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A message from the outgoing president: Donnie Lumm

WOW! What a year! As the outgoing president, I want to briefly review the accomplishments that the Section made in 2005. In review of my "Incoming President's Message" to the Section members in last winter's newsletter, my primary goal as president was to successfully guide the Section through

several working and planning meetings in preparation for the AIPG annual meeting that was scheduled for Lexington in October. I also promised to alternate the location of the Section meetings from the home base in Lexington with other locations so that non-

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2006 Executive Committee

A message from the incoming president: Tim Crumbee

Greetings colleagues and associates. The first thing I would like to do is extend a hearty thank you to all of you who contributed to making the 2005 AIPG national meeting a success. Hosting the event was much more labor intensive than we imagined, and I can

assure you that we could not have pulled it off without the help of those of you who supported our cause.

Although I have been practicing geology in Kentucky for a little over 15 years, I have only become active in AIPG in the past 5 years or so.

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2005 AIPG national meeting, hosted by the Kentucky section, Lexington, Ky.

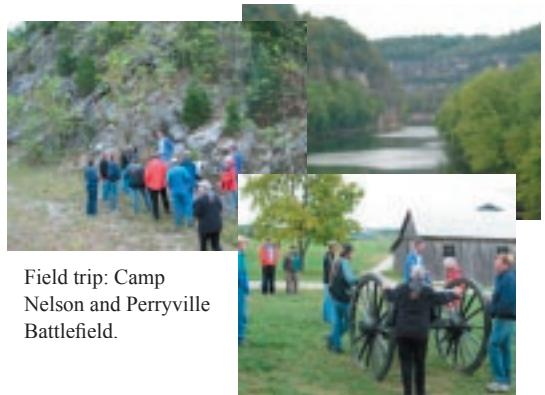
Saturday, October 8



Temporary registration booth in the lobby of the Radisson Hotel.



Field trip: Falls of the Ohio



Field trip: Camp Nelson and Perryville Battlefield.

Sunday, October 9



Field trip: Mammoth Cave



Registration booth on second floor

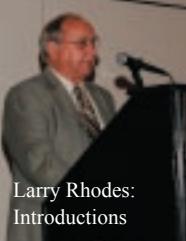


AIPG



Minnesota 2007

Some exhibitors' booths



Larry Rhodes:
Introductions



Mayor Theresa Issac:
Opening remarks



Tom Spalding:
General chair



Robert Font:
2005 AIPG
President



Bill Siok:
AIPG
Executive director



Dr. James C. Cobb:
Keynote address

Keynote Sessions



Official Kentucky Colonels:
Robert Font & Bill Siok



Scott Kein:
Keynote address



Stuart Payton, WKU
1st Place



Daniel Brown, UK
2nd Place



Martha Clepper
3rd Place

Student Poster Sessions



Catherine O'Keefe
with the Kentucky
Colonel



Tim Crumbie
with the Kentucky
Colonel

Ice Breaker

Monday, October 10



Bryan Bunch



Warren Anderson



Walter
Hassenmueller



Matt Crawford



John Malueg

Oral Session I



Barry Harding
and
Jefferey Spruit



Carl Petersen, Thomas Sparks
& Warren Anderson (all not present)



Michael May



Field trip: Buffalo
Trace Distillery &
Jeptha Knob crypto-
explosive structure



Poster Session I

Tuesday, October 11



Field trip: Natural Bridge State Park



Special Oral Session: Hurricane Katrina and Geologic Hazards of the Mid-South Region



Social event: Dixie Belle boat trip through the Kentucky River Palisades

Wednesday, October 12



Poster winner: Natalie Carter



Horse racing at Keeneland Race Track



Public seminar: Geologic Hazards and Natural Disasters: A Call to Action

These and other photos taken at the AIPG National Meeting can be viewed and purchased at John Beam's Web site:

jdbeamphoto.smugmug.com
click "Professional Galleries"
click "2005 AIPG National Meeting"
type in password (all lowercase) aipg2005

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Lexington area members could more likely attend a meeting in their region. We held 12 official Section meetings, four of which were held in Frankfort, and one meeting was in Louisville. The spring field trip was at Big Bone Lick State Park and vicinity, and the awards banquet was held in Florence. In August, we held an informal meeting in Owensboro (at the Moonlite BBQ) to promote the annual meeting. In summary, we were able to host a reasonable number of Section meetings on the road, and there was adequate supporting attendance from Sec-

tion members of those regions.

