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 2021 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, Outstanding Achievement Award, and John Stewart Memorial Early Career Professional 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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Jessica Davey, MEM-3242  
**Colorado Section**

Jessica Davey was born and raised in Colorado, surrounded by amazing geology. Growing up, her family loved to hike and camp, and would visit her favorite places like the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Dinosaur Ridge. Jessica was determined to be a geologist and paleontologist when she grew up. Well, life happened, and rather than pursuing her passion she went to business school instead. Jessica found herself in the situation at 31 years old to go back to school and finally “become” a geologist. Her daughter, Ayda, was born the following October and has been along for the ride ever since.

After graduating from Metropolitan State University of Denver with a B.S. in Applied Geology, Jessica decided to pursue her masters in energy. She attended the University of Colorado Business School’s Global Energy Management program where she earned her M.S. degree. A few months before graduation, she landed her first industry job at MHA Petroleum Consultants as Administrative Services Manager and Geologist. MHA was acquired by Sproule in 2019 and Jessica became the U.S. Business Operations Manager and Geologist. During the four years at MHA and Sproule, Jessica worked in domestic and international projects, specializing in verifying client interpretations with mapping, cross-section analysis, and calculating reservoir volumetrics.

This past July, Jessica received an email out of the blue from an ex-undergrad professor offering her a job. After careful consideration, she decided to leave consulting and join a start-up helium operator as VP of Land and Board of Directors. She is extremely excited to be in on the ground floor as the company grows.

Jessica has been involved with AIPG since helping establish the MSU Denver student chapter in 2013, which she led as President in 2015 and 2016. Jessica has also served on the Colorado Section Executive Committee since 2015 and is the 2021 President. She has also been involved on the National Executive Committee as the Early Career Professional (formerly Young Professional) in 2020 and Past Early Career Professional in 2021. Jessica is also the 2021 Secretary for the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists and 2021 President of the Board for the Denver Earth Resources Library.

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**2021 Recipient of the Student Chapter Award**

**Michigan Technological University**  
Houghton, MI  
AIPG Student Chapter Founded 2017

Chapter Sponsor: Dave Adler, CPG-11377  
Faculty Sponsor: Chad Deering, Ph.D.

Student Chapter Officers:  
President – Elana Barth, SA-10534  
Vice President – Breeanne Heusdens, SA-10444  
Treasurer – Makala O’Donnell, SA-10060  
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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).

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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.

2021 Section Leadership Award Recipients

William (Bill) E. Motzer, CPG-08635  
California Section

Dr. Bill Motzer is a great role model as an engaged professional geologist who is always willing to help out and mentor students and professionals in California. He has provided leadership services for the California Section as a field trip leader and lecturer. Professionally, as an expert witness, Bill shows his integrity in the court room on geochemistry cases. He has also written numerous articles and guidebooks.

Bill has been active with the AIPG California Section for over a decade and has been an advisor to the section leaders. He has given inspiring lectures to the AIPG Student Section of UC Davis on several occasions between 2010 and the present. He has also led several field trips for the California Section. He led two trips to the New Almaden Mercury Mine in San Jose, California, as well as a trip to Ring Mountain in Tiburon, California. He has contributed to the planning of the 2020-2021 Sacramento Meeting.

Nominated by: James A. Jacobs, CPG-7760

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.

Past Recipients

Stephanie K. Jarvis, 2020  
Brandy M. Barnes, 2020
Neil Shubin
University of Chicago

