

**NORTHEAST SECTION – AIPG
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 10, 2005, 4 PM
Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.
White Plains, New York**

- I. **Call to Order:** Dan St. Germain, Dennis McGrath, Bob Stewart, John Bass, Arnie Schiffman, Bill Prehoda, Bob Blauvelt. Via phone: Sam Gowen. Dick Young and H. Tom West arrive after call to order. Meeting minutes by Kurt Stokes.
- II. **Secretary Report:** The December 2004 Secretary meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the meeting minutes with noted revisions was presented. The motion to approve the December meeting minutes was seconded and approved by an Executive Committee vote.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The January '05 Treasurer's report was reviewed. Arnie mentioned the 2004 Annual Meeting account has been closed (transferred to NEAIPG Section account) as described in his report. AIPGNE to pay national AIPG \$10,653.51 from the 2004 Annual meeting account. Arnie also mentioned a 990EZ form will need to be filed for 2005 for the NE Section account. The Angelo Tagliacozza (AT) Scholarship account was also reviewed and discussed. Arnie advised that AIPGNE should issue an AT scholarship this year (2005) under our tax exempt status. The motion to approve the treasurer's report was seconded and approved by an Executive Committee vote.
- IV. **Correspondence:** Bob Blauvelt distributed a letter dated 1/5/2005 from AIPG National President Robert Font for our information. An email received from Aerotek.com, a staffing firm, was discussed. It was decided to suggest to Aerotek to advertise in our newsletter to solicit business. Aerotek can also join AIPG as a non CPG- member if desired. Dick Young will follow up regarding potential advertising in our Newsletter. An email memo dated 1/7/2005 from Dick Young to the NEAIPG ExCom Membership describing the Background Info on the AT Scholarship and Perpetual Trust Fund was distributed. A Memo dated 12/30/04 from JJP to the NYSCPG File regarding the "2005 Action Plan" was distributed.
- V. **Old Business:** Sam Gowen updated the current status of the NY State Licensing efforts. Sam met with Assemblyman Canestrari regarding the bill on January 10, 2005. Adjustments to the bill still need to be made. The brief meeting was productive and such issues as a masters degree (don't need) and the use of the word "Professional Geologist" (desired) were discussed. Canestrari assistant Greg Olsen is helping our case. Steve Englebright (also a geologist) is also assisting with passing the bill. The bill will be re-introduced to the NYS Senate and Assembly this year and then it could go to the floor for

a vote. Passing the Assembly is the key. Call Sam if you are interested with supporting/continuing to lobby the bill. The \$3K donation to the NYS licensing effort agreed upon in Dec. '04 was discussed; another possible \$2K donation was shelved for future discussion. The \$1K donation to the Kentucky Section for the 2005 Annual Meeting Icebreaker and the \$3K to National AIPG agreed upon in Dec. '04 were discussed, checks to be cut immediately. Bob Blauvelt to coordinate the donation to the Kentucky Section.

- VI. **New Business:** Bob Stewart requested assistance with compiling and distributing the "News from Members" part of the section newsletter. Bob also requested help with editing the newsletter. Bob Blauvelt will update the Section in March regarding upgrading our section's website. Dan St. Germain raised the issue of scheduling the Spring 2005 Section meeting. Lamont Dougherty was suggested as a meeting location. Dan will look into. A subject to discuss at the spring meeting needs to be identified. Earthquakes/tsunamis was raised as a possible subject. West Point was also raised as a possible Fall Meeting Location or even as a back up for the Spring meeting. The issue of holding/conducting a geophysical one-day short course in the summer was explored preliminarily. Perhaps it's best to plan this for 2006. Dick Young described that the Newsletter advertising revenue was on target for this year (approx. \$16K). Dick handed out the 2005 advertising rate schedule and asked we hand out to our sub-contractors to solicit additional advertising. Bob Stewart also asked for the Presidential Ramblings be forwarded to him for the next newsletter, also for members to supply information on Geology in the News, and Member News, digital pictures can also be included and published now in the newsletter
- VII. **Status of Angelo Tagliocozzo Scholarship:** Dennis McGrath referred to the scholarship Memo dated 12/30/04 prepared by Dick Young (see correspondence above), which is an excellent summary of the history of the Scholarship. Dennis stated that Arnie S., Craig W., Dick Young and Dennis discussed re-evaluating the AT goals in a conference call last week. This committee to provide input to the Exec. Committee regarding the AT Fund/Scholarship. Arnie S. stated he has a copy of the AT Trust Fund by-laws, which can be clarified and amended. The Trustees decide the future of the fund and strategic investing for the Fund. By March we need to identify Scholarship applicants for this year's award (2005). H. Tom West volunteers to assist Dennis G. with the effort including applicant package submission review. Up to \$4K in scholarship money can be awarded this year. Dennis to also distribute past scholarships sponsors such as universities to proactively seek and update this year's applicants. After the 2005 scholarship(s) are awarded then the goal of the AT Trust Fund can be continued to be evaluated, i.e. investment objectives/goals/principal preservation etc. Dick Young seeks feedback in this regard.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** 18:20 hours.

