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AIPG 2020 Awards
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AIPG thanks all awardees, families, friends, and members who have made the AIPG 2021 Annual Meeting a memorable and successful event.

Request for Nominations

The 2022 AIPG Awards Committee is seeking nominations for future recipients. Nominations for the Ben H. Parker Distinguished Service Medal, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award, John T. Galey Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, Award of Honorary Membership, and Outstanding Achievement Award. These awards, accompanied by supporting statement, should be sent to AIPG Headquarter, c/o Honors and Awards, 1333 W. 120th Ave., Suite 211, Westminster, Colorado 80234. The nomination form and submission is available on the website (www.aipg.org), or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office at (303) 412-6205.

Nominations must be received by January 15, 2022.
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### STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of the AIPG Student Chapter of the Year Award is to recognize the most outstanding student chapter for their participation in, and contribution to, the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). The award will consist of a plaque to be presented to the student chapter, a certificate to each of the officers of the chapter at the time of their submittal, a $500.00 award for the chapter, and a trip for one member of the winning student chapter to the annual AIPG Conference and Executive Meetings. The student that attends the Annual Meeting will observe the organization and functions of AIPG and participate in the Executive Board meeting.

All AIPG student chapters are eligible to apply for the award. There is no limit on the number of times a student chapter may win the award. Only one chapter will receive the award per year.

The Student Chapter of the Year Award is administered by the Executive Committee of AIPG. The selection of the winning chapter will be decided by the AIPG Education Committee. The deadline for submittal of application materials for the Student Chapter of the Year Award, to AIPG National Headquarters, is March 30th of each year. The application should be submitted in an Adobe Acrobat pdf or similar format. The winning chapter will be announced at the beginning of the Fall Semester. The certificates will be presented to the students at one of their chapter meetings. The award and plaque will be presented to the Chapter delegate at the Annual Meeting of AIPG.

Details of submission requirements are available online at [www.aipg.org](http://www.aipg.org).

**2020 Recipient of the Student Chapter Awards**

**Michigan Technological University, SRTM University**

**Houghton, MI** **Maharashtra, India**

**AIPG Student Chapter Founded 2017** **Student Chapter Founded 2017**

Chapter Sponsor: Dave Adler, CPG-11377  
Faculty Sponsor: Chad Deering, Ph.D.  
Student Chapter Officers:  
President – Dustin Helmer, SA-9632  
Vice President – Sienna Meekhof, SA-9328  
Treasurer – Emilie Pray, SA-10059  
Secretary – Makala O’Donnell, ECP-0817

Chapter Sponsor: James A. Jacobs, CPG-07760  
Faculty Sponsor: K. Vijaya Kumar  
Student Chapter Officers:  
President – Laxman Bhauso More, SA-7279  
Vice President – Divyesh Vyas, SA-8812  
Treasurer – Shivprasad More, SA-8839  
Secretary – Avinash Bachanwar, SA-9685
The AIPG Section Leadership Award was established in 2013 to recognize one or more of our members who have demonstrated a long-term commitment and have been long-term contributors to AIPG at the section level. AIPG has many sections where one or more individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership for their section and in many instances kept the section together and moving forward. These individuals are commonly not known at the National level or by AIPG members outside of their sections, however, their contributions have been vital to their sections and they perform this work because of their commitment to our profession and AIPG. All active section members are eligible. It is not required to be a current or past section officer. The award will consist of a plaque (or similar) that will be presented to the awardees at the annual meeting of AIPG.

Based on the above criteria the Awards Committee may select multiple nominees for the award.

The AIPG Section Leadership Award is administered by the Executive Committee of AIPG. The selection of the winning member(s) will be decided by the AIPG Awards Committee. The deadline for submittal of nominees for the AIPG Section Leadership Award, to AIPG National Headquarters, is January 15th of each year.

### 2020 Section Leadership Award Recipients

**James A. Jacobs, CPG-7760**

**California Section**

Jim has been the backbone of the California Section since the 1990s. I have worked with him as an officer of the California Section of the AIPG for many years, and have witnessed his dedication and hard work for the Section firsthand. He has provided leadership as President or Vice President of the California Section for two decades. As a mentor to students, he founded and is the sponsor for the University of California, Davis AIPG Student Chapter in 2010 and the Sonoma State University AIPG Student Chapter in 2016. Jim has been instrumental in bringing and organizing the National Meeting to Sacramento this year. His tireless dedication to the California Section merits recognition.