Neil Shubin is the Robert R. Bensley Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy, Associate Dean of Organismal Biology and Anatomy and Professor on the Committee of Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago and is the Provost of the Field Museum of Natural History. In 2006, he and his colleagues Ted Daeschler and Farish Jenkins discovered Tiktaalik roseae, the evolutionary “fish with feet” that represents a transitional species between fish and amphibians. This discovery and its implications were the central theme of Shubin’s book “Your Inner Fish: A Journey Into the 3.5-billion-year History of the Human Body.” Dr. Shubin is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. He is being nominated for his work hosting the PBS Documentary Series “Your Inner Fish” which aired in 2014. This three-part series is an excellent overview of the evolution of humanity, investigating our ‘fishy ancestors’ our ‘reptilian progenitors’ and our ‘inner apes.’ You can find these episodes at http://www.pbs.org/your-inner-fish/home/ He also is being nominated for his newest work, “Some Assembly Required” (release date March, 2020) which uses traditional fossil-based paleontology and cutting-edge DNA technology to address some of the biggest questions in paleontology and evolutionary biology. More information on “Some Assembly Required” can be found here: https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/540510/someassembly-required-by-neil-shubin/9781101871331/. Contributions to the geologic profession? Dr. Shubin and his colleagues are widely renowned for their discovery of Tiktaalik Roseae, a transitional form between fish and amphibians. The story of this discovery provided a test for evolutionary theory as we understand it, and brought paleontology, paleogeography, and sedimentary geology together and into the public eye in 2006. Subsequently Dr. Shubin published his 2009 book, “Your Inner Fish” bringing the story of that discovery and the implications for our understanding of human evolution to a wide audience. In 2013, Dr. Shubin published “The Universe Within: Discovering the Common History of Rocks, Planets, and People.” This book focused on how molecular clues in the human body give insight into why we are the way we are, tracing the 14-billion year history of our universe from the ‘Big Bang’ to the evolution of humans. In 2015, Dr. Shubin hosted the PBS miniseries, “Your Inner Fish” telling the story of human evolution from our fish ancestors to our more modern ape cousins. His latest book “Some Assembly Required” is scheduled for release in March 2020. “Some Assembly Required” combines traditional fossil-based paleontology with state-of-the-art DNA analysis to answer fundamental questions about the origins of animals and humans in a way that will bring these questions to a wide, non-specialist audience Larry D. Woodfork, 1999

Dennis G. McGrath, CPG-08578
Northeast Section

It is my pleasure to nominate Dennis McGrath, CPG for your consideration as a recipient of the 2021 AIPG National Leadership Award. Over the last 24 years he’s provided leadership, service, and a professional presence at section meetings, events, and colleges/universities. I hope you will find his legacy of selfless service to the Northeast Section of AIPG as compelling as we do.

His history of service to the Section over the last 20 years is easily seen in the vitae, below:

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NE/AIPG SECTION SUB-COMMITTEES:

- Nominating: 2001-2007
- Public Affairs: 2001-PRESENT
- Scholarship: 2001-PRESENT
- Section Meetings: 1999-2012

Dennis is the scholarship chair of the NE Section Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geologic Scholarship. In the 30 years since inception, the NE Section has grown the scholarship trust fund to an impressive $380,000 through the direct solicitation of its members, corporate sponsors, and various fundraisers. Dennis has led the Scholarship Sub-Committee for over 10 years, and in that time, has transitioned submission to an online platform, established a co-chair position, selects the annual Sub-Committee’s, and formalized the application review and scoring process.

The total distribution each year is determined on the Scholarship Sub-Committee’s evaluation of the applications submitted, and are awarded primarily on the basis of financial need and academic qualifications; career goals, projects/accomplishments, educational plans, and faculty recommendation letter. In 2020 we were able to award nine outstanding undergraduate students $20,000 with the help of Dennis and the selection Sub-Committee. The Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geologic Scholarship is the most impactful professional engagement we undertake on an annual basis as a section. His stewardship of the Angelo Tagliacozzo Memorial Geologic Scholarship and his leadership of the Scholarship Sub-Committee has been remarkably consistent and professional. His impact on the lives of nearly 100 geology students however, has been profound.

Five years ago, I attended my first Northeast Section AIPG meeting, and met Dennis for the first time. Being extremely shy and knowing only one person in the room he was quick with introductions and instantly made me comfortable. I received an email following the meeting asking if I would like to get involved in the section and a few months later I joined the NE Section Nominating Sub-Committee, but old habits die hard. Dennis continues to serve to this day as the single most persuasive advocate for the NE/AIPG executive committee, and he identifies prospects and reaches out to active members to fill our ballot every year. His singular dedication to this one task has continuously staffed our ranks and provided fresh ideas (and members) to the executive committee for two decades.

