

AAPG Youth Education Activities Committee

Agenda for Annual Committee Meeting

AAPG Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

June, 2009

Date: Wednesday, June 10 7:00 – 9:00 am

Notes from the meeting (original agenda shown in Blue)

- I. **Introductions** (see below for members in attendance)
- II. **YEA Accomplishments for 2008-2009**
 - a. **Website improvements-**
 - i. there has been a division between information for the committee which can be found at (<http://www.aapg.org/committees/yea/>) if there is information that you would like to share with the committee please send it to me digitally and I will post it to our website
 - ii. the second division is with information for teachers or AAPG members wanting to do outreach in the classroom. This information can be found at (<http://www.aapg.org/k12resources/index.cfm>). This site needs additional contributions and needs to change regularly, so please make contributions.
 - b. **Handbook**
 - i. one of the bullets on the k12 resources page takes you to the place to digitally download the handbook. Please find the file at (<http://www.agiweb.org/education/aapg/index.html>)
 - c. **Teacher of the Year introductions (Mary Fitts and Ty Robinson)**
 - i. Ty Robinson attended the committee meeting and gave great feedback for what teachers need. (See also note below from the teacher's workshop). Ty has agreed to be the contact person for the Past and Present Teachers of the Year Community. Stay tuned for more information.
- III. **Update on AGI Activities by Ann Bebow (www.agiweb.org)**
 - a. AGI has put together many resources for the public and teachers. The website is worth a visit and includes the following as a few examples:
 - b. Existing Curricula
 - c. Professional development for teachers, outreach programs-subsidized by AAPG
- IV. **Update on "Maps in Schools program" by Owen Hopkins (checkout website www.ccgeo.org)**
 - a. Received a grant from AAPG
 - b. Participation is growing
 - c. Partnership with "Rocks in your Head"
- V. **"Why Geoscience?" Careers DVD by Lee Billingsley (video can be downloaded from <http://www.aapg.org/k12resources/GeoscienceExplained.cfm>)**
 - a. Video was produced by a teacher to be used in the classroom
 - b. Can be downloaded and copied without copyright problems.
 - c. Main question that committee discussed was the best way to distribute this video?
- VI. **Update of AAPG Headquarters K-12 activities by Rebecca Griffin, Ron Hart, Susan Nash**
 - a. Susan has started hosting webinars and other new resources for education can be found at <http://www.aapg.org/education/>
 - b. Always looking for feedback on ways to improve the website overall.
- VII. **Summary of Teacher workshop by Norb Cygan**
 - a. 17 teachers attended
 - b. Wish list for what resources are most needed in the classroom includes:
 - c. A successful integration of the TOTY and the Annual Teacher Program tied to the meeting were achieved. Participants really liked the curriculum materials that was discussed by Mary Fitts.
- VIII. **Introduction of One Laptop per Child program by John Stout (<http://laptop.org/en/>)**
 - a. The program involves getting durable, inexpensive laptops to children around the world.
 - b. Support has been requested from the AAPG Foundation.

IX. Other committee member activities (scouting, Science ambassadors, other agencies)

X. Suggestions from Rick Fritz

- a. Funds are available; programs need an advocate and a very specific proposal with a comprehensive plan.
- b. Corporate advisory board has specifically requested K-12 related projects.
- c. Geoclubs in High School.

XI. Suggestions from Scott Tinker

- a. Texas has just passed a required 4th year science for a high school diploma. Currently a curriculum is being written for a capstone course on Earth System Sciences.
- b. GeoForce is a successful program at UT to encourage minority communities to attend college and major in earth science (<http://www.jsu.utexas.edu/geoforce/>)
- c. A documentary is being produced to address our energy future. Working title is "The Bridge."

XII. Goals for 2009-2010-meeting ran long and prioritization and task assignment did not get accomplished. More time needs to be allowed at the meeting in New Orleans.

- a. Prioritize
- b. Assign leader for each task

XIII. General Note: All committee members need to recruit others to forward our initiatives. For some of these ideas to come to fruition they need advocates!

XIV. In Attendance:

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