE&I Committee – Shanna Schmitt for Dan Hunter
 - i. The DEI Moment Tracker is up at [DEI Moments Tracker.docx](#), please sign up for an upcoming meeting.
 - ii. National DEI – recent meetings have focused on DEI initiatives for the 2023 AIPG National Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.