In my short time with the NE Section, Dennis has contributed to our success in many other ways. He always helps with meeting location selection, he has a deep understanding of the by-laws and procedures, and he has valuable institutional knowledge that he is always willing to share with a smile and a nod. As the head of the Public Affairs Sub-Committee, he regularly attends the GSA meetings and does long hours of booth duty, handing out materials and recruiting new student members.

Please give Dennis McGrath your most careful consideration for this Section Leadership Award, and please do not hesitate to contact me at (845) 664-5218 should you have any questions regarding this nomination.

Nomination by: Jennifer Rhee, MEM-2805
William M. Greenslade, CPG-02505
Arizona Section
Bill has been a long-term, integral member of the Arizona section. He has been involved in AIPG and also other geosciences organizations in Arizona. He has an incredible history of service to the geologic community in Arizona plus work experience. He has been the Geologist appointed by the governor on the Arizona Board of Technical Registration, plus continued to serve as a legislative committee chair after his tenure (6 years) as Geologist. He has presented talks regarding professional licensure, and was very involved in the Arizona efforts to stop removal of professional licensure of geologists. He has been honored by the Arizona Hydrological Society with Lifetime Achievement award for his leadership in hydrogeologic studies in Arizona. His first job was with Dames and Moore, where he was literally the first hydrogeologist hired for the company. He rose in the ranks of Dames and Moore, working internationally and domestically. He moved to Southwest Groundwater, which was subsequently acquired by Matrix New World, and works as a Principal Hydrogeologist.

Bill has often been the one in front of the group: officer positions, committee chair. He is a calm, thoughtful person who provides valuable advice and input. Bill doesn’t just make suggestions; he walks the walk by volunteering to take on duties and tasks.

He has served as the section president in the past and has currently been the section treasurer for multiple years. He was the liaison between the Board of Technical Registration and AIPG while he was on the board, and has continued to be active in legislative matters. He is one of the “core” members of the section, and has been called upon many times for guidance and leadership.

Nominated by: Doug Bartletts, CPG-8433, and Dawn Garcia, CPG-8313, and Barbara Murphy, CPG-6203.

Carlton (Trey) V. Howard, III, CPG-10582
Minnesota Section
I’m nominating Carlton (Trey) V. Howard, III (CPG-10582) for the AIPG Section Leadership Award. Trey has been actively involved in the AIPG Minnesota Section for many years and he served as Secretary/Treasurer for several terms in the mid-2000s.

Trey helped organize and lobby the effort to license geology in Minnesota in the mid-1990s. Trey’s involvement with the Minnesota Section has been notable and has helped make the Minnesota Section a thriving community.

Nominated by: Shanna A. Schmitt, CPG-11781
Stephen J. Baker, MEM-2353
California Section

Steve has migrated across the country, beginning in Pittsburgh, PA and eventually reaching California. Along the way, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Ohio State and landed in his dream state of Colorado. Working for a water resources company during this first five years gave him the project management experiences that led him to AIPG and involvement in a 1982 Leaking UGST problem that was reported in the Wall Street Journal. His introduction to AIPG was sparked when he volunteered on an AIPG committee that was suggesting a groundwater quality management concept for addressing Colorado’s growing environmental water pollution issues.

A regulatory driven environmental market in California eventually coaxed him to California where he incorporated the consulting firm, HydroSolutions of California, Inc. Steve operated the firm from 1985 to 2016. During that time, he became involved in many groundbreaking actions. He contributed to the 1986-1987 Federal Home Loan Bank Board memorandum focused on the development of the pollution liability environmental disclosure policy. This program became one of the first approaches used by banks and real estate communities in the nation and lead to what is now the Phase I environmental site assessments used in the real estate and lending industries. During the early 1990s, Steve became the founding Advisory Board Member of the Cooperative Solution Program and a Board of Director for the Institute of Environmental Solutions in California. HydroSolutions of California, Inc. worked as the environmental consulting firm of California Governor Wilson’s first pilot project of this program in Antioch, California.

