

Spring 2009

FAPG FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF
PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS



FAPG/AIPG Calendar

*Water Resources
Conference Call for
Abstract Deadline
March 16, 2009*

*FAPG/AIPG Officer
Nominations Deadline
March 27, 2009*

*Legislative Day at the
Capitol
April 1 & 2, 2009 (RSVP
by March 30, 2009)*

*Emerging Issues in
Water Resources in
Florida and the
Southeast Region
April 30 – May 2, 2009,
St. Augustine*

*Officer Elections &
Annual Meeting
April 30, 2009
St. Augustine*

Update your Member Profile: FAPG/AIPG has email addresses for approximately 75% of our members. Please help us save paper, time, and money by ensuring your contact information is current. Log in to your membership profile section at www.aipg.org and update your information today.

Message from the President

Chuck Drake, P.G.

I am proud to report that FAPG, the Florida Section of AIPG, is doing well. We are financially sound, and have held several regional meetings that have been successful in getting us geologists together to meet and discuss relevant issues, as well as to hear some very interesting presentations. The regional coordinators have done a great job in organizing the meetings and the membership has responded with very good turnout.

You should have received by now the announcement of our annual meeting and call for papers. The meeting will be held in St. Augustine April 30-May 2. It is set up to have panel discussions of the Water Management Districts, the USGS, and FDEP projects and initiatives, followed by a series of technical presentations. We also are offering a short course that will involve some instruction on geophysics, geochemistry, and construction of deep exploratory wells. The context of the course will be aquifer storage and recovery, because it involves each of these areas of expertise. I am looking forward to it to refresh my memory in these areas, and learn some new techniques. (*Continued on Page 3*)

FAPG/AIPG Conference: Emerging Issues in Water Resources in Florida and the Southeast Region

Don't miss this first-ever event sponsored and presented by FAPG, the Florida Section of AIPG. Check out the conference website and register as a participant, sponsor, or exhibitor at http://www.aipg.org/Seminars/water_conf.htm

Important Conference Dates to Remember

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| March 16 | Call for Abstracts Deadline |
| April 17 | Early Registration and Exhibitor Reservation Deadline |
| April 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel Discussions by DEP, WMDs, and FGS• FAPG, Florida Section Annual Meeting and Officer Election Results |
| May 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Presentations and Short Course |
| May 2 | Field Trip - "The Stratigraphy and Mineral Resource Significance of the North Florida Plio-Pleistocene" by Kendall Fountain |

Legislative Day at the Capitol – April 1 & 2, 2009

Join FAPG/AIPG for the 2009 Legislative Day at the Capitol. The event will be kicked off on Wednesday evening, April 1 with a dinner meeting at Logan's Roadhouse, located at 750 Apalachee Parkway. On Thursday, April 2, we will visit the Florida Senate and House to meet and greet Florida legislators and their staff. The purpose is to express FAPG/AIPG views relating to various proposed legislative topics, and to let our lawmakers know that geologists around the state are available as resources. Please consider attending. RSVP by March 30, 2009 to Jorge Caspary (jorge.caspary@embarqmail.com).

**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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Call for FAPG/AIPG Officer Nominations: March 27 Deadline!

The time for electing FAPG/AIPG officers is here again! Please take some time to consider serving your profession as an officer on the Executive Committee of FAPG/AIPG. If you become an officer, the experience you gain in helping to lead our organization is both personally and professionally rewarding. Your profession and your colleagues need you! Please thoughtfully consider the team you want representing your profession as we move forward in these critical times.

In accordance with current FAPG/AIPG bylaws, the term for each Executive Committee member is one year. The track for President-elect includes one year as President-elect, one year as President, and one year as past president. Nominations are therefore being accepted for **President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Nominations should be submitted by March 27, 2009. Nominees for each office (names and short biographical sketches) will be posted on both the FAPG and AIPG websites, and will be emailed to those members that have active email addresses registered with AIPG. The voting period will begin on or around April 1, 2009, and will remain open for approximately three weeks. A dedicated FAPG/AIPG Elections page will be set up on the AIPG website, and for the first time ever, votes will be cast electronically on AIPG's website.

New officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting in St. Augustine on April 30, 2009. If you are interested in running for office, or have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Executive Committee members (contact information is in the margin on this page). Nominate a co-worker, ask someone to nominate you, or nominate yourself. After confirming that your nominee will accept, send your nominations (including names and a one-paragraph biography) to Mr. Joe Daniel at [jdaniel18@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:daniel18@tampabay.rr.com) by March 27, 2009. Thank you for your service, and good luck!

Florida Board of Professional Geologists Update

Contributed by FAPG/AIPG & Geology Board Member Jorge R. Caspary, P.G.