*Nominated by: Dave Sadoff, CPG-09933*

### 2020 Recipient of the John Stewart Memorial Early Career Professional Award

**Brandy M. Barnes, MEM-3175**

Brandy Barnes holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in geology from Middle Tennessee State University, where she began her journey with AIPG by forming the AIPG Student Chapter and serving as President her senior year.

Following graduation and moving into her professional career, she has explored her passion in leading students and early career professionals throughout AIPG and other geoscience organizations by encouraging connections of geologists, sharing insights into early career topics, and offering resources to bridge the gap between student and professional.

Since joining the AIPG community Brandy has enjoyed connecting with geologists above anything else. She enjoys sharing her pride in being a member of this organization and normalizing the transition from student to professional. She has presented and coordinated several student and early career events within AIPG, Geological Society of America, and Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists.

She served on the AIPG Executive Committee in 2018 (Young Professional) and in 2019 (Past Young Professional). She also received the 2019 Presidential Certificate of Merit from Mrs. Keri Nutter. She currently serves as the AIPG Carolinas President. Her geological experience ranges from sinkhole investigations, geophysical collection and data processing, environmental assessments, and geotechnical exploration. She feels honored to have gained experience from Integrity Drilling and Geophysical Services, LLC in Florida under owner and AIPG member, David Wilshaw. She is currently living out her geological dreams at Draper Aden Associates and is thankful for the encouragement and mentorship from the DAA team, including AIPG members, Mike Lawless and John Palmer.

She is grateful for the mentorship and friendship that the AIPG community has offered throughout her journey. She is humbled and grateful to receive this reward. John Stewart was a wonderful mentor and friend to herself and many others. She wishes to share a quote by Teddy Roosevelt, which inspired the research of Brené Brown on courage and vulnerability. A quote she feels speaks of our good friend John Stewart and his courage to be a leader in AIPG, the geosciences, and his community.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great deviations; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.”

Brandy lives and works in Raleigh, North Carolina with her soon to be husband, Brandon and dog, Marley.
JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The John Stewart Memorial Early Career Professional Award was established by the Executive Committee in 2019 in posthumous honor of John Stewart, who graciously gave his time and experience to AIPG and in encouraging early career geologists in their early careers and professional growth. This award is to honor a Early Career Professional member who had demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the geologic profession and AIPG at the section and/or national level, and in particular, to mentoring and aiding in the advancement of Early Career Professional members in their early careers and within AIPG.

Stephanie K. Jarvis, SA-1495

Stephanie Jarvis grew up in Shelby County, Kentucky, a rural area between Louisville and Frankfort full of Ordovician brachiopods, tobacco, and horses. She received a BA in Geology and Biology from The College of Wooster in Wooster, OH, a MS in Geology from Southern Illinois University, and is currently a PhD student at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Stephanie’s affiliation with AIPG began during her junior year of college, when she applied for and received the National AIPG Scholarship and incorrectly thought submitting an article to the TPG was a condition of the scholarship. That submission, which was about her first conference experience at GSA in Portland, OR, proved to be quite consequential by setting off a series of events she could never have imagined: several years as the Student’s Voice columnist, a meeting at the following GSA in Denver, CO with now great friend and mentor David Abbott, a job (thanks David!), a couple years on the Colorado Section board, and many meetings and fieldtrips.

Stephanie is incredibly honored and surprised to have received the John Stewart Early Career Professional Award. Upon reading the letter, she spent some time reflecting on John and her interaction with him at the 2012 National Executive Committee Meeting. “I had been invited to the meeting to share my thoughts on how AIPG could better reach students. Eight years later, I can still remember John’s enthusiasm and encouragement to stay involved. As an early graduate student at the time, I was a bit in shock that my perspective was so valued by AIPG as to be invited to the meeting, but John made it clear to me and the other student present that, in his opinion, students and early career professionals were a top priority of AIPG and we should make our voices heard.”

