

# Kentucky Section–AIPG

## **What AIPG does ...**

**Professional Certification.** Certifies geologists based on their competence, integrity and ethics.

**Lobbying.** Presents testimony and position papers to federal and state legislators and agencies on matters affecting geologists and geologists' employment opportunities.

**Ombudsman.** Intervenes with regulatory boards and agencies on behalf of individual geologists, at the geologist's request.

**Publications.** Publishes a monthly magazine, *The Professional Geologist*, and a variety of publications for both the profession and the general public.

**Insurance.** Provides access to liability insurance for errors and omissions, designed specifically for geologists, and a full line of health, life and accident insurance.

**International Comity.** Through agreements with professional societies in other countries, provides access for its Members to professional registration, certification, or chartered status in those countries.

## **AIPG Membership Categories and Requirements**

**Certified Professional Geologist (CPG).** Applicants for certification have a bachelor's degree or higher in the geological sciences with a minimum of 36 semester hours of geology plus 8 years of professional geological work experience. Applicants with a master's degree need only 7 years of experience and Ph.D.'s need only 5 years.

*Education:* 36 semester or 54 quarter hours in geological sciences with a baccalaureate or higher degree; certified copy of official transcripts must be sent by each college or university.

*Experience:* 8 years beyond bachelor's degree, or 7 years beyond master's degree, or 5 years beyond doctorate.

*Sponsors:* Three required from professional geologists, two of whom must be CPG's (see Section 2.3.1.4 of the Bylaws for exceptions).

*Certification/Registration:* None required.

*Screening:* Section and National.

*Application Fee:* \$50 (to upgrade from Registered Member or Member to CPG, the fee is \$35).

*Annual Dues:* \$120 plus Section dues; both prorated for remainder of year when accepted.

**Registered Member.** This category is for geologists who are registered in individual states and are not seeking certification by AIPG. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher in the geological sciences with at least 30 semester hours of geology and be licensed or certified by a jurisdiction recognized by the Executive Committee.

*Education:* 30 semester or 45 quarter hours in geological sciences with a baccalaureate or higher degree; certified copy of official transcripts are required for this application if they are not required by the state for registration/certification/licensure.

*Experience:* No proof required.

*Sponsors:* Two required from professional geologists, one of whom must be a CPG, Registered Member, or Member; sponsor letters in state registration application may serve as sponsor statements if approved by Executive Committee.

*Certification/Registration:* Proof of current registration/licensure/certification must be submitted with application and with annual renewals and must include expiration date.

*Screening:* National.

*Application Fee:* \$30

*Annual Dues:* \$70 plus Section dues; both prorated for remainder of year when accepted.

**Member.** Geologists who do not yet meet the education and experience requirements for CPG or do not see a need for certification by the institute may apply to become a Member. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher in the geological sciences with at least 30 semester hours of geology.

*Education:* 30 semester or 45 quarter hours in geological sciences\* with a baccalaureate or higher degree; certified copy of official transcripts must be sent by each college or university.

*Experience:* No proof required.

*Sponsors:* Two required from professional geologists, one of whom must be a CPG, Registered Member, or Member.

*Certification/Registration:* None required.

*Screening:* Section and National.

*Application Fee:* \$30.

*Annual Dues:* \$70 plus Section dues; both prorated for remainder of year when accepted.

## **Student**

*Education:* Currently enrolled in a geological science\* degree program.

*Experience:* No proof required.

*Sponsor:* One letter from geological science faculty member.

*Certification/Registration:* No proof required.

*Screening:* Headquarters can approve.

*Application Fee:* \$5.

*Annual Dues:* \$15.

**Associate**

*Education:* No proof required.

*Experience:* No proof required.

*Sponsors:* One CPG, Registered Member, or Member.

*Certification/Registration:* None required.

*Screening:* Headquarters can approve.

*Application Fee:* \$5.

*Annual Dues:* \$60 plus Section dues; both prorated for remainder of year when accepted.

\*As defined by the American Geological Institute, a geological science is any of the subdisciplinary specialties that are part of the science of geology, e.g., geophysics, geochemistry, paleontology, petrology, etc.

**Access to Web Pages.** The membership in the local section entitles members to join the web committee and also receive mention in both the “specialty” and the “alphabetical” sections of the Kentucky AIPG web page. The Kentucky Section web site is found at:

<http://ky.aipg.org>

and also carries links to the web sites of geological interest. A “List serve” reference is on the site as well, allowing the geologist to receive e-mail on topics of interest in geology. The list-service is an automatic e-mail list and is provided by the Kentucky Geological Survey.

**Application for Membership.** To obtain membership application forms, in PDF format (requires Acrobat Reader, free from Adobe), visit the AIPG web site at [aipg.org](http://aipg.org). All forms must be printed out and mailed in. The application form must be notarized.

Membership entitles the geologist to “members-only” access to the national web site shown below.