

KSPG Executive Committee & General Membership Business Meeting
Friday, June 4, 2004
KGS Room 102
Lexington, Kentucky
Richard Smath – President

Attendees: **Richard Smath, Melissa Dieckmann, Gregory Cornett,
Anna Watson, Meg Smath, Jim Drahavzol, Dave Harris.**

Meeting convened at 12:07 PM

Introductory Remarks – Richard Smath

Executive meetings were suspended until business arose that needed to be addressed. A meeting was scheduled for June 4 to hear the presentations of Jim Drahavzol and Dave Harris.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Anna Watson

No formal treasurer's report was delivered. It was noted that the KSPG has \$5,130.00 in savings and \$1,620.18 in checking.

New Business – Richard Smath

Before having the committee reports, we let Jim Drahavzol and Dave Harris have the floor. Their presentations before the committee could then be addressed by chairpersons of the appropriate committees.

Jim Drahavzol brought up the Richard W. Beasley Grant, which is an endowment within the AAPG Foundation that annually bestows a grant to a graduate student to support study and research of petroleum, energy minerals, and related environmental geology in eastern North America. More information can be found at <http://www.karl.nrcce.wvu.edu/esaapg/beardsley.html>.

The fund currently has \$10,158; a minimum of \$12,500 is needed to annually fund a \$500 award. In 2004 Eastern Section AAPG directly awarded the \$500. Each member society is being asked to contribute \$500, and six of them have already contributed. Jim was asking if KSPG (which is an Eastern Section affiliated society) would be willing to contribute a one-time donation of \$500. The Executive Committee unanimously voted to donate the \$500.

Next Jim brought up the "Teacher of the Year Award." He asked if KSPG makes an award, and if so could we coordinate it with the Eastern Section AAPG award process (<http://www.aapg.org/business/awards/teacher.cfm>), which could lead to our nominee being eligible for a national AAPG "Award for K-12 Excellence in the Teaching of Natural Resources in the Earth Sciences." Melissa Dieckmann has become a one-person committee to follow through and establish a KSPG "Teacher of the Year" award. It will follow the same guidelines as AAPG's process. She will be creating the guidelines and application in a PDF format that will be posted on appropriate Web sites and listservs. Melissa noted that other affiliated societies in other states that nominate a "Teacher of the Year" will award their state winner a cash sum and then submit the winner's name to Eastern Section AAPG. She suggested that KSPG award a cash prize of \$250, which would make the process of filling out the forms worthwhile. The executive committee again voted unanimously to make this a yearly award and also recommended that the state winner be invited to the KSPG annual fall field trip and be presented a plaque at the banquet. The only expense that they would need to absorb would be the transportation and hotel room.

Next Dave Harris brought forth the prospect of KSPG co-sponsoring an Eastern Section AAPG meeting in Lexington in 2006 or 2007. The last time KSPG co-sponsored the Eastern Section AAPG was in 1997, and we did it with The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP). Eastern Section AAPG puts up seed money that the society then uses to put the meeting together, and once the meeting is done, AAPG splits any profits with KSPG. In 1997 we split \$2000 in profits with TSOP. The committee voted to co-sponsor the Eastern Section AAPG in 2007. Dave will submit this request and more will be announced as it progresses.

Old Business – Richard Smath

David Jackson submitted his report on the progress of the GIT licensure program via e-mail. He has been extremely busy contacting states that have this program implemented and creating a draft that he will present to Sheila Burton of the Legislative Research Commission. Ms. Burton will evaluate the draft and give Dave some insight on the legislative process. By getting this all together, we can have a draft ready for presentation for the 2006 legislature.

We have addressed the KSPG desire to be more involved in awards and scholarships to students and teachers in the earth science field. We are increasing our involvement, and in doing so we have brought up the idea of increasing our dues in order to help fund these and other activities relevant to the society. Greg Cornett is head of that one-person committee and presented the dues structures of some other related societies. The comparison showed that our members get “More Bang for the Buck.” We have discussed raising the dues to \$15 a year. Greg will present his research and the KSPG’s services in the upcoming newsletter for feedback from the membership.

The fall field trip is progressing and it will be fleshed out more in the upcoming newsletter as well as more detail from the committees

Miscellaneous Business

Pictures and dialog version of the Middlesboro 2003 KSPG field trip are close to being added to the KSPG Web site. We switched servers here at the KGS and temporarily lost our ability to ftp to the Web site.

Next Executive Committee meeting was set for when the final preparations need to be made for the field trip. It will be announced well in advance.

Voted to adjourn meeting at 1:23 PM.