After her Masters, Stephanie obtained a job in Denver as an environmental consultant where she assisted with environmental site assessments, natural resource assessments, and monitoring. She also began volunteering for a local trail work organization, discovering a love for giving impromptu geology lessons mixed in with physical labor and natural resource management, and served for 2 years as the Secretary of the Colorado Section. After 2.5 years of consulting, she decided she missed teaching and returned to graduate school. She has focused on hydrology in Denver, CO with now great friend and mentor David Abbott, a job (thanks David!), a couple years on the Colorado Section board, and many meetings and fieldtrips.

The memory of John’s enthusiasm for her being involved and his impact on her sense of belonging in the organization has served as a reminder of the importance of AIPG for students and early career geologists and has been a source of inspiration to keep working to make AIPG and the field of geology better for those members. She is excited about the recent diversity and inclusion conversations that are occurring within AIPG and has a lot of hope that this organization will continue meeting the professional challenges that come with changes in social and environmental priorities. She is incredibly grateful for the relationships, mentoring, and perspective on such a diverse field as ours offered by AIPG.

2020 SECTION LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Colin O. Flaherty, CPG-11465
Ohio Section

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Colin Flaherty for the 2020 AIPG Section Leadership Award. Colin has been involved with the Ohio Section of AIPG since 2014, and has since proven to be an exceptional leader and professional geologist. When he was recruited as a Member-At-Large he hit the ground running assisting the Ohio Section Executive Committee with organizing Chapter dinner events, a Section night out at a professional baseball game, and in organizing that year's Annual Section Meeting which was held at the Ohio State University Faculty Club. 2014 was also a big year as the Section worked to revise the out-of-date Section bylaws, for which Colin provided valuable input and a fresh perspective.

In 2015 Colin continued his efforts on behalf of the Section by assisting with securing guest speakers, organizing summer field trips to Ohio Cavens and to the Shale Hollow Nature Preserve, and assisting with other Section initiatives. In late 2015, Colin was elected to be the 2016 Secretary and continued expanded his efforts in 2016 in his new role. In 2016, not only did Colin fulfill his role as Ohio Section Secretary, he continued to assist in securing guest speakers and organizing Section events. In late 2016, Colin was elected for the 3-year term that includes President-Elect, President, and Past-President.

Starting in 2017, Colin increased his efforts for the Section and honed his leadership skills. 2017 was another good year for the Section with an array of dinner meetings with excellent guest speakers including Ohio EPA Deputy Director Laura Factor and the first iteration of the Section's successful Vapor Intrusion Training Course. Colin was integral of all of 2017's efforts. Colin also got his first taste of the inner workings of AIPG National through his attendance of the 2017 Annual Meeting in Nashville.

In 2018, Colin led the Ohio Section to another successful year as President. Under Colin's leadership, the Section conducted a successful technical field trip to the Serpent Mound Impact Structure in southern Ohio, a second Vapor Intrusion Short Course, student events, and dinner meetings. This year included the creation of a new student Chapter at Youngstown State University and the now annual tradition of holding the Section's Fall Meeting in Northeast Ohio.

In the fall of 2018, Colin again attended the AIPG National Meeting in Colorado Springs as one of the Ohio Section's representatives. While there he was floor-nominated and voted on to the Advisory Board for the 2019 National Executive Committee. As a result, Colin capped off his successful leadership of the Ohio Section with a new trajectory, involvement at the National Level in 2019 and beyond.

Through 2019, Colin continued to be directly involved with the Ohio Section as Past-President and, among other things, assisted in organizing the Section's first "annual" golf-outing in June 2019. Following his first year of involvement on a National Level, Colin was elected to the Advisory Board again during the 2019 National Annual Meeting in Burlington, Vermont. Colin is continuing his contributions to the Ohio Section 2020 and is now recognized as one of our most valued and experienced members. He is an asset to both the Ohio and National Executive Committees and we truly value all of his efforts and contributions over the years and during the years to come.

