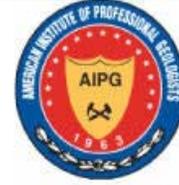


Fall 2007



Scheduled FAPG-AIPG Meetings:

- **October 31**
Orlando
- **November 6**
Tampa/St. Pete

Look for detailed information in this newsletter

Join an FAPG-AIPG Committee

- Annual Meeting Committee
- Legislative Action & Finance
- Education & Outreach
- Membership
- Communications
- Board of Professional Geology Liaison
- Ethics

Do you have an item you would like to see in the next newsletter? We will be happy to publish meeting and field trip notices, promotions, industry awards, and other news items. Contact: Joe Fuhr (fuhrjm@yahoo.com)

Message from the President

Chuck Drake, P.G.

The New Year began with the Florida Association of Professional Geologists (FAPG) merging with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) to form a stronger organization that will better represent geologists in Florida. We have over 400 members in FAPG, a Section of AIPG and represent about 9% of the members of AIPG nationwide.

The officers of FAPG, a Section of AIPG are working diligently to bring the benefits of AIPG to Florida. These efforts include updating the AIPG website to have a direct link to Florida, having AIPG send information on meetings and conferences electronically to each member, holding regional meetings more often and in more locations throughout Florida, getting new members, and keeping watch on legislation, rules, and ordinances that may impact or be of interest to geologists.

The FAPG and its officers have always done this; and because of the dedication of the past officers, we are doing more and becoming more efficient.

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New Website Up and Running

FAPG-AIPG has launched our new Section website: Please visit <http://fapg.aipg.org> for information on upcoming meetings and conferences, membership information, legislative information, and more.

Legislative Update

Florida faces a deficit of just over one billion dollars for the current fiscal year. The Florida Legislature has been called to a special session from October 3 through October 12, 2007 to discuss the budget shortfall. To help make up the deficit, Governor Crist has recommended that about \$300 million be transferred from trust funds to general revenue. Over \$50 million of the funding could come from environmental programs. FAPG-AIPG is monitoring the special session and will keep members apprised of the outcome. For additional information, visit <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov> or <http://www.flsenate.gov>

FAPG-AIPG Central Florida (Orlando) Regional Meeting: October 31, 2007

Glenn Forest of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) will be speaking on Aquifer Storage and Recovery. His talk is entitled "**Water 'banks' save for future**". The lunch meeting will be held Tuesday, October 31 in the Wekiva / Econ Meeting Room at SJRWMD office in Altamonte Springs, Florida. For more information contact Walter Wood at wwood@cfl.rr.com or go to <http://fapg.aipg.org>.

**Consider
Volunteering! We
need...**

- Regional Coordinators and Assistants
- Technical Presenters for Regional Meetings
- Committee Members
- New Members! If you know a geologist that's not a current member, let us know!

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**FAPG-AIPG Southwest (Tampa-St. Pete) Regional Meeting:
November 6, 2007**

Arturo Torres of the U.S. Geological Survey will present a talk entitled "**The South Florida Ecosystem: USGS Science in Support of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan**". Mr. Torres is the Deputy Coordinator for the USGS Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystems Science (GEPES) and the USGS Liaison with the South Florida Water Management District. Additional details regarding meeting time and location will be available soon. For more information, please contact Joe Daniel (jdaniel18@tampabay.rr.com), Joe Fuhr (fuhrjm@yahoo.com), or go to <http://fapg.aipg.org>.

Inaugural Florida FAPG-AIPG Annual Meeting

FAPG-AIPG has a goal to conduct its inaugural Annual Meeting in 2009. Although this sounds like a distant event deadline, work must begin now to make it a reality and a success! To this end, we are looking for volunteers to participate on an Annual Meeting Committee (AMC) to help plan and prepare for this annual event. Initial input from members indicates that a one- to two-day meeting, in an interesting geologic/cultural setting within Florida, would be desirable. It has also been suggested that the meeting should be structured as a symposium that provides our Members with an update on some of the more cutting edge and interesting geologic research and industry projects occurring in our state. The Southeast Geological Society (SEGS) has also indicated they are willing and excited to put together a field trip as part of the meeting.

Because no final decisions have been made regarding the annual meeting format, now is the time for Members to speak up and provide input and preferences regarding meeting dates, venues, and formats. Members interested in serving on the AMC and/or providing meeting input, please contact Jamie Hirsch at jhirsch@waterandair.com.

UPDATE: Public Hearing – Geologic Hazards, Pasco County

A public hearing was held August 22, 2007 in Dade City to take public comment on Section 704, Geologic Hazards, Pasco County Land Development Code. The Code would require an Engineering Geological Report as part of final development approval. Chuck Drake, P.G. 0933, attended the meeting on behalf of FAPG-AIPG. For more information, contact the Development Review Division at (727) 847-8082.

