2010 Recipient of the AIPG
Ben H. Parker
Memorial Medal

John Rold has a long, proud history of service to the geologic community. Just like Ben H. Parker, John gave much of his life to improve the quality of geology, geologists, and the services they provide. His multi-faceted geology career spans 60 years and includes membership and leadership roles in every major geologic association, including, of course, our own AIPG. John is a charter member of the institute and served as president in 1981.

He has received distinguished public service awards from 5 organizations, authored or co-authored 38 publications, testified before the legislature, and given innumerable presentations both to geologists and to lay people to help them better understand and appreciate geology. For 25 years, he led field trips for The Energy and Minerals Field Institute (EMFI), which familiarized key federal and state policymakers with the realities of resource development in the Western United States.

John started his career in the oil and gas field, which culminated in being District Geologist with Chevron's Montana/Dakotas District. He was then selected to lead the newly-created Colorado Geologic Survey, which he did with great distinction for 23 years. After his official retirement, he began consulting and has spent the last 19 years working with Wright Water Engineers and serving as an expert witness.

Throughout his career, John has mentored other geologists and supported them in achieving professional success and satisfaction.

Recipients of the AIPG
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In recognition of relentless advocacy for AIPG and the profession.

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AIPG's Honors and Awards Program

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.

Descriptions of the awards, past recipients, and the nomination form can be found on the AIPG National website at www.aipg.org or contact the AIPG National Headquarters office at:

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2010 Recipient of the Award of AIPG Honorary Membership

Larry is just a stubborn old country boy who won't take no for an answer and he won't tolerate political nonsense in response to a scientific issue. Labeled contentious more than once by local regulators, he's also been recognized by them for correct interpretations no one else could see.

He finds it hard to say no as well. He's written articles, promoted alternative membership approaches for the Institute, pushed his business, become a foster parent and an adoptive parent. He's active in the Michigan Section, participated with the Michigan Basin Geological Society, the National Groundwater Association on the local level, and has worked with the Association of Engineering Geologists and the Michigan Well Driller's Association. He's an amateur radio operator who's helped formulate local and regional emergency response efforts.

He serves as chair of AIPG’s National Screening Committee and enjoys the time spent helping members of the committee, members of the Institute and applicants. He revels in out of the box thinking, innovative approaches and finding a way to make it work. His key to success is the firm belief that if someone else can do it, he can do it. Although he isn't about to undertake brain surgery or nuclear reactors, if you come to him with a problem, he'll either find a way to make it work or do his best to find someone for you who can.

Outside of professional activities he's into fishing, hunting, hiking, bird watching, scuba diving, travel, geologic field trips, sailing and history. He's a Civil War buff, into woodworking, metal work and casting, stonework and knife making. He does martial arts for both fun and his health and on rare occasions sits back at his cottage to watch the wildlife and the world go by.

James F. Howard, CPG 2536

2010 Recipient of the Award of AIPG

John T. Galey, Sr. Memorial Public Service Award

Dr. Howard’s academic credentials include an Associate Professorship of Geology at Ohio University from 1968 until 1972. Since entering the consulting field, he has presented lectures and/or courses at Oregon State University, University of Southern California, UC Los Angeles, UC Irvine, Purdue, University of Wisconsin, and numerous other colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. In addition California, the Virgin Islands and Ohio. 40+ one day short courses to audiences of academics, consultants, clients and regulatory staff directed toward upgrade of professional capabilities and expansion of overall understanding of the role of the geosciences in problem-solving. He presently teaches a course in Global Change at Kentucky Wesleyan University and serves as a guest lecturer on various topics relating to the geosciences on cruise ships and to other groups.

He is a three-time AIPG Kentucky Section President and chairman of the AIPG Outreach Committee. He has served twice on the National AIPG Advisory Board, two Position Paper committees and the Awards Selection Committee.

Ronald J. Wallace, CPG 8153

2010 Recipient of the Award of AIPG

Martin Van Couvering Memorial Award

Ron attended Lamar University and enrolled in their oceanographic technology degree. After graduation he was a research technician at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in Savannah, Georgia. Later he went to graduate school at the University of Kansas. While there he worked for the USGS office in their groundwater resources.

Upon graduation he accepted a job with Exxon and moved to Kingsville, Texas where he worked in a small production office. From there he moved to Houston where he worked in the Alaska Pacific Exploration Department. During that time he worked on offshore sales and sat some of the exploration wells. He later was transferred to Central Production Division and then to the Marketing Department where he was in-charge of Exxon facilities that have had a release of petroleum from their underground storage tanks.

Ron took a separation package from Exxon and worked for seven years with a number of consulting firms. The highlight was working at Cape Canaveral, Florida doing RCRA investigations and visited the launch pads where the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo lift off. He also saw a number of Space Shuttle and Delta launches.

The last eleven years he has worked for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in the Underground Storage Tank Management Program. He became AIPG Georgia Section vice president in 1999 and president in 2002. During that time he has built up the section and annually tries to visit all six universities that offer geology degrees. This year was the first time the section gave four $250.00 scholarships and they plan to continue for many more years. The section has one student chapter and plans to add two more this fall. At the National level Ron has been an advisory board member for three years. Treasurer for two years, and is currently Vice-President.