Nominated by: Brent Smith, CPG-11130 and Thomas Jenkins, CPG-07892
L. Graham Closs, CPG-7288
Colorado Section
Graham has served in multiple positions on the Colorado Section Executive Committee, including President-Elect, President, Secretary, and Advisory Board Service as Chapter Faculty Sponsor over several years for the (former) Colorado School of Mines Student Chapter up until his retirement from CSM; promotion of student participation and activities in AIPG
Miscellaneous other section activities
Nominated by: Douglas C. Peters, CPG-8274

William H. Hoyt, CPG-7015
Colorado Section
Bill has served on the Colorado Section Executive Committee as Secretary and Advisory Board member. Very active as Faculty Sponsor over several years for the University of the Northern Colorado Student Chapter until his retirement from UNC; he was a key person in promoting student participation and activities in the Colorado Section and AIPG. Bill volunteered to serve as a field trip leader on several section outings.
Nominated by: Douglas C. Peters, CPG-8274

Richard J. Brose, CPG-7549
Arizona Section
Richard has been exemplary in leading and guiding the Northern Arizona University (NAU) student chapter since about 2017. Through his unselfish guidance, Richard has energized the students in the chapter to be active with field trips, regular meetings, and a significant water quality project that benefits the local community. Without his leadership, the NAU chapter would likely struggle, so this leadership award is very deserved.
Nominated by: Doug Bartlett, CPG-8433

The Outstanding Achievement Award was established by the 1989 Executive Committee to honor a non-member of AIPG who is widely recognized as a major contributor to the profession of geology. The award is not necessarily given annually, but only when the Awards Committee recommends an outstanding candidate to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

Past Recipients
Stephen Jay Gould, 1989
Ron Redfern, 1995
John McPhee, 1997
Julie A. Jackson, 1999
Charles “Chip” Groat, 2003
Samuel S. Adams, 2004
Thomas W. Dibblee, Jr., 2005
A. F. “Fred” Spilhaus, Jr., 2009
Simon Winchester, 2014
Karl E. Karlstrom, 2015
Laura J. Crossey, 2015
P. Patrick Leahy, 2016
Robert G. Font, CPG-03953

Dr. Robert Font has 51 years of professional experience in the geological sciences. Font received his BS and MS degrees from Baylor University and his PhD from Texas A&M University in engineering geology and tectonophysics (soil and rock mechanics). Font was a tenured professor at Baylor University, a Senior Geologist, Project Supervisor and Area Geologist at Conoco, Inc., Executive Vice President at Strategic Petroleum, Inc., and a Consulting Geologist and Project Manager at Oryx Energy Company before founding his own firm, Geoscience Data Management, Inc. (GDM). Font led GDM as President and CEO for 23 years through the end of 2013. Currently, Font offers a series of online courses through the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and the American Geosciences Institute (AGI). He also authors a technical column in "The Professional Geologist" as published quarterly by the AIPG. During his professional career, Font taught various professional courses nationally and internationally.

Dr. Font has published widely and is a "Certified Professional and Petroleum Geologist" as recognized by the AIPG, AAPG and SIPES. He is a "Registered Professional Geologist" in Texas, Kentucky, Wyoming and Alaska. Font holds the titles of "Chartered Geologist" as recognized by the Geological Society of London and "European Geologist" as awarded by the European Federation of Geologists. He is also a "Fellow" of the Geological Society of America and a "Fellow" of the Geological Society of London.

Dr. Font has been the recipient of various professional awards including the "Professor of the Year Award in Geophysics" by Conoco, Inc., and the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award and the Ben H. Parker Memorial Medal granted by the AIPG. Font served as President of the Dallas Geological Society, President of the Texas Section of the AIPG and National AIPG President.

Font is fluent in English and Spanish, with some proficiency in French and Italian as well as reading ability of Portuguese. Font has traveled widely to over 50 countries in 4 continents. He enjoys physical fitness, scuba diving, playing guitar, motorcycling and target shooting.

2020 PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Each year, the President of the American Institute of Professional Geologists may award one or more certificates of merit to individuals who, through dedicated and meritorious service, have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute. The award, the Presidential Certificate of Merit, is announced and presented at the Annual Meeting.

R. Doug Bartlett, CPG-8433
For his efforts on working with the ethics reviews this year.

Lawrence A. Cerrillo, CPG-2763
For his efforts on working with the ethics review this year.

Helen V. Hickman, CPG-7535
For her efforts on working with the ethics reviews this year.

Raymond W. Talkington, CPG-7935
For his efforts on working with the ethics review this year.
For the first time in its history, AIPG in 1984 conferred Honorary Membership on one of its most distinguished and illustrious members. This special honor, provided for in the Institute’s Constitution and Bylaws, had long been available but had never before been granted. The most important criterion for this award is an exemplary record of distinguished service to the profession and to the Institute.

**Past Recipients**

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Christine F. Lilek, CPG-10195

Christine is currently an Environmental Health Training Specialist for the WI Dept of Health Services providing risk assessment and hazard investigation training for local health departments.