After spending over thirty-eight years working in the field of hydrogeology, he concluded that helping our communities to work together and working within the current knowledge limits of science present the greatest challenges. Combining these understandings with a strong feeling for civic duty, he added new communication capabilities to his working experiences. Radio and television broadcasting interviews and shows on water issues have proved to be a very effective approach to reaching the hearts and minds of fellow community members. He seeks to understand community needs, biases, and limitations and finds the pathways to solving their challenges. In his view, the greatest way to apply technical solutions in the world is through a public that is engaged and committed to the process and outcome. He is committed to using his Earth Science background in bringing people together to solve water related issues.

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.

Christine F. Lilek, CPG-10195
For her efforts to institute creative changes in Advisory Board activities and for working tirelessly to update position statements.

Jessica Davey, MEM-3242
For generously working with Early Career Professionals, and particularly during planning for the 2021 Annual Meeting.
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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Anne M. Murray, CPG-11645
Florida Section

Summary of Career Achievements in AIPG from 2011 to present 2022- serving as AIPG Florida Section President Elect, AIPG Florida Section President, AIPG Florida Section Past President, AIPG Florida Section Advisor, AIPG Annual Meeting Florida Section Delegate. AIPG National Secretary, AIPG Vice President. Awards I have received include AIPG Presidential Certificate of Merit, AIPG Section Leadership Award, AIPG Presidential Certificate of Merit. Other areas of service from 2013 to present include Water For People- Groundwater Sourcing Study in Sagar Island and Patharpratima, West Bengal. AWWA Delegate. Engineers Without Borders- Well Design and Implementation- in Kolunge, Kenya. Water Supply Assessment, Well Design and Implementation in Solola, Guatemala. Wellspring Water Solutions, LLC, Water Resource Management, in the Kabul River Basin-DOI Afghanistan- Pakistan (remote). IsraAID Bahamas WASH Grand Bahama and Abaco Islands -Sustainable Groundwater Resource Management Program.

Scholarship Winners

The AIPG National awarded thirteen $1,000 scholarships (three were funded by the Foundation of AIPG), and one $500 scholarship (funded by the AIPG Nevada Section)

Sherri Buxton, SA-10864, Colorado Mesa University, CO Section
Yueyl Che, SA-10774, University of California Berkeley, CA Section
Silas Goetz, SA-10913, University of Wyoming, WY Section
Jamie Good, SA-10908, University of Florida, FL Section
Mable Hagans, SA-10975, Western Colorado University, CO Section
(Funded by the Colorado Section)
Jessica Hiatt, SA-10929, Colorado School of Mines, CO Section
Samantha Hilburn, SA-10970, Tulane University, LA Section
Anastasia Ivanova, SA-10907, State University of Potsdam, Northeast Section
Paige Monyak, SA-10937, Oberlin College, OH Section
Breuna Murray, SA-9764, Wayne State University, NE Section
Grace Ojala, SA-9664, Michigan Technological University, MI Section
Jessica Patrick, SA-10433, Miami University, FL Section
Jasmine Peach, SA-10902, San Diego State University, CA Section
Emily Sonnenberg, SA-10977, University of Florida, FL Section
Trisia Tellez, SA-10973, The University of Texas at El Paso, TX Section
Ian Wynn, SA-8150, Georgia Southwestern State University, GA Section

The Foundation of the American Institute of Professional Geologists awarded William J. Siok Graduate Scholarships of $1,000 to Lauren Bunce, SUNY Binghamton University.

*Applications must be received by February 1st and are awarded in the month of May.

