

KSPG Executive Committee & General Membership Business Meeting
Friday, January 23, 2004
Eastern Kentucky University, Roark 107
Richmond, Kentucky
Richard Smath – President

Attendees: **Richard Smath, Greg Cornett, Melissa Dieckman, Brandon Nuttall,
Bart Davidson, Patrick Gooding, Meg Smath.**

Meeting Convened at 12:09 PM

Introductory Remarks – Richard Smath

Introduction of new officers: Melissa Diekmann, President-Elect and Bart Davidson, Councilor.
Richard Smath proposed his list of “to-dos” that he would like to accomplish during his term, which will be outlined in “New Business.”

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Ann Watson

Ann was unable to attend, and the account balances were given to Richard Smath to report.
Current savings balance as of January 23, 2004, is \$5,077.27.
Current checking balance as of January 23, 2004, is \$1,328.82.

New Business – Richard Smath

Richard Smath bought up to the Executive Committee that our Web site is not current. He proposed to do the maintenance on the Web site and give all the needed pages to Meg Smath so that she may add them to the Web site.

It was also bought up that our “Membership Application” calls for two sponsors for every new applicant. Many times the applicant does not know two sponsors and will drop the effort to join. We made motion to revise the bylaws and see if we can drop the part for sponsorship out of the constitution. This will be presented in the newsletter for a vote by the members.

Bart Davidson asked if the KSPG would like to make a donation to KET. He will look into the amounts that would qualify the KSPG to become a member of KET and be listed on their credits.

The date of the KSPG fall field trip has been scheduled for October 21, 22, 23, 2004. It will be the Bighill roadcut outside of Berea, Kentucky.

Old Business – Richard Smath

The Geologist-In-Training (GIT) proposal missed the 2004 legislature because substantial definitions have not been written to a sponsor. We will ask David A. Jackson (past-president 2002), who introduced this concept, to be head of a committee to consolidate this into something that we can present for the 2006 legislature.

We addressed our criteria for the student scholarship program and decided that each year we will sponsor three students from each college and university in Kentucky with a geology department to attend the KSPG fall field trip. We have not addressed if this should include the banquet.

We also bought up the idea once again to increase dues by a small amount so that we may cover the cost of rising printing fees and maybe offer more to the student scholarship fund. Greg Cornett has volunteered to look at the dues of other similar societies and how we compare to them and whether we should adjust our dues and/or activities.

AAPG presents an award to an outstanding science teacher in Kentucky. Melissa Dieckmann has volunteered to look at the guidelines that will screen teacher applications and make a recommendation to the KSPG Executive Committee that we will present to AAPG.

Patrick Gooding is heading the efforts for a KSPG membership drive to increase our numbers and make our organization known.

Our AAPG Distinguished Lecturer will be arriving February 3rd and will be speaking on “Types of Carbonate Platforms, A Genetic Approach” at the Kentucky Geological Survey, Mining and Mineral Resources Building, at 6 PM.

Miscellaneous Business

Daniel Phelps has sent us a letter looking for support of the Kentucky Paleontological Society Darwin Lecturer. We have supported this series in the past and we will see at our next meeting what we have donated in the past and most likely keep the donation amount the same.

Next Executive Committee meeting was set for Friday, February 20, 2004 at the KGS Core Facility in Lexington off of Iron Works Road.

Voted to adjourn meeting at 2:20 PM.