Previously (from 1985 – 2016), Christine worked for the WI Dept of Natural resources as a hydrogeologist and environmental specialist in their Sustainability and Business Support, Solid and Hazardous Waste and Wastewater programs:

- Assisting businesses with pollution prevention, waste minimization, and green chemistry,
- Reviewing Phase I, Phase II and Environmental Site Assessment Reports,
- Inspecting RCRA facilities for hazardous and solid waste materials,
- Managing State Remediation and Superfund projects, and
- Permitting applicable farm fields for wastewater and bio solids land application.

She was also a Project Manager & Senior Hydro geologist with MSA Consulting Incorporated in Baraboo, Wisconsin from 1993 – 1996; assisting municipal water utilities with their Well Head Protection Plans and from 1991 – 1993, she was a Project Manager & Senior Hydro geologist for Wisconsin Electric Power Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; coordinating groundwater and surface water monitoring at their ash landfills, brown fields and LUST clean-up projects.

Christine received her Bachelor of Science degree from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, WI in 1981 for Geology and Environmental Sciences and received her Master of Arts degree from Edgewood College – Madison, WI in 1995 with course work in Environmental Ethics and Stewardship.


Her present service activities include American Institute of Profession Geologists WI News Editor since 2013, Wisconsin Master Naturalist since 2013, and Lake Sinnissippi Improvement District Board Commissioner since 2016

Christine has been awarded the National AIPG Presidential Certificate of Merit (2013, 2018 & 2019), WI DNR & WI DHS Employee Merit Awards (2016 & 2019), the AIPG Section Leadership Award (2015) and the La Follette Institute’s - Lloyd D. Gladfelter Award for Government Innovation (2012).

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**Scholarship Winners**

The AIPG National awarded fifteen $1,000 scholarships (six were funded by the Foundation of AIPG). The Alaska Section funded one additional scholarship and the Ohio Section funded three additional scholarships.

- Natalea Cohen, SA-10523 – Fort Lewis College
- Cecily Combs, SA-9526 – Northern Arizona University
- Jennifer Davis, SA-10631 – Miami University, Ohio
- Monika Distefano, SA-10004 – Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Chelsey Drake, SA-10573 – University of Maine at Farmington
- Brandon Dukting, SA-10589 – University of Mount Union
- Monika Fleming, SA-9003 – University of Alaska Anchorage (Funded by the Alaska Section)
- Taylor Grandfield, SA-10381 – Stony Brook University
- Molly E. Hunt, SA-10630 – The Ohio State University (Funded by the Ohio Section)
- Samuel Jacob, SA-10578 – Bucknell University
- Alexander Kling, SA-9522 – Stony Brook University
- John McCue, SA-10582 – University of West Georgia
- Hailey Pantaleo, SA-9978 – University of Michigan
- Faith Renner, SA-10474 – Hofstra University
- Erica Scarpitti, SA-10594 – The Ohio State University (Funded by the Ohio Section)
- Jessica Ware, SA-10152 – Georgia Southern University
- Adym Warhurst, SA-10606 – Southern Utah University
- Paige Wilms, SA-9748 – Wright State University (Funded by the Ohio Section)
- Brynn Wooten, SA-10591 – Fort Hays State University

The Foundation of the American Institute of Professional Geologists awarded William J. Siok Graduate Scholarships of $1,000 to Kiera Gomez, University of Texas at Austin, and Matthew Jones, University of Kansas.

*Applications must be received by February 1st and are awarded in the month of May.*
The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) has a history of effective and outstanding service to the profession of geology. From its beginning in 1963, the Institute has emphasized the role that professional geologists play in this fascinating, changing, and highly complex world in which we live.

In an Institute such as this, there are so many highly motivated geologists contributing to the profession, the Institute, the public, and the nations in which we live and work that the identification of a select few for particular awards is a monumental task. The continued success of the Honors and Awards Program is dependent on an accessible nominating process and a diligent screening of those nominated. This is done by the Honors and Awards Committee.

Currently, there are six honors bestowed by the Institute: Ben H. Parker Memorial Distinguished Service Medal, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award, John T. Galey, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, Award of Honorary Membership, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Presidential Certificate of Merit.

