AIPG Wi Chapter

Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Meeting Site: Zoom Time: 12:30

Participants: Heather Hallett, Chris Lilek, Paula Leier-Engelhardt, Thomas Kettinger, Trevor Nobile, Rebecca Butcher

Representing: AIPG

Summary By: Trevor Nobile Distribution: AIPG Executive Board

Reason for Meeting: June 2021 monthly Executive Board Meeting

Summary of Discussion:

1. Review and approval of April and May 2021 meeting minutes. No changes. Motion to approve as presented by Chris Lilek. Second by Thomas Kettinger. Aye – 6, No – 0. Minutes approved.

2. Treasurers Report: No update at this time, Andy Graham to follow up.

3. Discussion w/ WGNHS, sponsoring intern/project: Paula Leier-Engelhardt had call with Ian Orland and Dyanna Czeck (UWM). UWM has started with a program called Go ForWARD Dyanna said they wanted to introduce people to geology, give them an opportunity. Introduce at freshman or sophomore level, increase the number of peoples from unrepresented groups. Now up to 20% underrepresented groups but need to do more. Started another program, Let’s Geo, with help of NSF grant. Focus on having people that are excited about the discipline, but now showing that one can make a living on it. Mentors set up that work with students (alumni support), working with GZA, Ramboll, DNR, etc. Focused on the skills that are needed next. Many underrepresented (parents/kids or caretaker for other adults, etc.) is very difficult. Example of a class in Waukesha (stream study). Funding sources discussed (should think about $600, for the summer of 2022). Should have something to colleges by January and finalized by February. Options for doing field work, state lands (Mirror Lake, Rib Mountain, etc.) or places that are close to other universities. Looking for comments/feedback from the Board, is one worth more time than others? Anything else to keep in mind? Other considerations? Could go up to $750 if needed. Will be in the field with someone from the DNR and/or Survey. Chris Lilek motions to move this forward. No contact to sign yet. Paula Leier-Engelhardt needs to follow up to see if they need us to pick a specific project or if we can just proceed as proposed. Get comments to Paula Leier-Engelhardt ASAP to keep this moving along.

4. Discussion w/ MN Section regarding reimbursement for ASBOG exam: No update at this time.
5. Discussion with MI Section re: joint field trip during 2022 National AIPG in Marquette, MI: People in charge of the field trip (Mark Petri - retired from Michigan EGLE) and Al Blaske (AECOM). Paula Leier-Engelhardt spoke with Al, Al had contacted various field trips and decide to hold off for now because of COVID. Marquette is for sure, Al is going to contact the previous contacts as before. They had been contacted by WI AIPG as well as someone else to do a field trip on the border. Interest in doing a trip, a lot of proposed locations are farther away from Marquette. A lot set up in the regional area. Michigan indicated that things should be back up and running in September. Holding until the end of August or first week of September.

6. Recent changes to Wis. Admin. Code, Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (Chapter A-E): Paula Leier-Engelhardt getting notices on approval on continuing education (PE related). No geologists listed. Suspected that the geologists board is not active for consideration at this time. Future reoccurring update topic.

7. Earth Science Week (October 2021) – Are there resources we can provide? Save for next time.

8. Joint field trip with MN Section: Save for next time.

9. Other discussion topics? None.


11. Next WI Chapter Board Meeting: Monday, July 26, 2021 12:30 to 1 pm