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# Newsletter

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## 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S LETTER.....

Well, here I am again. Thanks to all of you who decided that another term as President of the Kentucky Section of AIPG was appropriate (I think!). I have been asked to give some thoughts on what in the coming year, so here I go.

1. The number of practicing geoscientists in the State of Kentucky is relatively low. Of the 1600+ Registered Geologists in the state, less than 500 actually reside in the Kentucky. As a result, we have very little actual clout in the political, educational, and regulatory aspects of Kentucky. Since that is the case, I propose to try maximize what influence we have by developing closer integration of the efforts of the Professional Geoscientists in the state. Hopefully this can be accomplished by increasing the communication and coordination between the various professional groups of which we are members. Toward that end, I intend to more closely interact with the Presidents of the KSPG and the IKGS as well as continue my existing offers of visits and presentations to the Academic Institutions offering Geoscience and Environmental curricula. I hope to include greater cooperation in developing and implementing field trips as well as encouraging greater participation in our professional groups by the professionals in Kentucky.

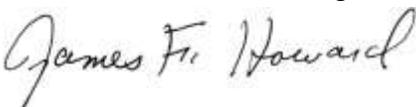
2. In order to aid our practicing geologists in the state, I hope to initiate a program of teaching/training seminars, short courses and conferences which will enhance and upgrade the professional capabilities and credentials of consultants and state employees in Kentucky. These programs will be based primarily on the expertise of contractors and consultants so that the newest elements of the practice become available to our practicing geoscientists, whether in environmental consulting, fossil fuel exploration and development, mining development and any other area in which geologic expertise is appropriate. I hope to have the first program ready to be offered in August, 2010 with subsequent offerings at a rate of one or two events per year thereafter. A core committee of volunteers to help prepare the events is already active in that regard and we will keep you posted on the results as appropriate. Additional volunteers are welcome at any time since this will, I hope, be an ongoing program and there can never be too much input to keep the offerings and subjects fresh and valuable to our professionals.

3. I hope to expand on the excellent start by Faith and Frank Etensohn with respect to outreach to Science Teachers at the Middle and High School level in Kentucky. This effort will include continuing the scholarship program for teachers to our field trips and, hopefully, making available Speakers/Career advisors/Science Fair Judges, etc. for programs where they are appropriate and desired.

4. Field trip planning is already underway for the Spring Meeting in the Red River Gorge. Additional Field trips in cooperation with KSGP, IKGS, KGS and members of the State University Geoscience Departments are under discussion and dates and subjects will be made available as soon as possible.

5. Our third symposium planning is headed up by Dr. Charles Mason of Morehead University. Our two previous events in conjunction with the International Year of the Planet Earth with Dr. Tim Patterson and Dr. Kurt Cuffey (2008) and Dr. Dennis Stanford (2009) were reasonably successful with attendances of around 200 and enhanced our enhanced interaction with other scientific fields. We hope to continue this trend with Dr. Jack Horner, the scheduled Speaker at our celebration of the anniversary the Publication of the Darwin's Origin of Species. Tentative date for that event is February, 2011 and we welcome all publicity and help in making it successful. Other projects will emerge during the coming year, hopefully involving more of the membership in all organizations as well as increasing student involvement in our activities. If you have questions at any time or have suggestions that you think should be considered by the AIPG Executive Committee or any combination of the above groups, please feel free to contact me or any member of the organization. My Cell Phone # is (270) 925-6636 and my e-mail address is jfhoward89@hotmail.com.

I look forward to working with you all in our various endeavors.



## UPCOMING EVENTS.....

The 2010 KY-AIPG Spring Field Trip and Awards banquet will be at the Red River Gorge Geological Area and the Natural Bridge State Resort Park. We have scheduled the field trip ice breaker and slide show to begin Friday evening, 6 pm, April 16 at the Natural Bridge State Resort Park's Hemlock Lodge dinner on your own) and the field trip on Saturday, April 17, starting again from the Hemlock Lodge. A banquet with an award presentation will follow after the Saturday portion of the field trip at the Natural Bridge State Resort Park's Hemlock Lodge. We have reserved 20 rooms for Friday (\$89.96 + tax, double occupancy) and 10 rooms for Saturday night under KY-AIPG. There are two campgrounds at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Middle Fork, just south of the lodge, and Whittleton, across KY 11 east of the lodge. There are primitive sections within each campground. If you want to camp the reservation number is 888.459.7275. More information will be announced and posted on the KY-AIPG Web site.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.....



