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RE: Michigan section AIPG**From: Bob Minning (minning@msn.com)****Sent: Mon 4/15/13 1:33 PM****To: everett@acd.net (everett@acd.net)**

Ed: Great talking to you last week and glad to see that you are still doing well. Please say Hello for me to any of the old gang you run into. Seems like last week was remembrances from the past as I got a call from Jerry Rutter who was in town. We had lunch on Sat and I mentioned our conversation. He said to say HI. FYI - he looked "well worn"!! but still the same Rut.

Reflecting back on the early days in Michigan, I recall that most of the early work was focused on water supply and that the Michigan Dept. of Public Health played a big role - Don Keech for one. Then in the late 70's, the industry was propelled forward with the Penn State Univ. field studies touting the benefits of "land application of waste water-the earth as a living filter". That really kicked our profession into gear. Projects like Muskegon County and the experiments at Mich. State were key. During that period, the APGS members worked closely with the drillers and their Michigan Groundwater Association. Harry Brown, Virgil Sterns and a guy from Ann Arbor (?) were key in the interface along with you as I recall. The early APGS meetings were primarily attended by professors, regulators and consultants with the conversations focused on the ever expanding groundwater industry and attendant regulations. The interfacing between all three groups was very good. There still was not an abundance of private consultants until the late 70's and early 80's when the Love Canal fiasco got national attention and ground water contamination took over as the primary focus of industry, regulators and the consulting community. There weren't enough consultants to go around and private and public business took off. That brought in more members to APGS (AIPG) but, since there was no state requirement for certification of licensure, there was not a lot of motivation for joining. However, competition for work and the commensurate need to demonstrate competency brought a renewed interest in credentials and AIPG. Actually, I am still surprised that Michigan has not adopted a Professional Geologist program. You know the rest of the story!