

Summer 2007



What to look for in coming months:

- *Regional Meetings are being planned for this fall. Locations and dates to be announced soon*
- *New Website coming in late summer 2007*

Join an FAPG-AIPG Standing 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)

Update: FAPG - the Florida Section of AIPG

As most of you know, the Florida Association of Professional Geologists joined forces with the American Institute of Professional Geologists in early 2007. The new title of is FAPG - the Florida Section of AIPG. A new Executive Committee was elected in April 2007. Please feel free to contact any of the officers if you have any questions regarding the Section.

New Executive Committee

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Legislative Update

A primary FAPG – AIPG mission is to track Legislative issues important to Geologists, and to disseminate that information to members. Over the past few years, our lobbyist in Tallahassee assisted greatly in that mission. Unfortunately, her services are no longer available. The Executive Committee is considering hiring a new lobbyist, or as an alternative, subscribing to an on-line Legislative Update service. Please contact any Executive Committee officer for more information.

Website

With the AIPG merger, a new Internet website is being developed. In the meantime, please go to www.aipg.org; click on **Sections**; then on **Section Websites**; then on **FAPG/AIPG Webpage**. On this temporary site, you'll find Membership information, contact information for officers and Regional Coordinators, meeting announcements, job postings, and other information to help keep you informed. We'll let you know as soon as the new website is launched.

2008 FAPG-AIPG Dues

Dues notices have recently been sent to members from AIPG stating that the renewal cost is \$140. This is an error; **the renewal cost remains at \$130/year (the same cost as the previous three years)**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the Executive Committee members.

**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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Check out AIPG on
the Web:

www.aipg.org

- *Job postings*
 - *Membership & dues information*
 - *Conference & meeting announcements*
 - *Much more!*
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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. Current Regional Coordinators are:

Southwest (Tampa)	Joe Daniel	jdaniel18@tampabay.rr.com
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Regional Meetings

The Executive Committee and Regional Coordinators held a conference call on July 27 to discuss methods for improving Regional Meetings, and to build momentum for developing an annual FAPG-AIPG Meeting. **We need input from all members to help us in our effort to find excellent Guest Speakers with relevant and informative topics.** An effort is underway to conduct regional meetings more routinely to keep our members informed of professional and legislative happenings. Regional meetings are currently planned for September for Suwannee, Pensacola, and Tampa Regions, and we're working to add more meetings during fall 2007.

Florida Geologist Yahoo! Group

This is an invitation to join the Florida Geologists' mailing list in Yahoo! Groups. It is available to (but not restricted to) all FAPG members. There are currently 84 members in the Group. As a member you can send, view, and respond to email messages to and from all list members. The list is used for communications between FAPG members for announcements, discussion of issues of general concern, job postings or to simply ask questions. To subscribe send a blank message to fla_geologists-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Public Hearing – Geologic Hazards, Pasco County

A public hearing is being 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. The intent of the Reports is to identify existing or potential geologic hazards in unincorporated Pasco County on a site by site basis during the development review process. For more information, contact the Development Review Division at (727) 847-8082.

Southeastern Geological Society Field Trip – August 25, 2007

The SEGS is sponsoring a field trip to study the karst hydrogeology of Florida's Santa Fe River Basin. Space is limited to 30 people, and the cost is \$55 per person. Contact Todd Kincaid at (775) 337-8803, or by email at kincaid@hazlett-kincaid.com.