Descriptions of the awards, past recipients, and the nomination forms can be found on the AIPG National website or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office.

Awards Deadlines

Nominations for awards, accompanied by a supporting statement, can be submitted online (www.aipg.org - awards) or should be sent via mail to AIPG, 1333 W. 120th Avenue, Suite 211, Westminster, CO 80234-2710, fax: 303-253-9220, or e-mail: aipg@aipg.org to the AIPG National Headquarters by:

- January 15 for National Awards
- January 15 for Section Leadership Awards
- March 30 for Student Chapter of the Year Award

AIPG Honors and Awards Committee

- **Dawn H. Garcia**, CPG-8313, Chairman
- **David M. Abbott, Jr.**, CPG-4570
- **Jeffrey (Jeff) J. Frederick**, CPG-10989
- **Amy L. Hocksema**, CPG-8902
- **Michael (Mike) D. Lawless**, CPG-9224
- **Dennis Pennington**, CPG-4401

The Public Service Award was established by the Executive Committee, in 1982, in recognition of one of its primary purposes; service to the public. In 1992, it was renamed the John T. Galey, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, in posthumous honor of our fourth President, whose long professional career was a continuum of service to both the geological and the general public. This recognition is important because so many members have distinguished themselves and the Institute by giving expert testimony to governmental units, by serving on governmental commissions and committees, and by providing geological expertise where it was needed by the public at large.

**Past Recipients**

- Arthur O. Spaulding, 1983
- Allen F. Agnew, 1984
- William L. Fisher, 1985
- Frank E. Kottlowski, 1986
- Cliff J. Nolte, 1987
- Russell G. Wayland, 1988
- Elisabeth G. Newton, 1989
- Linda E. Okland, 1990
- Meredith E. “Buzz” Ostrom, 1991
- Robert R. Jordan, 1992
- Robert H. Fakundiny, 1993
- Morris W. “Brud” Leighton, 1994
- Edward B. Nuhfer, 1995
- John W. Rold, 1996
- James E. Slosson, 1997
- Kathleen M. F. Benedetto, 1998
- Jonathan G. Price, 1999
- James H. Williams, 2000
- John J. Dragonetti, 2001
- Thomas M. Berg, 2002
- Vicki Cowart, 2003
- Margaret H. Dunn, 2004
- John G. Parrish, 2005
- Richard M. Lane, 2006

Ivan K. “Tex” Gilmore, 2007
M. Lee Allison, 2008
Patrick P. Leahy, 2009
James F. Howard, 2010
James R. Burnell, 2012
Scott W. Tinker, 2013
Logan T. MacMillan, 2016
Jonathan D. Arthur, 2017
Thomas A. Herbert, 2018
David M. Abbott, Jr., 2019
Adam Heft, CPG-10265

It came as quite a surprise when I learned earlier this year that I was to be honored as the 2020 recipient of the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award. When I look back at the list of those individuals who have received this award before me, I was struck by two things: first, that I know over half of them, and second, that I was considered to be worthy of becoming a part of this group.

Back when I first joined AIPG, I was working at a very small environmental consulting company. My supervisor, who was a hydrogeologist (but not a member of AIPG), encouraged me to join a professional organization and begin to develop my professional credentials and network. After I had applied and received my CPG, he told me that he hoped that I would be an active participant in the organization. I assured him I would be, and to that end, I attended my first annual meeting that year in Milwaukee.

I remember when I arrived at the meeting, I initially felt out of my league. A bit like a mouse among giants, truth to tell. But after a short time, I began meeting other professionals. They were all welcoming, and I was able to talk with several individuals, relax, and enjoy the meeting. After attending my second annual meeting, I knew a few more members, and began looking forward to future meetings where I could see them again. Since 2004, I’ve attended every annual meeting, and have become friends with many individuals from across the country.

I have been actively involved with Section activities almost since I first became a CPG. I served as an assistant editor for our Section’s newsletter until the previous Editor (Ty Black) stepped down in 2008; I’ve served as the Editor since that time. I’ve also served on several committees, including one as the Chairman of the 2007 Annual Meeting and another for our Section’s very successful Environmental Risk Management Workshops. My service has also been at the National level. I first served on the National Executive Committee in 2009 as an advisory board member, and in 2010 as Secretary. Then in 2016 I became President Elect. Now I’m standing for election as National Editor.

