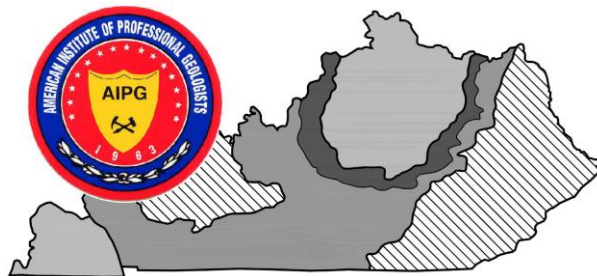


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Greetings AIPG Members and Friends,

My name is Donnie Lumm, and I have served as Kentucky Section-AIPG President for 2023. As the year has come to an end, I wanted to highlight some news and accomplishments of the Kentucky Section in this “Year in Review” Newsletter.

The highlight of the year was the 2023 Annual Meeting held in Covington, KY September 16-19. The Section co-hosted the event with the Ohio Section and the Illinois-Indiana Section. The conference was the 60th Annual Meeting, and approximately 240 persons registered for the Conference, including 20 CPG’s, Members, Early Career Professionals, and Student Associates who reside in Kentucky. Several from Kentucky presented papers at the technical sessions or led field trips. Thank you to all those who participated or helped to organize the Annual Meeting. Photographs taken at the Annual Meeting and field trips are posted on the National AIPG website (<https://aipg.org/gallery/ViewAlbum.aspx?album=29340773>). Two of the field trip guidebooks have or will soon be posted on The Kentucky Section website (<https://ky.aipg.org/Guidebooks.htm>). The Section has been verbally promised by National a cut or dividend of the financial proceeds of the Annual Meeting, and we are working with National to obtain that.

The Executive Committee hosted eleven (11) monthly open online business meetings in 2023, and an Annual Meeting was held at the Sedona Taphouse on Newtown Pike in Lexington on June 10. Mr. Richard Smath, Kentucky Geological Survey (retired), and current KY-AIPG Communications Coordinator, was recognized as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Mr. Daraje Carl, an undergraduate at Western Kentucky University, was recognized as a Student Scholarship Award recipient and received a check for \$500.

The Section has continued efforts of Outreach to Student Chapters and Geology Clubs. Section officers and some members visited the campuses of ECU, WKU, and UK this year, and a mock job interview was conducted by the Section for young geologists employed by the Kentucky Geological Survey. The message we aim to present is to amplify geology job and career opportunities to students by discussing our own careers, job experiences, and expectations for the future. The Section

intends to have a resume writing workshop and some kind of technical session for Students and Early Career Professionals (ECPs) in 2024.

The Kentucky Section membership roster continues to decline from retirements and other forms of attrition and is now about 90. This attrition is ongoing with other AIPG Sections, to the extent that National reported at the Annual Meeting business session in Covington, KY there were 18 inactive AIPG Sections. An inactive Section is generally considered to be one in which there are only one or two Section officers, and that because of the lack of volunteers or committee members, the Section has an inability to function and conduct business, social, or outreach events on a regular or ongoing basis. Most inactive Sections do not have a website or a person who maintains the website, and so, a Section member cannot be informed of activities or events. Our neighbor AIPG Sections in Missouri, Tennessee, and Virginias (includes Virginia and West Virginia) are considered inactive, but these Sections used to be more active 10 to 20 years ago. Kentucky could experience a similar fate in the future if we do not recruit Students or ECPs today.

The key to recruitment and involvement is to provide a sense of value of the AIPG organization to younger members. The Section aims to get more ECPs involved as Section Officers. Mr. Austin Dilla, ECP, will assume the command as Kentucky Section President in 2024. I hope that you can give Mr. Dilla your support and encouragement and to become an active participant of AIPG events in 2024. We need your active participation and input to continue to function as an active Section. Your comments or suggestions are always welcome at online meetings.

Sincerely,

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