Annual Meeting Committee

Stephen Baker, MEM-2353, General Co-Chair; James Jacobs, CPG-7760, General Co-Chair; Gary Pischke, MEM-3042; Mehmet Pehlivan, MEM-1546, Mark Rogers, CPG-8926; Danielle Mendoza-Torres, ECP-0806; and William Motzer, CPG-8635.
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

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**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
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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
Christine F. Lilek 2020
Dawn Garcia received her BA in geological sciences from Bradley University (Peoria, IL) and an MS in Geology (emphasis in hydrogeology) from California State University, Long Beach. She has worked over 35 years in environmental permitting and compliance, mine life cycle planning, and hydrologic projects. She has worked in characterization, remediation and reclamation projects at aerospace facilities, steel foundries, petroleum refineries, mineral development areas and mining operations. For the past 15 years she has primarily worked in Mexico in mining.

Dawn has been a member of AIPG for 30 years and has served in a variety of Arizona section and national ExCom elected positions, as well as serving on both local and national committees. She particularly enjoyed being on the planning committee for the 1994 national meeting held in Flagstaff, and being part of the Washington, DC, lobbying efforts. Dawn has been fortunate to attend many of AIPG’s annual meetings, and it is not unusual for Dawn to have her husband, her mother, or friends in tow to take advantage of the fabulous field trips, which are an integral part of the AIPG section and national events. She was inspired to organize a week-long field trip to the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, to celebrate AIPG’s 50th anniversary.

In addition to AIPG, Dawn has been active in ASBOG and the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration, the Arizona Hydrological Society, Arizona Geological Society, SME and the AIMMGM (which is the mining association of Mexico like SME). She is always looking for opportunities to build relationships with other groups and has planned multiple field trips that combined 2 or 3 professional societies.

The Ben H. Parker Memorial Distinguished Service Medal is the Institute’s most distinguished award. It was established by the Executive Committee in 1969 in posthumous honor of a truly great leader, who devoted much of his life to improve the quality of geology and geologists and the services they provide. The medal is awarded to individuals who have long records of distinguished and outstanding service to the profession.

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**

- Martin Van Couvering, 1969
- Ian Campbell, 1970
- Allen C. Tester, 1972
- James Boyd, 1973
- Jerry B. Newby, 1973
- Linn Hoover, 1974
- R. Dana Russell, 1976
- Frank B. Conselman, 1977
- John T. Galey, 1978
- Howard E. Rothrock, 1980
- Adolf U. Honkala, 1981
- Henry H. Neel, 1982
- John D. Haun, 1983
- Robert L. Bates, 1984
- M. O. Turner, 1985
- Robert J. Weimer, 1986
- Ernest K. Lehmann, 1987
- Michel T. Halbouty, 1988
- Peter T. Flawn, 1989
- Grover E. Murray, 1989
- Wayne A. Pettyjohn, 1990
- Robert H. Dott, Jr., 1992
- Daniel N. Miller, Jr., 1993
- Frank W. Harrison, Jr., 1994
- Donald L. Blackstone, 1995
- William L. Fisher, 1996
- Marcus E. Milling, Sr., 1997
- Peter R. Rose, 1998
- Charles J. Mankin, 1999
- Russell G. Slayback, 2000
- Susan M. Landon, 2001
- Larry D. Woodfork, 2002
- Richard J. Proctor, 2003
- Thomas G. Fails, 2004
- Kames W. Skehan, 2005
- Robert R. Jordan, 2006
- Madhurendu B. Kumer, 2007
- Dennis Pennington, 2008
- Robert H. Fakundiny, 2009
- John W. Rold, 2010
- Richard M. Powers, 2012
- Jonathan G. Price, 2013
- William J. Siok, 2014
- David M. Abbott, Jr., 2015
- Vincent P. Amy, 2016
- Stephen M. Testa, 2017
- Barbara H. Murphy, 2018
- Frank R. Ettenson, 2019
- Raymond W. Talkington 2020
- Robert H. Dott, Jr., 1992
- Barbara H. Murphy, 2018
Ronald J. Wallace, CPG-08153  
Georgia Section

Ron received his BS in Oceanographic Technology from Lamar University. Worked three years as a research technician at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. MS in Geology from University of Kansas. Worked for Exxon in South Texas Production and drilled oil and gas wells on the King Ranch. Moved to Houston and transferred to Alaska Pacific Exploration and worked on offshore sales and sat on wells in Norton Sound, Bering Sea, and Aleutians. Transferred back into Central Production and drilled wells in East Texas.