The KY-AIPG shared a booth with the Kentucky Geological Survey at the Kentucky Science Teachers Association meeting held at Rupp Arena, November 6 & 7. The KY-AIPG let interested teachers fill out a form and we would pick two names to attend our spring field trip.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST (continued).....



Charlie Mason, professor at Morehead State University, Department of Earth and Space Sciences received the “Outstanding College/University Teacher” 2009 award at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science, held at Northern Kentucky University.

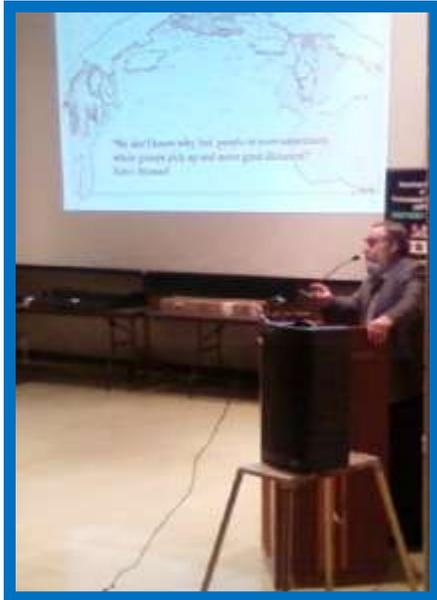
A banner for KY-AIPG has been created and mounted on a portable banner stand. The banner is 80 x 37 inches. A PDF image of the banner can be seen on the KY-AIPG Web site's front page.

A position on the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists will become open as of July 15, 2010. It is up to the Kentucky Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists and the Kentucky Society for Professional Geologists to submit three names of professional geologists registered in Kentucky to the governor. If you are interested in having your name submitted, please e-mail or send your resume and a completed *Commonwealth of Kentucky Information for Boards and Commissions* form, found at [chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/BF54657D-70AC-4550-BE73-FBC50CA145E8/0/BoardsandCommissionsApplicationForKCCVS.pdf](http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/BF54657D-70AC-4550-BE73-FBC50CA145E8/0/BoardsandCommissionsApplicationForKCCVS.pdf) to me

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## 2009 KY-AIPG/IYPE SYMPOSIUM



On November 12, at the University of Kentucky Agricultural Science Center North's Seay Auditorium, Dr. Dennis Stanford, Ph.D., Anthropologist, Smithsonian Institution presented a discussion on the origins of humans in the New World, concentrating on the North Atlantic migration route.



Dr. Stanford began his afternoon by visiting The Kentucky Archaeological Survey. Then was joined by a number of people for dinner. After dinner he gave his presentation and after the presentation he signed autographs and

had discussions with some of the audience. His evening ended at Marika's, where people were invited to join him for beers and more discussions.

The KY-AIPG would like to thank Charlie Mason for inviting his friend, Dennis Stanford, to be our 2009 KY-AIPG/IYPE symposium speaker. Many thanks to the following who helped sponsor this symposium: Morehead State University, Department of Earth and Space Sciences; Kentucky Geological Survey; University of Kentucky,

Department of Anthropology; University of Kentucky, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; The Kentucky Archaeological Survey, and The Program for Archaeological Research. Also we thank all the volunteers who showed up to help with parking and seating.

## END THOUGHTS.....

On the KY-AIPG Web site we have posted articles by members and non-members of geological interest. If you would like to write an article of geological interest to be posted on the KY-AIPG Web site, please observe the following:

1. These articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the members and this must be stated at the beginning of the article.
2. We encouraged articles to be edited, but they do not have to be.
3. Any photographs or diagrams must be the personal property of the author or must have approval from the contributor.
4. If other people are identifiable in the photograph, you should have their permission for their image to be posted on the Web site.
5. Images or photographs used from another Web site must have the permission or approval from the owner before we can post the article.
6. Always properly cite the image or photograph.

You can submit your article, in a Word, PDF, or PowerPoint format, to Richard Smath ([rsmath@uky.edu](mailto:rsmath@uky.edu)). Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**Any errors found in this newsletter shud come as no surprise.**