The State of Florida Board of Professional Geologists will be undergoing a transition in 2009 as some of the current member's terms expire, and others begin their terms. This past February saw the last meeting of Dr. Thomas Scott, Ph.D., P.G., one of the Board's longest serving members. Tom's professional activities are well known and his presence will be missed by all of us that have come to trust his professional judgment.

The Board continues its active engagement of the profession as it reviews the experience and academic training of candidates for professional registration and also evaluates complaints regarding the practice of Geology. One of the items for consideration in 2009 is more active engagement with geological/earth sciences departments regarding registration requirement in order to practice Geology. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email at jorge.caspary@embarqmail.com. For more information, see <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/geolo/index.html>.

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Check out FAPG/AIPG on the Web:

<http://fapg.aipg.org>

- Job postings
- Membership & dues information
- Conference & meeting announcements
- Much more!

Wanted: Newsletter Contributions

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

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FAPG/AIPG recently retained the law firm of Oertel, Fernandez, Cole and Bryant to file an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in the Third District Court of Appeals. A judge ruled in a case involving a PG and FAPG member that he is personally liable for damages. The trial court held that the limited liability clause in the contracts did not apply to the geologist, despite the fact that he signed the contract on behalf of his company. As a result, the trial court found him liable for \$4,061,243.33 in damages. The trial court found that the limited liability clause in the contracts did not apply to him because the Florida Supreme Court held that it was “questionable” whether professionals could limit their liability, and (2) because the geologist, personally, was not a signatory to the contract and, thus, was not protected by the limited liability clause in the contract.

This has huge ramifications not just for geologists, but also professionals as stated above in the trial courts ruling. If upheld, this means that each of us would be liable for our work separately from the liability of the company we work for. His company was a limited liability company and as such the company’s liability was limited to the contract fee of around \$147,000.

This case is so important that the Florida Engineering Society and American Institute of Architects also filed an amicus brief. We will let you know in future newsletters the status of the case.

We have been monitoring legislative activities for significant proposed legislation that may impact the practice of geology. If/when any such legislation arises and information is obtained, we will inform everyone by email. Jorge Caspary has arranged this years **Legislative Day on Thursday, April 2**. Preceded by a dinner meeting the night before, we have historically met at the steps of the old Capitol building at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the day’s agenda. I encourage you to attend, as it is worthwhile to meet your legislators, and to also see how the legislature works. If you are interested in joining the activities, please call or email Jorge at 850-254-2220 or jorge.caspary@embarqmail.com.

The section officers are looking for regional coordinators in the southeast, Sarasota County, and southwest portions of the state. If you are interested in becoming a regional coordinator, please contact me. The regional coordinator is responsible for organizing lunch or dinner meetings, and locating a speaker and places to hold the meetings. The results are well worth the effort needed to arrange the meeting.

Lastly, we will be announcing election results for section officer at the annual meeting. This newsletter contains a call for officer nominations. I strongly urge all of you to consider running for office, or volunteering as a regional coordinator. I have been involved with FAPG and AIPG, as an officer or committee member, since 2004 and have enjoyed all of that time. It provides the chance to meet many other geologists. Our individual participation and commitment helps make our profession stronger.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Augustine!

Chuck Drake

All interested geologists are invited to Join the Florida Geologists Yahoo! Group. Receive timely emails of industry happening, post and receive job openings, and more:

fla_geologists_subscribe@yahoo.com.

Join an FAPG/ AIPG Committee

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

Board of Professional Geologists Appointments

On December 19, 2008, Governor Crist announced the reappointment of Robert R. Poppell of Tallahassee to the Board of Professional Geologists. Also appointed was Jorge R. Caspary of Tallahassee, who succeeds James W. Funderburk. Their terms run began December 18, 2008, and ends October 31, 2012.

FAPG/AIPG Hero of the Industry Award

Submitted by Ken Kelley, P.G.

The FAPG/AIPG Hero of the Industry award has a long history, starting in 1987. Over the next 21 years the award would be bestowed on 18 well deserving individuals. These individuals would also share one commonality – all were men of our industry. In October 2008, at the 23rd Annual Regional Phosphate Conference held in Lakeland, Florida, a new milestone was reached.

Bonnie Dodson began her career in 1980 after graduating from East Carolina University where her studies focused on offshore phosphate deposits. After



Ken Kelley, P.G., presents the 2008 Hero of the Industry Award to Bonnie Dodson, P.G.

graduation she worked on four (4) separate offshore phosphate drilling projects under a National Science Foundation grant. She joined Agrico as a prospect and production geologist, and would later be promoted to Mine Plan Coordinator. She subsequently joined CF Industries in 1993 as a Senior Geologist, and later in 1997 was pirated away by Steve Garcia at IMC as a

special assistant working on cost control and development of the future Ona Mine. At IMC she has

held several different management positions including Manager of Mine Planning and Area Manager of the Fort Green Plant.

