AIPG WI Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Meeting Site: Zoom  Date/Time: February 22, 2021 12:30

Participants: Heather Hallett, Chris Lilek, Rebecca Butcher, Paula Leier-Engelhardt, Andy Graham, Thomas Kettinger

Representing: AIPG

Summary By: Heather Hallett  Distribution: AIPG Executive Board

Reason for Meeting: January 2021 Monthly Executive Board Meeting

Attendees - Chris Lilek, Heather Hallett, Paula Leier-Engelhardt, Andy Graham, Rebecca Butcher, Thomas Kettinger

Summary of Discussion:

1. Chris moved to accept previous meeting minutes. Thomas seconded. All attendees in favor. Andy will post to the website.

2. Treasurers Report from Andy: No changes from last month to account balances. Jayne has turned over the role of treasurer to Andy and Andy has the materials he needs to proceed. Andy needs to get WI section tax report to National by April 1. Account balances added after the meeting was adjourned: Checking account -- $5,013.23; Savings account – $15, 977.53.

3. PFAS lunchtime webinar with Eurofins. 40 people signed up on Facebook. City of Marinette will attend and thanked us for organizing. Also have several attendees from our previous PFAS conference will be attending webinar. Asked BOD members to review the notice and let Chris know if any changes are necessary. No changes necessary, so Chris or Rebecca will send out a notice email.

4. Chris will be attending a national meeting next weekend (virtually) and wants to know if there is anything national can help us with. Chris is the 2021 National AIPG Section liaison and as such will be contacting other state sections to see if we could work on small group projects with other sections. Two things discussed: 1.) joint field trip with MN/WI, perhaps along the Mississippi locks; 2.) discussion with other sections on their efforts to support/increase diversity.

5. Results of survey sent to BOD members to get input on how to spend our WI chapter money. Paula read summary of survey results that was sent to the BOD members. Had a discussion about sponsoring HAZWOPER training and the response was favorable. Plan to offer reimbursement of fees for online HAZWOPER 40-hour training ($200-$250 per person) to a limited number (4 to 5) of student WI-AIPG members. Plan to advertise at colleges in WI where we already have AIPG student chapters to start with. This plan may increase student memberships. Having HAZWOPER certification may help students and recent graduates get an advantage in applying for jobs and summer internships. Paula will draft an announcement to be sent to WI chapters and universities.
Also talked about sponsoring ASBOG exam preparation materials and/or exam fees for student members. The original suggestion had been to sponsor the exam preparation materials, but instead may consider reimbursing the cost to take the exam.

Discussed sponsoring a student intern to WGNHS. WGNHS has expressed interest in this idea and wanted us to suggest specific topics of study. The BOD agreed that field experience and GIS are important areas and Paula will suggest that to WGNHS to see what they think. There was some discussion about how much to offer for an internship sponsorship and suggestions ranged from $2,000 to $5,000. Paula will try to get more information from WGNHS about how many hours of work they expect and how much they are able to offer.

6. Heather moved to adjourn at 1:00. Andy seconded. All in attendance in favor. Meeting ended at 1:00.