

# AIPG Executive Committee Minutes – 02-12-2020

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Attending the meeting: Sara Nelson, Jeff Neisse, Shanna Schmitt, Jake Dalbec, Dan Hunter, Ryan Mathieu, Christina Morrison, Paula Berger, Lauren Larkin, Kelsi Ustipak, Paul Putzier

The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM.

1. Review and approve previous meeting minutes. The 04/16/2019, 06/18/2019 and 10/15/2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Motion made by Dan Hunter to approve the meeting minutes as they are drafted, motion passed.**

2. Review draft of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes.

A hard copy of the Draft Meeting Minutes was made available for review, but they will not be approved until the 2020 Annual Meeting.

3. Outline a plan for the 2020 Golf Scramble.

- a. Shanna indicated she is working on a draft sponsorship letter.
- b. A date needs to be set; if we go with what has been done in the past, the Golf Scramble could be set for Thursday, August 6, 2020.
- c. Per Annual Meeting, Curtis Hudak has signed-on as the Golf Scramble Chair for 2020.

4. Discuss donation to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

- a. Desire to gradually shift funds from an annual donation to UMN for Hazwoper Training to a program that would support individuals in paying for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam and promote Geoscientist-in-Training (GIT) certification in Minnesota. The FG Program would function as a grant and could reimburse individuals for their FG Exam fee of \$225.
  - i. Amount earmarked annually for the donation to the UMN is approximately \$2,000.
  - ii. The FG program would be directed toward individuals motivated to obtain their state licensure.
    1. Could include a link on the AIPG-MN website within the section on “Professional Licensure in Minnesota” about the AIPG-MN reimbursement grant; include an application form (to be developed) and offer the grant on a first-come, first-served basis.
    2. Program serves a dual purpose to increase AIPG membership by using that as a prerequisite for the grant.
    3. Goal is to roll-out the first program before the Fall 2020 FG Exam.  
Application deadline is August 3, 2020.

**Motion made by Dan Hunter to contribute \$1,000 to UMN in 2020 and reserve \$1,000 for the new grant program for FG Exam reimbursement expected to roll-out prior to the Fall FG Exam. Motion passed.**

**Kelsi Ustipak and Shanna Schmitt have volunteered to develop a framework for the FG Program.**

5. Discussion of Sponsorship Rates and Tiers

- a. Discussed the possibility of offering sponsorships twice per year.
  - i. This could get complicated as far as tracking the sponsorships goes, and making sure the sponsors advertised at events remains current as it would need to be reviewed twice per year, etc.
- b. Keep sponsorships the same for 2020 and continue to explore new ways to generate additional funds for education and scholarship programs at the monthly meetings, social and golf scramble.
- c. It was agreed that sponsorships should continue to be offered on an annual basis.

**Paula Berger and Shanna Schmitt will work on language for the Sponsorship Letter, to thank sponsors for their past contributions and request continued support. The letter will get sent out in Sept./Oct. and new sponsorships will be due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

6. Review Director Positions

- a. Need to fill three director positions.
  - i. Paul Putzier was nominated to fill the Executive Committee Person 3 (Director) Position, which is a two-year term. Paul accepted.
  - ii. Jake Dalbec was nominated to fill the Executive Committee Person 2 (Director) Position, which is a one-year term. Jake accepted.
  - iii. Kelsi Ustipak was nominated to fill the Executive Committee Person 3 (Director) Position, which is a two-year term. Kelsi accepted.

7. Visual Promotion of AIPG-MN Activities and Contributions

- a. Create a visual reference to be displayed at monthly meetings, social, golf scramble, etc. demonstrating how AIPG-MN puts member contributions to use.
- b. MMEW rock kits, Rosemount Mock-dig site, scholarship winners, summary of \$ provided to support students, etc.

**Shanna Schmitt, Christina Morrison and Jeff Neisse will work together to compile some photos and content for a poster.**

8. Spring Social

- a. The Spring Social will be combined with the May Luncheon again this year as an evening event, with a focus on raising funds to promote education and support students pursuing the geosciences.
- b. Scholarship recipient, Natalie Hummel from Carlton College will be presenting on a research topic.

9. Other

- a. Jeff Neisse will order the 25 copies of the Student TPG magazine and will have available at the Social in March. Jeff also presented an idea, for consideration, to provide students an

electronic version of the magazine via sharing the link on AIPG-MN business cards. It was agreed this was a good idea and we should connect with our student chapters for insight before making a change.

- b. Shanna Schmitt updated the group that the AIPG National Executive Committee Meeting will be located in Minneapolis on Saturday, June 20, 2020.
  - i. A plan is in the making for a field trip on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. There are usually about 20 attendees. After the Executive Committee has registered, registration is open to others and all are welcome to attend, schedule permitting.
  - ii. Field trip will be generally based on the field trip provided during the ASBOG Annual Meeting in 2019.

**Shanna requested that past field trip guides for the Twin Cities area be sent to her for ideas for the field trip. She also encouraged folks to participate in the meeting in June as they are able.**

- c. Sara Nelson updated the group that the University of St. Thomas will be hosting their Career Panel on Thursday, March 19, 2020 from Noon – 1 pm.

**Contact Sara if you are interested in participating in the Career Panel at STU.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.