Past Recipients

Stephen M. Testa, CPGA
2009 Recipient of the Award of Honor of Professional Geologist

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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 AIPG 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 Medal, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award, John T. Galey, Sr. Memorial Public Service Award, Award of Honorary Membership, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Presidential Certificate of Merit.

AIPG Mission Statement

The mission of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) is to be an effective advocate for the profession of geology and to serve its members through activities and programs that support continuous professional development and promote high standards of ethical conduct.

Request for Nominations

The 2010 AIPG Awards Committee is seeking nominations for future recipients. Nominations for the Ben H. Parker Memorial Medal, John T. Galey, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award, Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award, Award of Honorary Membership, and Outstanding Achievement Award. These awards, accompanied by supporting statement, should be sent to AIPG headquarters, c/o Honors and Awards, 1440 W. 122nd Avenue, Suite 250, Westminster, Colorado 80234. The nomination form is available on the website (www.aipg.org) or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office at (303) 412-6205.

Nominations must be received by December 15, 2009.

President of the AIPG Business Meeting

Each year, the AIPG President may award one or more certificates of merit to individuals who, through dedicated and meritorious service, have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute.

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For sharing their valuable time, knowledge, and guidance in preparing the AIPG Statement on Domestic American Energy.

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