

AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 10-15-2019

Attending the meeting: Sara Nelson, Jeff Neisse, Shanna Schmitt, Jake Dalbec, Dan Hunter, Ryan Mathieu, Damon Powers, Christina Morrison.

The Meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM.

The 04/16/2019 and 6/18/2019 meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

1. National Conference-debrief (Shanna Schmitt)

- a. No big new changes to report; mostly updates from each committee.
 - i. Colorado Chapter is very involved with the legislature.
 - ii. Michigan does one big event/year, instead of monthly meetings.
 - iii. Membership is a struggle for all Chapters, and it was agreed it is important to promote benefits of membership to demonstrate value.
 - iv. Minnesota Chapter stands out for monthly meetings, high level of engagement and student involvement.

2. Golf Social-debrief (Jake Dalbec)

- a. The Golf Scramble and Fundraiser was able to raise over \$5,000 and we had more than 50 participants for the golf event, and 70 participants for the dinner/auction.
- b. This event continues to be more successful each year and we should continue to promote this event.

3. Rosemount School Update

- a. We donated \$500 to ISD 196 Rosemount High School Science Teacher, Joseph Christman to construct a mock dig site on campus. It will be used as part of a recurring curriculum to help students understand field research, in this case, revolving around dinosaur paleontology.
- b. **Action item-post pictures of the mock dig site to the website; good example of who our benefactors are.**
- c. **Action item-make a poster to display at monthly meeting.**

4. Upcoming Speakers

- a. The speaker line-up is coming together; things are looking good.
- b. Ethics talk in March – getting ideas.
 - i. MPCA speaker was suggested as a potential option, or webinar with notable CO speaker.
 - ii. Jake Dalbec offered to provide an interactive ethics discussion as he had done in the past.
 - iii. It was suggested that having Keith Rapp talk about violations could also be considered.

- c. Spring Social/May Luncheon
 - i. Consider combining the Spring Social and May Luncheon again as an evening event.
 - 1. Continue to invite students or scholarship recipients to present on a student research project.
 - 2. Focus on promoting the event as an opportunity to raise funds to promote education and support students in the geosciences.
 - d. Field Trips – getting ideas.
 - i. Visit to Limnological Research Center, UMN
 - ii. Visit to St. Anthony Falls
5. President-Elect and Vice President Nominations
- a. Dan Hunter graciously indicated he would be open to serving in one of the roles.
 - b. It was suggested that Kelsi Ustipak would be a great nominee.
6. Sponsorship
- a. It was proposed that we should consider offering sponsorship levels and move away from the idea of pro-rating. It's easier to administer levels and offer options; pro-rating has a tendency to get fairly complicated.
 - b. Some options discussed include:
 - i. Tiers/Levels
 - ii. Adjust calendar for promoting sponsorships, i.e. January and July (promote at the golf event)
 - iii. Adjust price of sponsorships
 - c. **Action item – continue this discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.**
7. Open
- a. State Mapping Advisory Committee (Damon Powers)
 - i. Damon Powers provided an overview of the AIPG representative's role with the State Mapping Advisory Committee and indicated his intention to pass along the torch to another interested AIPG member.
 - 1. The role includes meeting for approximately 2 hours on an annual basis at the Minnesota Geological Survey to share insight and help guide State mapping projects.
 - 2. Have one year to fill the position.
 - 3. We are fortunate that Jake Dalbec has indicated an interest in serving in this role.

Jake Dalbec made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.