

DRAFT Minutes

SD-AIPG Annual Meeting
Wednesday March 8, 2017
Pierre, SD

The Annual Meeting of the South Dakota (SD) chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) was held during the SD Environmental & Ground Water Quality Conference, at the Ramkota Inn, in Pierre, SD, on Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 11:30 AM.

President Tim Kenyon called the meeting to order.

Attached is a scan of the membership and visitors who were present.

Reading and approval of minutes

The minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were not available, so they will be read and approved at the 2018 annual meeting.

Reports/Old Business

1) Gary Haag (Treasurer) was unable to attend the meeting due to work/travel restrictions. He sent the following report.

a) The current balance in our two accounts are as follows.

Checking: \$1,528.77

Savings: \$5,040.62

b) Attached is a copy of the most recent bank statement.

c) The tax form will be filled out soon – once the tax form is sent in to National, then the SD section will receive a portion of the members' dues monies back (from National). The monies we received in this manner in recent years, is listed below:

2016 \$480.00

2015 \$510.00

2014 \$440.00

2013 \$440.00

2012 \$440.00

2011 \$380.00

d) A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. The motion passed.

2) Tim Kenyon mentioned that the new National Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Johnson, has been in office for several months. The former Director, Bill Siok, retired in June of 2016. Additional information follows (copied from TPG -- the Jul.Aug.Sep 2016 issue).

"The American Institute of Professional Geologists, a service and educational organization serving the geosciences since 1963, has announced the selection of Aaron Johnson, PhD as its new executive director. Johnson will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of William Siok, CPG. The selection was made after a national search and selection process. "We are very pleased to announce this appointment," reported AIPG President Helen Hickman. "Dr. Johnson will bring new leadership and creativity to AIPG's programs and a fresh perspective to AIPG's continuing mission in support the geosciences and its practitioners." Dr. Johnson's resume includes over 20 years of planning, administration, communications, fund-raising, and teaching

experience in the academic sector. He was awarded a doctorate in Geological Sciences in 2003 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding contributions to teaching and research. "My work with non-profit organizations has allowed me to develop a management philosophy grounded in the concept that people are the most important resource in an organization," remarks Johnson. I believe it's imperative to "strike a balance between dedication to the mission of the organization and outlining a bold vision for the future." Dr. Johnson will officially assume the role beginning August 22."

Foster Sawyer noted that Dr. Johnson has a South Dakota connection – he has taught at the Black Hills Natural Sciences Field Station.

3) SD-AIPG Scholarship report and update

- a) After the 2016 annual meeting, scholarship ideas were drafted, and multiple opportunities for revisions were communicated by email within the group.
- b) For discussion purposes, Sarah Chadima provided a simplified one-page summary about the proposed scholarship at this meeting. It was decided to recirculate the two draft final Word documents again; they are dated 5-13-2016. The first document is a compilation of the group's expectations regarding the scholarship, and the other document focuses on the details of the proposed scholarship.
- c) There was discussion about the composition of the SD-AIPG Scholarship Committee. Currently the Word document states that the Committee would consist of the current President, the immediate Past-President, and the President-Elect, with the current President being in charge of the committee.
- d) Although - it was discussed that it is time to make a decision whether to go forward with this scholarship, no motion was made to do so.

4) On behalf of the entire group, Tim Kenyon expressed our thanks to Tom Durkin for updating our website and keeping it current.

5) With genuine pleasure, Tim Kenyon presented the 2017 ***JP Gries Geologist of the Year*** award to Gary Haag (via cell phone). Gary is a long-time member and leader of the SD section of AIPG. Gary has served for many years in a variety of officer positions, and he continues to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Over the years he has had a great impact on our organization, continuing to contribute his time and effort for the growth and benefit of the Section.

Joanne Noyes and Foster Sawyer will journey to Custer soon, and present the plaque to Gary Haag, in person. After a receiving a photo of this event, Sarah Chadima will prepare a summary paragraph for a press release and for the SD-AIPG website.