I later transferred to Marketing Department in Exxon’s Environmental Engineering and managed Exxon owned petroleum releases in Texas and moved to Atlanta to manage sites in Georgia and South Carolina. Took a separation package and for the next seven years worked for a number of environmental consulting firms in investigations and remediation of different types of contamination. The highlight of that time was working at Cape Canaveral to conduct some of the first investigations in the industrial area and launch complexes. Watched many launches of the space shuttles and Delta rockets.

I had an opportunity and took a position with Georgia Environmental Protection Division in the Underground Storage Tank Program and over the years managed thousands of sites. The last few years was promoted to a program manager within the UST program. The two major projects managed for the state were the cleanup and closure of the Greyhound bus station in downtown Atlanta that now has a high rise on the property and the closure of the Ford plant that had the largest remediation system in the UST program in Georgia. Now USA Porsche headquarters and adjacent hotel are on the property.

I joined AIPG in 1991. By 1997 on Georgia Executive Committee and rose through the ranks and served as president in 2002. In 2003 attended first AIPG Annual meeting in Glenwood Springs, CO. Elected as an advisory board representative and over the years rose through the ranks and was National President in 2013. The two major accomplishments while president was AIPG Student Chapter of the Year Award and AIPG Section Leadership Award.

Outside of AIPG current chairman at Kansas University of the Geology Associates Advisory Board and will be the treasurer at American Geosciences Institute (AGI) in October.

The Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award was established by the Executive Committee in 1979 in posthumous honor of the first president of the Institute. Martin Van Couvering made the presidency a full-time occupation for the first two years of the Institute’s history. His dynamic leadership, diplomacy, and organizational abilities established the solid foundation from which the Institute has grown. Few, if any, have given so much to the Institute.

The most important criterion for the Martin Van Couvering Memorial Service to the Institute Award is service to the Institute. As in other awards, a wide variety of contributions to the Institute may be considered. By far the most important contribution a geologist can make to the Institute is that of time. It is the contributions by individuals to the Sections, the committees, and special projects that enable the Institute to enhance the practice of geology.

**Past Recipients**

Larry D. Woodfork, 1979  
Harold L. Fothergill, 1980  
Al Saterdal, 1981  
James A. Wheeler, 1981  
James R. Dunn, 1982  
William A. Newton, 1983  
Andrew G. Alpha, 1984  
Russell R. Dutcher, 1985  
Edward E. (Bud) Rue, 1986  
Bobby J. Timmons, 1987  
Charles J. Mankin, 1988  
Stanley S. Johnson, 1989  
Sam R. Evans, 1990  
Richard J. Proctor, 1990  
Susan M. Landon, 1991  
Kenneth N. Weaver, 1992  
Robert A. Northcutt, 1993  
Daniel N. Miller, Jr., 1994  
Russell G. Slayback, 1995  
William V. Knight, 1996  
Robert K. Merrill, 1997  
David M. Abbott, Jr., 1998  
Stephen M. Testa, 1999  
Robert A. Levich, 2000  
Thomas G. Fails, 2001  
Madhurendu B. Kumar, 2002  
Kelvin J. Buchanan, 2003  
Robert H. Fakundiny, 2004  
Lawrence M. Austin, 2005  
Richard M. Powers, 2006  
Robert G. Corbett, 2007  
Robert G. Font, 2008  
Larry R. Rhodes, 2008  
Daniel J. St. Germain, 2009  
Ronald J. Wallace, 2010  
Barbara H. Murphy, 2011  
Mark W. Rogers, 2012  
Robert A. Stewart, 2013  
Lawrence C. Weber, 2014  
James A. Jacobs, 2015  
J. Foster Sawyer, 2016  
Michael D. Lawless, 2017  
Dennis Pennington, 2018  
Samuel W. Gown, 2019  
Adam W. Heft, 2020