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## 2008 Executive Committee

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## 2008 KY-AIPG and OUTREACH MEETING DATES

**January 5** Lexington/Frankfort  
**March 8** Elizabethtown  
**April 26** Owensboro  
**June 28** Lexington/Frankfort  
**August 16** Owensboro/Bowling Green  
**October 11** Lexington/Frankfort  
**December 6** Elizabethtown/other

## A message from the incoming president:

### Dr. James Howard

Greetings and welcome to the new year! I hope to meet most of you sometime during the coming year. I also hope to involve you in some of the current and planned activities in which the Kentucky Section of AIPG is involved.

The theme of this coming year will be outreach. We have developed an active and wide-ranging program of outreach at multiple levels from pre-college and college student involvement through the efforts of Dan Phelps, Frank Etensohn, Charlie Mason, Wes Turner, Larry Rhodes, and I; to involvement with the general public through various media outlets including television, radio, and print. This program is designed to expand the public understanding of the geosciences and recognition of their proper role

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# 40th Anniversary Banquet

## AIPG Kentucky Section

### Radisson Plaza Hotel, Lincoln Room

#### Lexington, Kentucky

Saturday, November 10, 2007



## **SOCIAL HOUR**





## Dinner

## Speeches and Reflections



Dr. Donnie K. Lumm: M.C. and President 2005



Larry R. Rhodes: President 1976 and 1989

## Speeches and Reflections (cont.)



Dr. John C. Philley: President 1988



Mr. Robert E. Fox: President 1992



Mr. Tom Spaulding:  
President 2003



Dr. James F. Howard: President  
1980 and 2008



Professor Charles Mason: President 2002

### AIPG Kentucky Section presidents (l to r)

Charles Mason: 2002  
Tom Spaulding: 2003  
Donnie K. Lumm: 2005  
James F. Howard: 1980 and 2008  
Larry R. Rhodes: 1976 and 1989  
Robert E. Fox: 1992  
John C. Philley: 1988  
Timothy Crumbee: 2006



## 2008 AIPG KY-Section Spring Field Trip and Awards Banquet



Tentative plans for the 2008 KY-AIPG spring field trip and awards banquet are at Lake Cumberland. The date, if it stands, will be May 17, 2008. With the water level still low, this would be a great opportunity to view rocks that were previously below the water. Randy Shields is coordinating with Dr. Stephen Greb of the Kentucky Geological Survey, and Drs. Dave Meyer and Paul Potter from the University of Cincinnati to be field trip leaders. We are planning to tour the dam in the morning, have lunch, and then rent some pontoon boats so that we can cruise around the lake to view some interesting formations and dock at other locations for the possibility of collect-

ing some crinoids and geodes. The field trip will probably be limited to 50 people to limit the number of eight-person pontoon boats at the stops. We will be posting updates on the website, so check occasionally. A final announcement and registration form will be sent out early next year.

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in understanding and combating the many problems facing our modern society.

The Outreach Program, described on our new web page, includes expanding the interaction between AIPG and its sister societies within the state and developing cooperative efforts to utilize the vast talent of expertise and contacts available to our profession in these efforts. This interaction has already been initiated by incorporating members of the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists into the activities of the Outreach Committee and involving them in the media campaign, particu-

larly in the preparation of articles for submission to *Business Lexington*, a 20,000-subscriber publication outlet for the Lexington/Frankfort seven-county metropolitan area. A more complete report on the activities of the Outreach Committee will be published on the web page in December.

Similar outreach efforts are under way to increase cooperation between Kentucky and neighboring AIPG sections, particularly the Virginias and Tennessee sections. Plans for a tri-section spring program and field trip to the Cumberland Dam area are in progress, headed up by Randy

Shields, our new vice president for the Kentucky Section. More details on that effort as the plans and arrangements solidify.

This year major goals will include increasing the level of participation of our members and expanding the awareness of our profession to the general public, legislative bodies, and prospective students, without whom our profession will cease to exist. In that vein, I intend to visit all active earth and environmental science academic programs in the state to make them aware of the resources available through our organization. The experience, contacts,

and knowledge of our members can increase the effectiveness of their programs and better prepare their students for effective integration into the job market in the geosciences. Our Speakers Bureau will be available for presentations at meetings, schools, or other events that you, our members, may identify as appropriate opportunities to spread our message. Take advantage of the resources available or become one yourself.

In addition, we will be scheduling meetings of the Executive Committee and the Outreach Committee in several locations within the state to

encourage attendance by all members of the section. Present plans are to schedule meetings in Owensboro, Lexington, Frankfort, Elizabethtown, and Bowling Green to decrease the driving time for the majority of our membership.

Plans are in development for symposia and potential training programs to upgrade practicing professionals within the state. Details on these efforts will be provided as they are fleshed-out during the next several months.

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efforts described above will be successful without the participation of you, the backbone of the organization. I urge you to join us and become a part of what may be the most important element of our pro-

gram of professional survival. Unless our clients, the general public, understand our value, we cannot fulfill our goal of maintaining a growing and viable profession in modern society. Without the involvement

of students and teachers, our future replacements in the profession, we cannot even survive as a viable profession. If we are successful in our outreach efforts, we ensure our own personal survival as well as

the health and well-being of our profession.

If you have questions on our activities or suggestions, please feel free at any time to contact any member of the Executive or Outreach Com-

mittees. We need your input and your support. This effort cannot be a one-year effort but will require an ongoing commitment by the section and our members to reach our goals. It's time to give back to the profession to which we all owe our livelihood.

## A FEW REMINDERS

**If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the student awards fund, you can send a check to KY-AIPG at P.O. Box 24690, Lexington, KY 40524-4690, earmarking it for the student awards.**

**Do you know a fellow geologist who has made an outstanding contribution in his or her field; maybe it was you? Submit that person's name (does not have to be a KY-AIPG member) and a letter as to why this person would be deserving of the "Geologist of the Year" award to Larry Rhodes, Nominating Chairperson, P.O. Box 24690, Lexington, KY 40524-4690.**

**Also, do you a KY-AIPG member who is deserving of the "Lifetime Achievement" award? Submit that person's name along with a letter as to why this person should be considered for the award. Address your correspondence to Larry Rhodes.**

**University professors, do you have an outstanding geology student? Would he or she like a \$500 KY-AIPG Student Scholarship award? Submit the student's name and a letter of recommendation to Larry Rhodes.**

**All award recipients will be invited to attend the spring field trip and the awards dinner banquet with one invited guest at no charge.**