



## AIPG MN – ExCom Meeting Notes

March 21, 2025 (11 AM to 12 PM Central)

Microsoft Teams

**Meeting Prep:** Review Agenda

**Meeting Purpose:** AIPG Minnesota ExCom Meeting to discuss future activities, talks and progress with the board and bring up any requests from the board or members.

President		President-Elect		Vice President		Secretary		Treasurer	
X	Marian Kramer		Rob Blakeley		Vanessa Demuth	X	Judy Andrews		Brayden Kuester
Section Directors			Fundraising Chair		Membership Chair		Education Chair		
	Alex Blel ('24-25)		Patrick Sweeney ('24-25)	X	Jake Dalbec		(Open Position)	X	Jake Dalbec
X	Mike Torres ('25-26)		Sophia Link ('25-26)	Reg & Leg Chair/AELSLAGID			Screening Chair		
X	Dan Hunter ('25)		Eric Lonetti ('25-26)	X	Dan Hunter	X	Dan Hunter		
Nominating Chair		DE&I Chair		Webmasters					
	(Open Position)		(Open Position)	X	Shanna Schmitt	X	Miller Gruenewald		
<b>Do we meet the requirements to have a quorum for this meeting? (6/11, Officers and Directors)</b>									
	Yes	X	No						

**Agenda:**

**1. Call to Order**

Marian call meeting to order 11:07

**2. Roll Call**

Not enough for quorum

**3. Approve [past meeting minutes](#)**

- a. Feb. 2025
- b. (can't be approved)
- c. Log ins and emails for the admin web page updated



#### **4. Remaining Topics from Previous Meetings**

- a. March tech talk: How did the hybrid talk go? Lessons learned? Thoughts?
  - i. Well attended, good talk.
  - ii. Talk showed that this works in principal
  - iii. Doesn't seem like there were any UST students attending.
  - iv. Lessons learned:
    1. plan farther ahead for lunches (UST required 5-days' notice)
    2. Mike recommends stationing someone at the front entrance to help direct people where to go, in addition to the map that was provided. Maybe have a sign to help direct people.
    3. Miller thinks that the event may not have been advertised.
    4. Dan recommends planning these events 2-3 months in advance to coordinate with the organization and get more word out there.
    5. Jake recommends using the room's camera instead of laptop. Sounds seemed to be good, though.
    6. Shanna recommends looking into getting an [owl](#) to help with camera and microphone for hybrid meetings
    7. Meals – simplifying the meal order.
    8. Mike mentions things get easier if we can use the same, or a limited number, of venues so it's easier to prepare and know what to expect from the system.
    9. The lobby worked to help control who comes in to keep trolls out. But do we want to keep using it? Alternate option is to go back to sending the meeting link out only to registrants. Shanna mentions an in between option is to only post the link on the webpage the morning of.
    10. Dan really urges to keep the lobby to provide a buffer for entrants.
    11. All agree. We will start using the lobby for all meetings, including Ex Comm

#### **5. Committee Chair Updates**

- i. Screening Committee – Dan Hunter
  1. No update. No new requests for CPGs.
- ii. Regulation and Legislative/ASBOG Committee – Dan Hunter
  1. Comments coming in about not finding a slot for the FG where they live.
    - One particular person was not able to drive to a different location. Dan was able to get one person.
    - Tina has opened extra positions in Duluth and Rochester.



- Dan urges that if anyone is having difficulty getting in, to let him know.
  - i. Seating is first come, first serve, and there's more than FG and PG tests being proctored.
- People need to read the directions very carefully to make sure they get in, including making sure addresses are up to date.
- Jake would like Dan to petition the testing center to get more slots. Lack of seats should not be a barrier to licensure.
- 2. Two bills coming through the state legislature
  - One is not friendly to AIPG, but not likely to pass.
  - The other is likely to pass, and is really a housekeeping one.
  - Dan will send out info when he gets more detail.
- iii. Membership Committee – (Open position)
- iv. Sponsorship Committee - (Open position)
  - 1. Got the last sponsor references for grant applicants. Hope to get those back in a couple of weeks.
- v. Fundraising Committee – Jake Dalbec
  - 1. August 11 is the golf fundraiser. He'll focus on this more when the scholarships are completed
- vi. Education Committee – Jake Dalbec
  - 1. Additional requested mineral kit expenditure.
  - 2. Introduces Ivanka Woodell. She's on the DE&I and Education committee. MCRE liaison. Ivanka ordered a new set for the June conference. She learned about a kit that shows fluorescence and recommends adding those.
  - 3. Jake asks approval to pay for the kits and Ivanka asks for funds to add fluorescence kits. Marian notes that there's already budget for \$1,400 in kits.
  - 4. Jake requests ordering more kits to maximize the \$1,400 budget.
  - 5. No complaints about the extra fun stuff!
- vii. DE&I Committee – (Open position, Dan Hunter/Interim Chair)
  - [DEI Moments Tracker.docx](#)
  - NEED DEI moment volunteers for the technical talks!
  - DEI meeting scheduled for next month, but no new updates.
- viii. Nominating Committee – (Marian Kramer)
  - 1. No updates
- ix. Social Committee – Shanna Schmitt & Katie McGinnis



1. They've reached out to Hard Rock and Pace for other socials
2. Looking at a bowling event in the summer.
3. The February social was well attended, several students. Lake Monster was a really good location.

## **6. Officer Updates**

### **a. Pres – Marian**

- i. Modified disclaimer language in tech talk handout regarding PDH.

### **b. President-Elect – Rob**

- i. Meeting with the company for the beerfest in the next couple weeks

### **c. VP – Vanessa**

- i. Do we want a May hybrid talk at U of M? (Speaker is Peter Kang from the U)
  1. No lunch planned
  2. Let's verify that Peter and UofM are good with this.
  3. No big objections from the group.

- ii. Date of the April tech talk – who will be there? Scheduling is rough for the April talk, first week of April during spring break. Marian asks if we should/can push it back a week.

1. Seems like most people think that will work better.

### **d. Secretary – Judy**

- i. No updates

### **e. Treasurer – Brayden**

- i. The following agenda items are postponed to next week:
  1. CD proposal: 1) 3.92% Interest for 5 months and 2) 3.63% Interest for 9 months.
  2. Proposing to invest half our funds.

## **7. Additional Business for Discussion**

(out of time)

## **8. Adjournment**

- a. Adjourned at 12:10