

American Institute of Professional Geologists

Michigan Section



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From the President's Desk

I am pleased to announce that House Bills 6063 through 6065 (HB 6063-6065), which establish licensure of geologists performing work in the State of Michigan, have been introduced by Rep. Chris Ward of Brighton (66th District). Copies of HB 6063-6065 can be viewed by searching under Chris Ward at:

<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/mileg.asp?page=SponsorSearch>

A Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions about the bill package are available at www.aipg-mi.org.

A news release regarding the introduction of the HB 6063 was in the Detroit News on Tuesday July 20, 2004. A copy of this article can also be viewed at: <http://www.detroitnews.com/2004/livingston/0407/20/b05l-217171.htm>.

The Executive Committee is currently working on several fronts to ensure that the passage of HB 6063-6065 becomes a reality by December 31, 2004. As such, we are calling on all members to provide their help and assistance with accomplishing this goal, namely by staying informed and involved.

One way to help is to download our Legislative Contact Guide Sheet, which is available at our website at www.aipg-mi.org. The guide sheet basically is a set of **talking points** for contacting your local state area representative and senator, and obtaining their feedback regarding the bill package. It is important that we make use of our available resources and maximize our exposure and support for this set of bills. We have also developed an Example Letter, which is posted at our web site, to send to your local legislator that explains the need for PG licensure and requests their support of the bill package. If you have specific questions or would like additional information please contact someone on the Executive Committee.

We also have a few other happenings and announcements. Representative Ward will be our keynote speaker at the next Section meeting,

September 14, at Barnstormer Restaurant in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. We would like to have a large turn-out for this event. In addition, under the leadership of Adam Heft, the AIPG-Michigan Section will host the 2007 National AIPG Conference in Traverse City.

Please stay tuned....

Walter Bolt, CPG

2007 Annual Meeting Update

The planning of the AIPG 44th Annual Meeting to be held in Traverse City, Michigan in October 2007 continues. We have had two Planning Committee meetings, and the next is planned for August 23, 2004, at the offices of SME in Lansing, Michigan. All meetings are open to anyone wanting to attend. Your ideas or suggestions for the meeting are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please send your ideas to myself or one of the other Committee members. My email is hefta@fitzhenne.com, and my phone number is (517) 887-1100.

In addition to myself, the Planning Committee currently consists of the following individuals: Matt Stuk (Program Chairman), Ed Everett (Publicity Chairman), Allen Blaske (Field Trip Chairman), Ty Black (Exhibit Chairman), Gary Dannemiller (Registration Chairman), Tim Woodburne (Short Course Chairman), Dawn Prell, Mark Schult, Maureen Allen, Carol Hefferan, Dave Woltz, and Roger Anderson. We are still in need of someone willing to lead the subcommittee for Spouse Activities and general committee volunteers. If anyone is interested in filling the Spouse Activities position, please contact me. Experience or the amount of time as a member of AIPG is not a factor; if you are willing to help and have ideas for potential spouse tours then you are able to handle the position.

On a related note, the Michigan Section executive committee is working to upgrade the Section website. National has advised us that it is able to host our website, and will provide us more space than we currently have. The Section will still be

responsible for building the site and maintaining content. Walt Bolt has been handling the Michigan Section website, but his other commitments (particularly in spearheading the efforts to establish licensure of geologists in Michigan) have severely limited his time to update the website. If anyone out there has any knowledge about setting up and maintaining a website, please help out the Section by volunteering. The Planning Committee would like to use the website to publish the information about the status of the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Planning Committee Minutes Monday, June 21, 2004: The meeting began at 6:10 pm at the offices of Strata Environmental in Mason. The following individuals were present: Adam Heft, Allan Blaske, Ed Everett, Matt Stuk, Gary Dannemiller, Kevin Lund, Ty Black, Tim Woodburne, and Dave Woltz. As of the time of the meeting, only the Spouse Program Chair remains unfilled. Besides the eight filled Chair positions, we currently have six other volunteers to help out with the planning.