They say you only get out of something what you put in. This is generally true. I’ve put a lot of time into service to the Institute over the years. However, I feel that I have received more benefit from my service than I have put into it, and have enjoyed every bit of that time and effort. I’ve had the chance to meet many incredible members from all over the country, and even some from other countries. I’ve made friendships I would never otherwise have had. I consider myself the better for those friendships. I’ve been able to travel and see interesting geologic features, mines, and other points of interest that I don’t get to see in my typical environmental geology employment. And finally, active participation and public speaking at meetings has helped me make more confident.

I encourage our members, particularly those early in their career (though it’s never too late), to be active in your respective Sections. Attend an Annual Meeting or two if possible, and meet other professionals from elsewhere in the country and see some incredible geologic features on field trips. You won’t regret it!

I owe a debt of gratitude to many individuals for making it possible for me to receive this award. To my parents for encouragement to believe in myself even when times were hard. To Mark Henne for his strong encouragement to become an active member of AIPG. To Wendy, Cathy, Vickie, Dorothy, and Aaron at Headquarters for everything they do each day that makes our jobs within AIPG easier and more enjoyable.

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The most important criterion for this medal is a continual record of contribution to the profession of geology. A wide variety of contributions can be considered, such as (a) the education and training of geologists, (b) professional development of geologists, (c) service to the Institute, (d) leadership in the surveillance of laws, rules, and regulations affecting geology, geologists, and the public, and (e) activity in local and regional affairs of geologists.

Past Recipients

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Raymond W. Talkington, CPG-7935

Ray was born and raised in the Boston area, and spent some of his summers in both Colorado and Wyoming. One of his aunts, who was a High School Science teacher, introduced him to the world of rocks, fossils, and minerals at a very early age, and he has been studying and teaching about them ever since. He is President and Principal Hydrogeologist of Geosphere Environmental Management, Inc. in Exeter, New Hampshire. Prior to founding Geosphere in 1999, he was a Principal in Talkington Edson Environmental Management, LLC. He also worked with Ransom Environmental Consultants, Inc., Dufresne-Henry, Inc., and Falconbridge Limited, in Canada. He received his B.S. in Geology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his M.S. in Geology and Geochemistry at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada in 1981.

Ray has been a Lecturer and an Adjunct Professor in the Earth Sciences Department at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, since 1997. He was an Assistant Professor of Geology at Stockton University in Pomona, New Jersey from 1982-1987, and a Post Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Geology at Carleton University in Ottawa from 1980-1982.

As a member of AIPG since 1990, Ray was President of AIPG in 2014. He was awarded the AIPG Presidential Certificate of Merit in 2019. He also actively participated in AIPG throughout his career as Editor of TPG, a Trustee and Chairman of the Foundation of AIPG, and as a member of the National Screening Committee. Ray has been a Distinguished Mentor for the Geological Society of America. Ray has been a member of the New England Water Works Association for 25 years and was the recipient of the David M. Erickson Groundwater Award for Commitment to the Technical Advancement of the Groundwater Profession (2018) by the NEWWA Groundwater Committee. He has also been the recipient of the Patriotic Employer Award by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He has been developing and presenting seminars and short courses for both the New England Water Works Association and the New Hampshire Water Works Association since 1994. He saw a need to get geologists and geoscientists together to share thoughts and experiences. As a result, he was one of the original organizers and founders of the Geological Association of New Jersey and the Geological Society of New Hampshire.

Ray has more than 63 publications on geology and hydrogeology in professional journals, books, geology laboratory manuals, and technical publications. Because of his desire to mentor students and professional staff, many of his publications have been co-authored by students or co-workers. Many of his early publications are research-based and peer reviewed, while his later publications were focused on practical, real-world applications. Over the last several years, Ray has developed four webinars as part of the Geosciences Online Learning Initiative (GOLI) through AIPG and AGI, as well as the online Geology and the Environment course at the University of New Hampshire.

Ray has experienced the best of two disciplines over the last 45 years; as part of both the professional and academic worlds. Through these experiences, Ray continues to bring his “real world experience” into the classroom, and stays up to date on new and developing trends in the geosciences. The curiosity and excitement from seeing his first fish fossil and Wyoming Jade have not diminished over the years. Each time a new rock is picked up or a flowing artesian well is discovered, he becomes that boy exploring geology in Wyoming.