FDEP Notice of Rule Making on Ground Water Regulations

On July 11, 2007 the DEP held the first public rulemaking workshop on two ground water regulations: Chapter 62-520 FAC, Ground Water Classes, Standards, and Exemptions; and Chapter 62-522 FAC, Ground Water Permitting and Monitoring Requirements. The objective is to combine these two rules into one, and the amendments are intended to be editorial and procedural in nature.

DEP staff presented numerous amendments and took comments on draft language to combine the two rules. A Draft document on Monitoring Well Design and Construction Manual was distributed. According to the DEP website a second workshop is anticipated in mid-October. The contact person for this rulemaking is Ms. Donnie McClaugherty, Administrator, Ground Water Regulatory Section, Mail Station 3580, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400; telephone 850-245-8644; or go to (http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/groundwater/rule_development.htm),

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Regional Coordinators

Regional Coordinators serve as members of the Advisory Council to the Executive Committee. The coordinators are integral to the well-being of the organization. One of their primary duties is to help organize local lunch and dinner meetings. If you are interested in assisting as an RC, please contact Jamie Hirsch, FAPG-AIPG President-Elect: jhirsch@waterandair.com

President's Message (cont. from Page 1)

As of this writing, FAPG-AIPG is monitoring a proposed geologic hazards ordinance in Pasco County. Sam Upchurch, Mike Alfieri, and I are trying to work with the citizens review committee in Pasco County to provide our technical input on the proposed ordinance. In August, we attended the workshop and provided comments at that time. There were several engineers, developers, and contractors that had similar and sometimes very different opinions, but we all agreed the proposed ordinance needed revisions. The revised ordinance was supposed to have been discussed on September 26, 2007, but it has been postponed.

Since we currently do not have a lobbyist on retainer to help us monitor activities in Tallahassee, I would like to ask all of you to review the proposed legislation on the Senate and House sides, and if there is anything of interest, please contact one of the FAPG-AIPG officers. The Executive Committee is looking into software that will allow us to better track legislation, but it always helps to have as many sets of eyes as possible reviewing these things.

On another issue, I am working with the Florida Engineering Society (FES) to monitor activities not only with the Pasco County ordinance, but also the actions of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The DBPR had issued a cease and desist order for an unlicensed activity. The person filed a lawsuit against DBPR for violating their right to free speech. This person was hired as an expert to testify where they discussed geologic issues. The DBPR recanted and said that as long as the person did not say they were a PG, then the cease and desist would be lifted. They also referred to "the issues in the case." FAPG-AIPG is following this case, and will report to you later.

Regarding the FES, I am working with them on issues such as the proposed Pasco County ordinance and the DBPR issue, because the results of these activities affect both of our professions. In the past 2 to 3 years, we have worked well with the FES, and by sharing information, we can make both organizations better.

Jamie Hirsch, President-Elect, has volunteered to organize our inaugural annual meeting. He will need to organize a committee to help with this huge effort, so if you would like to help, please e-mail him at jhirsch@waterandair.com.

At the National AIPG level, I am on the executive committee, and many of the issues that we have here in Florida are happening at the National level. We are working to increase membership, hold conferences, provide more services, etc. A big issue is also dues and membership levels. We are developing a new dues structure.

Bill Siok, the Executive Director of AIPG, and I have discussed holding the annual AIPG meeting in Florida in 2009. This will be a monumental effort and I am not sure if we have enough time to do this. As this newsletter is being distributed, Bill and I are holding more discussions this week at the annual AIPG meeting in Michigan.

If you ever have any questions, please call or e-mail me. My telephone number is 407-839-3955 and my e-mail is charles.drake@tetrattech.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7-11, 2007

AIPG National Annual Meeting

Traverse City, Michigan. Visit <http://www.aipg.org/> for more information

October 10 & 11, 2007

22nd Annual Regional Phosphate Conference

Lakeland, Florida. For more information, go to www.fipr.state.fl.us.

October 11 & 12, 2007

Florida Remediation Conference

Orlando, Florida. For more information, call 800-881-6822.

Oct. 14 – 20, 2007

Earth Science Week

<http://www.earthsciweek.org/>

October 15 - 18, 2007

23rd Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, and Water

University of Massachusetts Amherst. Visit <http://www.umasssoils.com>

October 24 & 25, 2007

Board of Professional Geologists Scheduled Meeting

Tallahassee, Florida <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/geolo/meetings.html>

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November 5 - 6, 2007

Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Organic Chemicals in Ground Water: Prevention, Detection, and Remediation® Conference; Houston, Texas. <http://www.ngwa.org>

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November 7 - 9, 2007

Florida Brownfields Conference, Orlando, Florida. Visit

<http://www.floridabrownfields.org/Conference/Default.htm> for more information.

Note: Event notices are supplied as a courtesy to FAPG-AIPG members. FAPG-AIPG has not independently verified dates and locations, and is not responsible for schedule changes or cancellations.