The first planning committee meeting was briefly summarized, and the information obtained by the Section from the National Executive Committee meeting in Dearborn on May 22 was presented. This included information on how profits generated by the meeting (if any) are split with National.

A discussion about possible themes for the meeting took up most of the meeting time. After looking at several options, and trying to find the best phraseology, the theme for the meeting was established. The meeting theme is: *Geology: The Foundation for the Environment and Resources*.

The group next explored possibilities for financial support. A brief discussion was held regarding the difference between sponsors and advertisers of the meeting. It was decided that we will begin compiling a list of potential sponsors and advertisers. Dave Woltz will start the list by compiling possible categories. He will then forward the list electronically to Adam Heft for general distribution. Those on the planning committee will then add contacts (possibly

clients, subcontractors, and regulatory agencies).

A brief discussion was held regarding possibilities for those attending the meeting to be able to access the sponsors/advertisers information via the internet, or through PowerPoint presentations. A suggestion was made to have multiple pc kiosks in the exhibit hall or another room so that people could review information at will. A suggestion was also made to have the PowerPoint presentations for each of the advertisers available on a CD for all meeting attendees. Ty Black will explore this issue further.

Adam Heft will obtain information from National regarding the size/number of rooms required for the various meetings that are held at the time as the National meeting (Foundation trustees, national executive committee, past presidents, etc.). Once this information is available, the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau will be contacted again, and the information provided so that bids for the national meeting can be obtained from the local hotel and convention facilities. We will hopefully have this information by the next planning committee meeting. It was mentioned that we should see that the selected hotel will have internet access available for the meeting, and connections in the rooms.

We discussed the need to begin setting up a timetable with milestone dates for the various stages of planning the meeting. No formal decisions were made, but this will be something that will become more important at the next two planning meetings.

The date of the National Meeting was established. It will begin on Sunday, October 7, 2007, and will end on Thursday, October 11, 2007. There may be pre and post meeting field trips bracketing those dates.

Finally, the next planning meeting date was set. The third planning committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 6:00 pm in the offices of SME, in Lansing, Michigan. Gary Dannemiller will furnish maps and directions prior to the meeting. The meeting finished at 7:40 pm.

Adam Heft, CPG
2007 Annual Meeting General Chairman

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Circulation of the Michigan Section Newsletter is to over 315 members, a number of prospective members, several geology departments, and companies for a total over 415. Circulation is by PDF format posted at www.aipg-mi.org, and US mail for those without e-mail.

Newsletter Sponsors and Advertisements: The Sponsor section is \$15 per name or column inch for copy ready art. Copy preparation at an additional charge is available.

Professional Postings: The Professional Posting section, where you may advertise positions, is \$10 per column inch.

Seeking Employment: Members seeking employment may submit a 50-word listing at no charge.

Articles: The newsletter will feature topics on a quarterly basis, and will have a quarterly deadline for submissions. If you have ideas for topics or articles, query us or submit it!

Authors' opinions in articles are not necessarily the opinions of the Michigan Section or National Headquarters of the AIPG.

Michigan Association Of Environmental Professionals Announces First Annual Environmental Excellence Award Entry Process

NEWS RELEASE: Contact: Ryan Dunning
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DETROIT, MI – JUNE 28, 2004 – The Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals announced today the call for entries for the first annual Environmental Excellence Awards.

The awards will honor one project from each of the three categories: brownfield redevelopment, environmental investigation/remediation and innovative compliance solutions. Each project must have been completed in Michigan and completed between January 2003 and September 2004.

The MAEP Environmental Excellence Awards will recognize environmental professionals that have made outstanding contributions to the industry. They will be evaluated by a panel of industry leaders on effective teaming, project challenges and solutions, original or innovative application of new or existing techniques, and social/economic impact.

“These awards are our way of recognizing those who have contributed to their communities in various ways,” said Ryan Dunning, Officer of MAEP. “We are looking forward to the response since this is our inaugural competition, and are excited to award these well-deserved honors.”