6) Leadership changes and partial replacement/election of officers

- a) President Tim Kenyon formally announced his intent to sail the ocean blue with his wife, for a one-year period beginning in September 2017! As shipboard communication may be somewhat unreliable, Tim cannot fulfill the obligations of his term and he asked that Sarah Chadima (as President-Elect) move into the President position. A motion was made and seconded to accept Tim's resignation. The motion passed.
- b) After much discussion, it was moved and seconded that the President and President-Elect positions be voted on today, and that both offices would begin concurrently at the conclusion of today's meeting (with terms to continue on a two-year basis). This would reset the terms for these two offices. It also means that SD-AIPG will hold officer elections at every annual meeting; the

President and President-Elect would be selected one year, and on alternate years the Treasurer and Secretary would be elected. This timing reset will benefit the organization by allowing the officers better communication via overlap and transitioning. A motion was made and seconded to accept this change. The motion passed.

- c) It was moved and seconded that Sarah Chadima move into the President's position at the conclusion of today's meeting. The motion passed.
- d) A motion was made and seconded for Derric Iles to take over Tim Kenyon's position as Past-President for the next 2-year period. This begins at the conclusion of today's meeting. The motion passed.
- e) Nominations were opened to fill the President-Elect position. It was moved and seconded that Linda Watts accept the new President-Elect position. It was moved, seconded, and passed that nominations cease. Linda was selected as our new President-Elect by a unanimous vote. Again, her term begins at the conclusion of today's meeting. Her position will be a 2-year term to be reset (like the President's term), offset annual with the Secretary and Treasurers' positions.

New business

1) Attached is a list of past field trips enjoyed by this group.

2) Proposed 2017 Summer Field Trip

Derric Iles proposed a boat-based field trip for this year's summer field trip. We would spend a day primarily on a pontoon boat (or two), and travel the shores of Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton, SD. Derric shared a draft field guide book..

The date of Saturday, August 19, 2017 was chosen for this event. The field trip would run from 10 am to approximately 4pm.

A discussion followed regarding the pontoon boat rental costs. It was decided that once costs have been fine-tuned, based in part on the number of people who commit to attend, that a fixed fee would be set for each person (an example of \$55/person was used). The Section may have to rent two boats rather than one. A motion was moved, seconded and passed to run this field trip, to set a fixed fee for participants, and to authorize the Section to spend an additional amount on the field trip as necessary. Tim Kenyon volunteered to organize the logistics once the marina opens (i.e., boating reservations/costs & expenses, costs, and invitations to participate. Derric Iles will finalize the field trip notes. A potluck grill-out would follow the field trip at Sarah Chadima and Dick Hammond's cabin on the Nebraska side of the river.

Details and a map will be sent out, at a time closer to the date of the event.

3) Foster Sawyer announced that Tom Durkin was a 2016 recipient of the ***National AIPG Section Leadership Award***. From the Awards Brochure (attached): "The AIPG Section Leadership Award was established by the Executive Committee in 2013 to recognize one or more of members who have demonstrated a long-term commitment and have been long-term contributors to AIPG at the section level. AIPG has many sections where one or more individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership for their section and in many instances kept the section together and moving forward. These individuals are commonly not known at the National level or by AIPG members outside of their sections, however, their contributions have been vital to their sections and they perform this work because of their commitment to our profession and AIPG." **Congratulations** and thank you Tom!

4) Sarah Chadima announced that Foster Sawyer also received recognition at the National level this past year. Foster received the ***2016 Presidential Certificate of Merit***. From the Awards Brochure

(attached): "the 2016 Presidential Certificate of Merit is awarded for demonstrating a superior level of service to AIPG under difficult and unusual circumstances."

Foster was also awarded the **2016 Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award**. From the Awards Brochure (attached): "The Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award was established by the Executive Committee in 1979 in posthumous honor of the first president of the Institute. Martin Van Couvering made the presidency a full-time occupation for the first two years of the Institute's history. His dynamic leadership, diplomacy, and organizational abilities established the solid foundation from which the Institute has grown. Few, if any, have given so much to the Institute. The most important criterion for the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award is service to the Institute. As in other awards, a wide variety of contributions to the Institute may be considered. By far the most important contribution a geologist can make to the Institute is that of time. It is the contributions by individuals to the Sections, the committees, and special projects that enable the Institute to enhance the practice of geology."

Foster was also recognized as a **Past President** member of the **2016 National Executive Committee**. [Congratulations](#) and thank you Foster!

- 5) A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Chadima,
Temporary Recording Secretary