

AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 02/24/2022

Attending the meeting: Alex Blel, Shanna Schmitt, Marian Kramer, Ben Czeck, Jake Dalbec, John Berger, Jeff Neisse, Rebecca Ryser, Patrick Sweeney

The Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.

1. **DEI/Cultural Moment - Discuss whether this is something we want to do at the beginning of our ExCom Meetings. Discuss recent DEI Meetings – Dan Hunter**
 - a. It was agreed to start out ExComm Meetings and monthly Technical Talks with a DEI moment (2-5 minutes).
 - b. DEI Committee will put a schedule together at their next meeting.
 - c. Dan Hunter sat in on national DEI committee meeting (Dawn Garcia – President) and will continue to attend.
 - d. Marian talked about inviting speaker on DEI in Earth Sciences.

2. **Discussion of ExCom Meeting Frequency/Hybrid online and in-person meeting – Monthly, the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 PM**
 - a. Plan is to stick with monthly frequency at 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 PM.
 - b. Getting a hybrid-type meeting set up in spring.
 - c. Work on keeping one meeting link for all ExComm Meetings and post the link on AIPG-MN website.

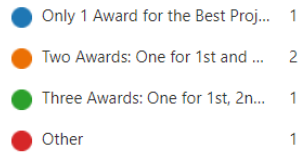
3. **Update on Technical Talks and Upcoming/Future Speakers - Marian Kramer/Christina Morrison**
 - a. Ethics training schedule on March 15, 2022, from Noon to 2 PM.
 - b. Working on DEI speakers for future talks.
 - c. April and May technical talks are scheduled.

4. **Minnesota Academy of Science Annual Science Fair – MN AIPG Sponsorship – Ben Czeck**
 - a. Ben Czeck reached out to other MN Professional organizations and the MN Geological Society is interested and willing to support a joint award and willing to split the cost to support the award.
 - b. Free to Sponsor Awards; costs will be minimal and limited to monetary or non-monetary items provided as awards and any donation to MAS if we agree this is warranted.
 - c. 5 responses to the survey that was sent out, unanimous support for award for “Geology, Earth Science, Environmental Science, and Sustainability” Projects and

Support using the Rubric that was attached. Where we need to come to agreement is on how many awards and type of awards that will be provided. You can see the responses below and I'd like to open the floor for discussion.

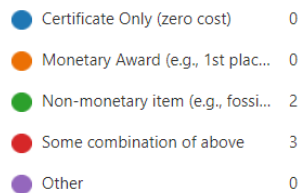
1. How many awards should AIPG Sponsor?

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2. Will there be anything else awarded beyond a Certificate?

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- d. Need to come to agreement on this call if we want to get an award sponsored prior to the Science Fair. Once we're in agreement, I can manage the process of sponsoring the awards and pay any front-end costs to be reimbursed.
- e. No updates on communication with Christine.
- f. **Becca made the motion, and Marian seconded**, to settle on three awards and the awards will be an AGI Geosciences Handbook and a fossil specimen. **Motion Passed.**

5. **Need for Social Sub-committee Volunteer, Screening Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee Chair**

- a. Ben plans on posting a call for volunteers on web page.
- b. Members within the ExComm can reach out to individuals about open spots.
- c. Jake offered to participate in the Nominating Committee.

6. **2022 Annual MN Meeting**

- a. Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 12/6 @ 1:15-3:15PM (after December's Technical Talk).
- b. Idea is to have it on Teams (or hybrid) and then an optional Happy Hour in person.

7. MN K-12 Earth Science Education Bill – Letter of Support

- a. Sent letter of support, Ben was going to take a vote; however, Dana Smith had to speak to the Education Board yesterday so wanted to get it to her before then.
- b. HF₃₃₄₄ was introduced this week in the house by Rep Dan Wolgamott out of St. Cloud.

8. Reply to AdHoc Education Committee – MN University Discussion

- a. [Analysis of Skills Sought by Employers of Bachelors-Level Geoscientists](#) (letter sent by Keith Brugger published in GSA).
- b. Someone from the DEI Committee should be present at a meeting with university personnel.

9. Committee Chair Updates

- i. Screening Committee – Unappointed
- ii. Nominating Committee – Unappointed
- iii. Regulation and Legislative/ASBOG Committee – Keith Rapp
- iv. Membership Committee – Paula Berger
- v. Newsletter Committee – Lauren Larkin
 - 1. It was decided to disband this committee due to current communication practices through announcements.
- vi. Fundraising Committee – Curtis Hudak
- vii. Education Committee – Bruce Johnson
- viii. DE&I Committee – Dan Hunter
- ix. Mapping Committee – Jake Dalbec
- x. Exploratory Committee – Kelsi Ustipak

10. Joint WI/MN Field Trip – September 2022

- a. Second Joint Meeting to discuss the Field Trip was Thursday, February 24th, 2022 (see word document with meeting notes for additional information that will be circulated after the meeting).
- b. I spoke with the president of MGS and they're interested in sharing this field trip opportunity with their members.

Current rough plan is:

Friday

Students can set up Poster Presentations before Reception begins. Students can be present to answer questions on their poster during reception. 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Posters stay up overnight. Doors are locked.

Saturday

Students can also set up Poster Presentations 8 – 8:30 am and be present to answer questions on their poster during registration 8:30 am to 9am.

PFAS and Karst presentations (9 & 9:30 am) and then have the **Karst Field Trip** leaves at the 10 am break.

The people who are going on the PFAS/Wetland fieldtrip would stay and visit student presentations during break. Then they would listen to two more presentations (Sampling on the MN Bluffs or Mississippi Flooding/Climate Change or Other PFAS Presentation and finally the student Oral presentation) at 10:30 and 11:00 am.

30 minute break to take down posters, load the last field trip bus.

The **PFAS/Wetland Field Trip** leaves at Noon.

Both field trips get back to the Event Center by 5 – 5:30 pm.

Sunday

Riverboat Brunch Tour to #7 Dam on Mississippi

- i. Looking for potential sponsors from MN and WI businesses/consulting companies.
- ii. Proposed costs are \$200 for all three days or Individual pricing is:
 - 1. \$30 person for Friday Evening’s Reception
 - 2. \$150 per person for Saturday Activities (\$50 for students)
 - 3. \$30 per person for Sunday’s Boat Tour (Captain’s Bridge)

11. 2022 Annual Golf Tournament

- a. Scheduled for Monday, June 6th at **Stillwater Country Club** with a shotgun start at 9AM. Currently advertised on our webpage so we can start marketing early. Cost at Stillwater is similar to Prestwick and Curtis put together the table below to summarize.

	2021 Actual Costs (40 golfers)	2022 Negotiated Costs (40-60 golfers)
Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls*	\$70.00	\$100 (including bottled water on carts, range balls, cart to range is free)
Breakfast Snack (including 20% service + taxes)	\$9.90	\$0 (breakfast sandwich & coffee)
Late Lunch (including 20% service + taxes)	\$25.71	\$15 (burger & fish sandwich buffet w/Cowboy Potato Salad, Leafy Salad & giant chocolate chip cookie including pop/water)

Team Prizes (1 st , 5 th , 9 th)	\$9 ($\$30 \times 12 = \360 ; $\$360/40 = \$9/\text{golfer}$)	\$0 ($\$10/\text{golfer}$ included with Green Fees, so could be \$400 up to \$600 in prize money)
Cash bar (average cocktail price was \$7.50 at Prestwick and will be closer to \$5.50 at Stillwater)		
Total per golfer	\$114.61	\$115.00

12. Any Additional Business for Discussion?

Miller Gruenewald made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.