

**NORTHEAST SECTION – AIPG
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2006
Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.
White Plains, New York**

- I. **Call to Order:** Bill Prehoda, Dan St. Germain, Dennis McGrath, Bob Stewart, Bob Blauvelt, Dick Young, Jon Bass, Craig Werle, Arnie Schiffman and Tom West via phone. Meeting minutes by Kurt Stokes.
- II. **Secretary Report:** The January 17, 2006 meeting minutes were distributed for review and comment prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was presented. The motion to approve the March meeting minutes was seconded and approved by an Executive Committee (Ex-Com) vote.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The March 6, 2006 Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was seconded and approved by an Ex-Com vote.
- IV. **Correspondence:** Bob Stewart presented a letter he received from the Minnesota Section asking for a donation for the 2006 National meeting in St. Paul. It was discussed and agreed our Section would donate \$1,000 towards the 2006 National meeting. Bob Stewart will be our Section liaison with the Minnesota Section.
- V. **Old Business:** New York State Geologist License: Craig Werle discussed that Marjory Rinaldo-Lee, NYSCPG President, was still seeking assistance with identifying an Assembly sponsor as the bill has passed the Senate. Also the bill as it stands now is most likely to have the best chance of passing with a MS degree or majoring re-working of the bill will be required. The Bill's status is still to be determined.

Section Web Page- status quo. The Section just placed a notice in the current Newsletter requesting a new webmaster for 2007.

- VI. **New Business:** The final plans for Section's Spring Meeting at the Peabody Museum - Yale University Geology Department were discussed. Jon Bass is leading the coordination with Yale for this May 18 event. Jon is developing a final itinerary with general Section membership joining the Ex-Com at 3:30pm, dinner at 5:30-6:00pm, speaker set for 7:30 PM or before.

Bob Blauvelt will attend the NE GSA Meeting on March 20 and 21st in Hershey Pa., and an AIPG booth will be set up to assist with recruitment and to distribute information regarding the AT Scholarship.

Dan discussed that the AIPG Foundation has proposed matching funds if we develop proposals or ideas to assist AIPG National on a larger scale basis or to assist our Section, an example would be a proposal as to how do we build Section and therefore National membership or assist us with our AT scholarship Funds via Section of National contributions. Dan will call back to follow up and state that the Section will think about this between now and our May 2006 meeting.

We discussed our annual Section budget, how should we manage our discretionary funds prudently. Past budget management lessons learned were discussed as part of our budget review.

The new Newsletter team published their first newsletter on time and the transition went well to Bill Prehoda and associates as Editor. The existing advertisers have renewed substantially for this year, which is key to maintain our Section annual revenue stream. We need to identify a new copy editor as Liz Elliott is moving to the west coast.

We also discussed an approach to ATMGS succession planning so this can be prudently planned for in the future. We reviewed the succession wording in the ATMGS by-laws.

Dan described that AIPG National is looking into expanding on-line training as a way to expand revenue generation to supplement annual dues.

- VII. **Status of Angelo Tagliacozzo (AT) Scholarship:** Dennis discussed that the Scholarship committee selected six scholarship winners from the 19 applicants received in 2005. A total scholarship amount of \$8,500 was decided upon for this year. It was discussed that perhaps the yearly dollar amount and number of awards should be agreed upon in advance prior to publishing the Scholarship announcement as a function of the Section's current financial status. Also it was discussed that more than two applicants per school should continue to be allowed so as to encourage applications to be submitted. Going forward, the Section discussed if the Section should continue to fund the scholarships awarded each year by making an equivalent contribution to the Fund. If agreed upon this will enable the Fund to continue to grow. Further discussion of this issue is needed. This year the Section will donate an additional \$5,000 to the Fund to supplement a previous contribution of \$5,000. This will exceed the total of \$8,500 being awarded. Going forward disbursement decisions will be made on a year-to-year basis based on thorough discussions and the Sections financial status. Dennis will lead a sub-committee to evaluate the rational for future fund disbursement in light of the intent of the AT scholarship.

Adjournment: 18:15 hours.