Registration due August 6, 2004. All entries must be received by September 24, 2004. Winners will be announced at the MAEP annual meeting in December. For registration information, please visit www.maep.org.

Newsletter Notice via E-mail

Save us costs and more quickly receive e-mail regarding meeting announcements and the newsletter posting on the web at www.aipg-mi.org. Please verify or submit an updated e-mail address to Ty Black at tyblack@freeway.net.

Also, if you have not recently verified your information on file with National, go to www.aipg.org, sign on, and check your information on file there.

Seeking Chapter Candidates

Please contact a member of the Executive Committee if you are interested in running for Section Secretary.

Coming Events

September 14, 2004: AIPG Chapter meeting, “House bills for licensure of geologists” by Representative Chris Ward.

Location: Barnstormer, 9411 E-M36, Whitmore Lake, MI. Directions U.S. 23, Exit 54 (west towards Pinckney). Barnstormer, on right, one mile west on M-36.

Schedule: Cash Bar/Check-in 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Dinner: 6:30 Speakers:7:30 to 9:00. 50/50 raffle and additional prizes.

Cost: Students \$25.00, Members \$35.00, Non-members \$40.00.

Dinner: Buffet style, Beef, Chicken and Pasta.

RSVP by September 10. Telephone or e-mail registration with Name, Company, Address, Phone, Fax, and Amount Due to AIPG-Michigan Section, c/o Mr. Scott Cesarz, Superior Environmental, Inc. Contact is 248-596-1170, the FAX is 248-596-1175, and email address is cesarzs@superioreenvironmental.com. Reservations not cancelled by September 10 will be billed. Checks to AIPG-Michigan.

Students attending the meeting and looking for full-time employment after graduation or a part-time summer position can bring several copies of their résumé. Leave one résumé at the sign-in desk upon arrival. Résumés obtained at the meeting are available to AIPG members seeking job candidates by contacting Kevin Lund, lundk@michigan.gov.

August 9-11, 2004: Rocky Mountain Section Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Preregistration deadline is July 9, 2004. For more information call 303-861-2387, e-mail at RMNG2004@aol.com, or visit the websites: www.rmag.org or www.coga.org.

September 8, 2004: MBGS Meeting. The tentative speaker is John Warne, Colorado School of Mines.

September 26-29, 2004: Society of Petroleum Engineers annual meeting Houston, Texas.

October 3-6, 2004: 41st Annual AIPG National Meeting, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York. The meeting theme is “From Extraction to Restoration: Geological Management of Natural Resources.”

October 3-6, 2004: 33rd Annual AAPG Eastern Section Meeting Ramada Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The theme of this year’s meeting is “Still Economic after all these Years.”

May 5-16, 2005: MBGS Grand Canyon Field Trip.

Geology Department Talk Schedules

For a list of interesting geoscience department seminars and talks and other details, visit the web sites listed below.

Western Michigan University
www.wmich.edu/geology/SeminarGeos.html

Michigan State University
www.glg.msu.edu/news/lectures.html

University of Michigan
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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

September 14, 2004

Michigan Chapter American Institute of Professional Geologists

Representative Chris Ward.

will present:

House bills submitted for licensure of geologists

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Dinner: Buffet style, Beef, Chicken and Pasta.

Contact Scott Cesarz at (248) 586-1170 or cesarzs@superiorenvironmental.com
with reservations no later than September 10, 2004

Representative Chris Ward is representative of the 66th District in the Brighton area. Ward was elected to his first term in the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2002. Before his election to the state House, Ward spent six years as Brighton Township clerk. Prior to being clerk, Ward served as a township trustee. Ward was also chair of the Livingston County Republican Party from 1998 to 2001, as well as state chairman of the Michigan Teenage Republicans from 1991 to 1992.

Committee assignments: chair of the House Local Government and Urban Affairs Committee. Also a member of the House Transportation, Land Use and Environment Committee as well as the Health Policy Committee.

Ward is a graduate of Brighton High School. He graduated from Cleary University with a degree in business administration.