The annual meeting receipts were excellent. Although the treasurer's balance statement is not finalized, it is possible that the Section will realize a total profit of about \$20,000. These proceeds will in part help fund annual scholarships, which historically have been from \$400 to \$500 awards, for juniors and seniors in the geological sciences enrolled at Kentucky colleges and universities, for many years to come. The immediate use of most of the proceeds will be invested in a low-risk,

11-month certificate of deposit. Longer-term investments have not been determined. A committee has been established to review the investment options.

I want to thank all of the members who either participated in the planning or attended the 2005 annual meeting in Lexington. A well-deserved acknowledgment goes to Tom Spalding, our general chairman, for the planning, persistence, and calmness that he exuded during the planning sessions of the annual meeting. I am also thankful for the help of annual meeting committee chairs, in-

cluding John Beam, Tim Crumbie, Gil Cumbee, Faith Fiene, Charlie Mason, Henry Morgan, Larry Rhodes, Tom Ryavec, and Richard Smath. Without them, the annual meeting could not have been a success. Thanks also to Dr. Jim Cobb, director of the Kentucky Geological Survey, and Dr. John Kiefer, assistant director, who provided significant logistical support for the annual meeting.

I also want to acknowledge David Jackson, of the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (KSPG), who nearly single-hand-

edly wrote, organized, and promoted the Geologist-in-Training (GIT) Bill to the Legislature. This bill was passed by the House and Senate in March, and was later signed into law by Governor Fletcher. We have hardly begun to realize the significance of this bill.

Finally, it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your section president. I will soon pass the presidential gavel to Timothy Crumbie. I extend my best wishes to Tim, and I am sure that he will be an outstanding president for 2006.

Sincerely,
Donnie Lumm

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In that time period I have served two consecutive terms as treasurer and am currently ending my tenure as president-elect. I have been elected president for the Kentucky Section of AIPG for 2006. Accepting this position is a little out of the norm for me, as I typically maintain a low profile. But since I have become active in AIPG, the importance of having an organization such as this has become more apparent. As most of you know, AIPG serves the geologic community by promoting professionalism, ethics and integrity. AIPG is charged with preserving

and promoting geology by way of monitoring, and when necessary, influencing legislation and promoting professional awareness. Our section also provides scholarships to college students to help further their education, and serves as an intermediary between members of the profession the public, and in some cases, regulatory and governmental agencies. I envision AIPG as being one of the protectors of the profession of geology.

An "outsider" might wonder just how many organizations any given profession should

have. An "insider" knows that although there are several, each plays an important role in promoting the practice of geology. It is important that we recognize that the whole is the sum of its parts, and realize how important it is for each part (organization) to work toward common goals intended to promote geology. Geology is composed of many areas of specialty, much as a chain is composed of many links. The chain, as you well know, is only as strong

as its weakest link. This is why geologists need to pool resources and to form a strong front that will protect our profession and ensure the continued competency and professionalism of those employed in our field.

An example of professionals coming together to accomplish a common goal is the (relatively) recent passage of Senate Bill 141: the Geologist-in-Training (GIT) Bill. This was a great accomplishment indeed. But we need not

stop there. Monitoring legislation is a never-ending process and the more "watchful eyes" that we employ, the better. Sadly, however, only 10 to 15 percent of our members are currently active within our section. While we recognize that all members may not be able to attend every meeting, the marvels of modern technology make it very easy

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for us to communicate in ways that weren't available a decade ago. I would like to encourage all of you to attend meetings whenever possible. If you are not able to attend the meetings, please feel free to submit comments

and suggestions to any Executive Committee member, using one (or more) of the methods of communication that technology has afforded us. We are always glad to see new faces and welcome any comments

and/or ideas that you feel need to be addressed. I look forward to meeting more of our members and anticipate a year that will have many challenges, and, I hope, many more accomplishments. I would

like to challenge each of our members and associates to take pride in our profession and take charge of your future. AIPG serves as your voice and offers us a way to institute change. Be a part of it!

Sincerely,
Tim Crumbie

Just a reminder: If you would like to make a tax-deductable donation to the student awards fund, you can send in a check to KY-AIPG at the P.O. box address, earmarking it for the student awards.