During her 28 years, Ms. Dodson has contributed to the phosphate industry with her practical “hands on” knowledge of phosphate geology. She asks the tough questions and tackles the difficult jobs with her endless energy while being a role model and mentor to others.

Besides contributing to the phosphate industry, Ms. Dodson has been continually involved in civic activities in Polk County and the local community. She has dedicated her volunteer time since 1980 to educating children and teachers in sciences and career possibilities. She is presently the chairperson of GEM, a subcommittee of SME which is dedicated to educating the public on the importance of earth sciences, mineral resources and mining.

She has been part of the United Way committee for over 10 years, as Chairperson on three (3) different occasions, and has been awarded the United Way Coordinator of the Year.

Ms. Dodson is a Licensed Professional Geologist in Florida and currently holds the position as Lead Engineer – Advisor within the Operations Strategy Team at Mosaic Fertilizer.

Her past and current contribution to the industry and service to our community exemplifies the meaning of this award – Hero of the Industry.

Get noticed by the geologic community! Please consider submitting an abstract for the Technical Presentation portion of the *Emerging Issues in Water Resources in Florida and the Southeast Region* conference. The following are suggested topics:

- **Alternative Water Supply**
- **Water Conservation Programs**
- **Regional Approach to Water Sustainability**
- **Priorities of the Water Management Districts**
- **Deep Well Injections**
- **Fresh and Brackish Groundwater Supply**
- **State Regulations**
- **Aquifer Storage and Recovery**

Please submit your abstract by March 16, 2009 and include the name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address of all authors. Additional details are located at the Conference website: <http://www.aipg.org>

Southwest Regional Wine Tasting and Technical Presentation: October 23, 2008

Nearly 30 FAPG-AIPG members attended a technical presentation held in conjunction with a wine-tasting at the Keel & Curley Winery, in Plant City, FL. The presentation was given by Lynn Yuhr, of Technos, Inc. She gave an informative and entertaining presentation describing Technos' support of the Panama Canal expansion in 2006. Many thanks to our sponsor, TestAmerica, and to all who supported FAPG-AIPG by attending this event.

Orlando Regional Lunch Meeting: December 4, 2008

Over 30 geologists enjoyed a lunch presentation held December 4 in Orlando. The speaker was Mr. Al Aiken, of CH2M Hill. Mr. Aiken presented the methods and findings of a stormwater drainage well water quality study performed in the Orlando area. Thanks to PBS&J for use of their meeting room, and to Applied Drilling Engineering, Inc. for their gracious sponsorship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12-13, 2009: Southeast Section Geological Society of America Tampa, Florida

The University of South Florida Geology Department, with co-sponsorship by the USF Geology Alumni Society, is hosting the Southeast Section GSA Meeting in Tampa. Please visit <http://www.geosociety.org/sectDiv/southe/09mtg/index.htm> for more information.

April 30- May 2, 2009: Emerging Issues in Water Resources in Florida and the Southeast Region Conference St. Augustine, Florida

FAPG - the Florida Section of AIPG, is hosting this first-ever conference comprised of important panel discussions, technical presentations, a short course, and field trip. Visit the conference website at http://www.aipg.org/Seminars/water_conf.htm.

October 3 – 7, 2009: 2009 Geology and Resources Conference Grand Junction, Colorado

Join AIPG in beautiful western Colorado's mountains, canyons, and incredible geology for a diverse program of scenic field trips, technical presentations, and social events. The formal sessions will begin on Monday, October 5 and will end Wednesday, October 7. Sessions will include a full day and two half days with field trips in the afternoon. There will be additional full and half-day field trips throughout the meeting. Visit http://www.aipg.org/2009/GJ_home.htm

If you have Calendar events you would like to see included here, email Joe Fuhr: fuhrjm@yahoo.com.

FAPG-AIPG Legislative Day Registration Form

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

**REGISTRATION \$15 fee covers dinner;
limited to 25 attendees**

Please write your name, and include which event(s) you plan on attending. Use additional forms for more than one attendee.

Name: _____

- I will attend the dinner only
 I will attend Legislative Day only
 I will attend both events

Legislative Day Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

- ❖ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.: Pre-Legislative Day Dinner Meeting @ Logan's Roadhouse, 750 Apalachee Parkway (subject to change)

Thursday, April 2, 2009

- ❖ 9:00 a.m.: Meet at the State of Florida Capitol veranda; assign teams to attend committee meetings and/or visits
- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Visit with Florida State Representatives & Senators (and their staffs)
- ❖ Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch
- ❖ 1:00 p.m.: Departure

RSVP by March 30, 2009 to:

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Legislative Day

April 1 - 2, 2009

At the Tallahassee Capitol

