



AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 03/24/2022

Attending the meeting: Alex Blel, Shanna Schmitt, Dan Hunter, Miller Gruenewald, Marian Kramer, Ben Czeck, Rebecca Ryser, Keith Rapp, Paula Berger, Lauren Larkin.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM.

1. DEI/Cultural Moment

- a. Plan is to have Executive Committee and other Members assigned to a Month to discuss a topic of their choosing that relates to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2-5 minutes). If you're not interested in being assigned a month, please let Dan Hunter know.
- b. DEI moments to start at April ExComm Meeting. Shanna (pronouns) in April and Jenn (women and safety equipment) in May.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Ben Czeck

- a. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes which can be found here.
 - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (9/22/2021)
 - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (1/20/2022)
 - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (2/24/2022)
- b. We will vote on approving the minutes at next months meeting.

3. Discussion of ExCom Meeting Hybrid online and in-person meeting – Open to floor for discussion.

- a. We will continue to think about places/times/frequency of meeting in person.
- b. Previous meetings were at Davanni's at Grand Ave and Cleveland Ave in St. Paul.
- c. Annual Meeting should be in-person.

4. Update on Technical Talks and Upcoming/Future Speakers - Marian Kramer

- a. Ethics training – March 15th from noon-2PM
- b. April 05 – AIPG MN & AWG MN April Meeting – PFAS in Minnesota – What a Long Strange Trip it Still is
- c. May 03 – Record of an Ancient Meteorite Impact Buried Beneath the Twin Cities, MN
- d. Dr. Morris, who spoke at the UofM, scheduled for September 13th.
- e. Greg Brick scheduled for October 4th.



5. **Minnesota Academy of Science Annual Science Fair – MN AIPG Sponsorship**
 - a. Curt Hudak helped judge the event. Curt has reviewed 21 High School and 16 Middle School Projects under the Earth Science and Environmental Science Award.
 - b. Awards will be provided to the top 3 High School and top 3 Middle School Projects from six total awards from AIPG/MGS and Mortenson Environmental.
 - c. ExComm will decide if/what we want to post on the website to congratulate winners.

6. **Need for Social Sub-committee Volunteer, Screening Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee Chair**
 - a. Call for Volunteers was Posted
 - b. Town Hall Brewery Social Event – Tuesday, April 26th?
 - i. Shanna will reach out to Town Hall Brewery and coordinate space.
 - c. Golf 101 Event – Set up a social event to go over golf skills and basic golf mechanics prior to the golf tournament. Plan for late April/Early May. Jake heading the effort on the Golf 101 Event.

7. **MN K-12 Earth Science Education Bill – Letter of Support**
 - a. No Major Updates from Dana Smith.
 - b. Bill made it through the House of Reps.
 - c. Letter is pushing for an additional Earth Science course in High School and middle school.

8. **Reply to AdHoc Education Committee – MN University Discussion – Update**
 - a. [Analysis of Skills Sought by Employers of Bachelors-Level Geoscientists](#) (letter sent by Keith Brugger published in GSA)

9. **Committee Chair Updates**
 - i. Screening Committee – Unappointed
 - ii. Nominating Committee – Unappointed
 - iii. Regulation and Legislative/ASBOG Committee – Keith Rapp
 1. License renewals are open in April.
 2. Working with Colorado, Ohio, and Michigan on licensure
 - iv. Membership Committee – Paula Berger
 - v. Fundraising Committee – Curtis Hudak
 - vi. Education Committee – Bruce Johnson



- vii. DE&I Committee – Dan Hunter (**Meeting Scheduled April 14th from 4-5 PM**)

10. Joint WI/MN Field Trip – September 30th – October 2nd, 2022

- a. Third Joint Meeting to discuss the Field Trip was today, March 24th, 2022 (will forward meeting minutes when available)
- b. Meeting overlaps with City of LaCrosse’s Octoberfest which has made finding hotel blocks difficult. However, we see this as a good opportunity to get more individuals interested in joining for both a geology and beer weekend.
- c. Still looking for a student speaker.

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.

New Saturday Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 am Same Day Registration (Poster & Exhibit Table Visiting)

9:00 - 9:20 am – Talk #1

PFAS – “Status of Wisconsin/Minnesota PFAS Remediation Projects” – Shalene Thomas – Wood

9:20 - 9:40 am – Talk #2

Karst – “Karst Voids Challenge Construction Projects” – Jacob Heimdahl – AET

9:40 - 10:10 am Break & View Student Posters/Exhibit Tables

10:10 - 10:30 am – Talk #3

Climate Change – “Climate changes affecting our wetlands and the groundwater quality beneath them” - Daniel De Joode – SWCA

10:30 - 10:50 am Student Oral Presentation

Both Field Trips Leave at 11 am

Karst Field Trip MN

Leaders – Tony Runkle MGS and John Barry -MnDNR (Bruce Johnson)

Fountain Minnesota Area (Approximately 250 miles round trip)

Eagle Bluff Learning Center MN

Presentation Title: “Balancing Bluff Country: Higher Stakes & Closer Ties” (Chris)

Volunteer Trail Guides (4)

Short stop on way to Center: Farm Store (Apples, Honey, Rocks)

Lanesboro, MN (Approximately 150 miles round trip)

Sunday River Cruise – Captain’s Sunday Brunch to Lock & Dam No 7

La Crosse Queen Cruises – 75 people

Scott and Gail Spoolman Presentation: Wisconsin Waters: Ancient Histories of the Mississippi River

- Looking for potential sponsors from MN and WI businesses/consulting companies.
- Proposed costs are \$200 for all three days or individual pricing is:



- \$30 per person for Friday Evening's Reception
- \$150 per person for Saturday Activities (\$50 for students)
- \$30 per person for Sunday's Boat Tour (Captain's Bridge)
- Estimated Revenues from Trip are approximately \$10,000 for MN, WI, and National each if we get expected sponsors and attendance.

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.
- b. Shanna updated that Pace has a foursome registered.
 - i. Automatic email blast will go out every 2 weeks.

12. Any Additional Business for Discussion?

- a. Funds update: Becca sent tax package to National, and our financials are in good shape.
- b. FG Scholarships are due on Monday. We have 4 applicants now. All 4 attend UofM – Duluth.
- c. Keith recommended sending a flyer with QR code to the application page to be posted around geology areas at schools.
- d. Potentially use some funds to reduce the cost of a Top Golf event for the Golf 101 Event.
- e. Keith recommended an AIPG Appreciation Banquet to draw AIPG members who don't golf. It could take place at the golf event or another time during the summer.
- f. We could have better promotion of joining the golf event just for dinner, not golfing. Dinner guests are also entered into drawing for door prizes.

Dan Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.