A.I.P.G. Student Chapter of Central Michigan University
Annual Report 2018

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Chapter Information

Current Members – 20
Number of Meetings - 29

National & State Section Meetings:

In the fall semester 5 of our student members made their way down to Nashville, Tennessee for the AIPG National Conference and it is without a doubt better than the GSA National Conference. During our organizations national meeting we met professionals not only from America, but Canada and Europe. The men and women who attended this event truly cared for us students and took time to meet with us and were sincere in wanting to better our lives. The top two moments of the conference was the “Speed Dating” with professionals where we had five minutes to sit and speak with every professional and got to know what they were about and if they could help us directly. From this event our members got crucial tips and information. The other most memorable moment was when us students got to stand up and ask a question to everyone in attendance and one of our members asked such a good question every professional chimed in and it took approximately twenty minutes for everyone to be satisfied with their answers!

Over the course of this school year our chapter has attended the most state section meetings it has ever done over two semesters. We attended the Michigan Section Meetings in; Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and Mount Pleasant. Despite the stress it puts on our school work, we are feel that these are immensely beneficial and serve a great purpose for us students. Everyone who has attended them this year felt the warm atmosphere and knew they were welcome!

During our Mount Pleasant Section Meeting we had 21 students attend, which was the most we have ever had present. This was the first time attending the meeting for some of our members, which demonstrates the increase in participation throughout our chapter! One of CMU’s graduate students, Stephan Hlohowskyj, gave an insightful presentation on the geology and research being done in the Galapagos of Ecuador.

Figure 1 – Ann Arbor State Section Meeting

Figure 2 – Kalamazoo State Section Meeting

Figure 3 – Mount Pleasant State Section Meeting

Figure 4 – Nashville, Tennessee National Conference
**Fundraising:**

This year has been a successful one for our student chapter regarding our fundraising. We have now implemented an organization iPad and Square Credit Card Processor. Thanks to our clever Treasurer, Jayson Olivera, we are now able to ensure we can make sales even when people don’t have cash with them! It has been an issue in the past where we can’t make many sales because not as many people carry their cash with them, now that issue is a thing of the past! We have also raised some funds by creating flannels and t-shirts that our members have bought! Thanks to our creative Vice President, Megan Miller, we have beautiful apparel to show off around our department and campus.

**Events we have held and participated in:**

This year we had one guest speaker, Montana Krukowski, who is a Central Michigan University alumni and works for the MDEQ doing contamination investigation. He visited us on our first organization meeting this year and it was fantastic. The students who are interested in getting into the environmental field of Geology asked many questions and have kept in contact with him. Anyway we can broaden our network of professionals is highly sought after!

Another activity that we are proud to boast about is our Field Camp Preparation Day which was held on two days, March 24th and March 30th. Our Vice President, Megan Miller, created this idea and ensured it happened for our members who will be attending field camp this summer. They went over what to pack, how to use a Brunton, topographic map review, Stereonet plots, and general advice for those who participated. The students who attended this event were very happy and felt like they were positively impacted and more prepared for their field camp.

**Member Shout Out:**

One of the highlights of our year was seeing different members use their talents within the organization! Kailey Grey spent hours of dedication working to put together field trips for our student chapter. Her work opened up our communication with our school and advisors. Jayson Olivera about doubled our rock sale earnings by providing for us a Square Credit Card Processor. Jayson also put in the time to analyze our sales which helps us better understand how we can improve fundraising in the future! Megan Miller went above and beyond putting together apparel and hosting a “field camp day” event! Our chapter apparel will give us a stylish sense of pride across campus! Megan’s work in organizing field camp day was crucial as it strengthened the mapping skills of our members! We thank you for your dedication and cannot wait to see you next year! Our chapter plans to increase AIPG meeting attendances outside of the Michigan Section as we plan for the meeting in September that will be held in Colorado Springs!

**Special Thank You:**

To all the Michigan Section Officers and National Officers who manage the organization of the AIPG we genuinely mean it when we say thank you. Without the hard work and dedication you put into this organization we students would not be able to have the exciting and professional lifestyle we lead right now. It has honestly changed our lives for the better, making us more prepared to graduate and become proficient leaders within the field of geology and society!
Funding from AIPG:

Last year our student chapter received funding to help our organization participate and operate effectively. This year we used all our provided funding to attend the AIPG National Conference and create our T-shirts. We spent $800.00 for our registration fees to attend the conference, $433.90 on our hotel fees, and $170.01 in gas. For our large T-shirt fundraiser we spent $294.30 to initially buy them and we are going to have the students pay us back as they buy them. Also to raise funds we had to invest in buying rocks and minerals, we spent $402.80 this year for them. In total we spent $2,270.02.

For the AIPG National Conference five student members benefited from this. Regarding the t-shirts 15 students so far have bought them!

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