#1
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? So that I could have Qualified Person designation for signing press releases and other documents relating to a Canadian stock exchange listing.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Too busy with other work.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Too busy with other work.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional ethics.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would like to see the time abbreviated for young graduate geologists to be full AIPG members. Attract young people to keep the organization vibrant.

#2
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because the AIPG certification is recognized in Canada as QP for NI 43-101 reporting.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No - not interesting enough.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, agenda generally is not interesting enough to draw me there.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? CPG certification - AIPG should push to get more CPG recognition by other states and in the law like PE is.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? So so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not sure it’s taken seriously enough, same time hard to say.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes to maintain my CPG certification.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Push to get the CPG recognized by more States.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#3
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Career advancement with the CPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional certification for geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Fair value.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? The certification process should have examination stages, similar as the engineer certification, so that professional geologists are viewed with greater respect and probably paid more.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#4

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To further my career.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to, not so much nowadays because I am so busy running my business.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes - 2, one of which I helped organize.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Fostering professionalism and ethics.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would like to see AIPG take a coordinated stand against the potential rollback of EPA protections, and climate change denial. I believe (other than an increased risk for conflicts moving forward) that this is the most important risk facing the world at this time.

#5

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because I thought after I retired I might want to become a CPG and/or consult.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not usually - don’t fit into my time or travel schedule.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No - too expensive to go outside for.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG process and communication between very different types of practitioners of geology.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not sure how it is relevant other than the CPG possibility.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably not - I am not likely to consult from here on out - possibly work two more years for a Fed Agency, then retire for good.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More active members should answer this question.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I really like the quizzes in the journal - help remind us how varied the world of geology is, and how little we really remember from our school days!
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? No. As a mining professional, the certification is needed for some of the work that I perform. I attend more meetings through work than I care to, so additional activities outside of work and outside of family are not preferred.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Yes. Attended 50th Annual conference in Denver. Presented during the Alaska Miners section. It was a good conference and there was a lot of good information presented.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The National Certification versus certification that is limited to the state you are residing in at the time. As a mining professional, have lived and worked in 5 different states. I was not certified at the time, but had I been, the certification would have been recognized in all of the states.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? As with any professional organization, it has its pros and cons.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It is important that it stays scientific and honors differing viewpoints. I am obviously pro-development in my line of work, but it is important that
any support AIPG gives to industry is strictly science based and not based on opinion. What brings this to mind is some of the key speakers at the 50th Anniversary discussing fracking in the oil fields. The general consensus was in support of it, which I am in favor of, but discussion around potential environmental and geologic ramifications was not fully pursued as much as how it would negatively impact the industry and everyone needed to support. As a professional, should state the facts clearly, and articulate when you are voicing an opinion versus a study based position.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Do not plan to discontinue membership.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am not active enough nor plan to be to appropriately give input to this question other than the statement in question 6.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Enjoy the newsletters and articles that come out. Sometimes frustrated in the headline on the email is something that interests me, but is a side note article in the publication. I do see that publication as an important aspect as it helps to keep members up to date on new findings, thoughts, etc.

#8

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I realized that the CPG credential was important to my ability to survive as a consulting geologist.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. There are just too many other distractions from putting in billable time so I could make a living.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG credential is very important.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. The CPG is necessary for writing NI 43-101 reports, for instance, and I have written over one hundred thousand dollars’ worth of those. If the SEC develops a similar credential requirement for writing reports, the annual cost of the membership will be well worth it.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It seems to me that it is increasingly more difficult to maintain high professional standards. The AIPG must take the lead in providing top quality reading material, short courses, etc. to help those of us down in the trenches.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am 77, but nonetheless, I will continue in my consulting business as long as I can. I enjoy my work.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Just make sure we CPG’s are relevant in the business world ahead. We have to be needed.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Improve the periodic news emails. Some of the subjects and material covered are not up to professional standards, and are a waste of time to read.

#9

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Living in a non-testing state for a Geology License I joined AIPG to get a state geology license.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Not really involved in the local AIPG although Keri Nutter has done a GREAT job!!
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once. Last year here in Anchorage. I gave a presentation.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Good organization that provides credentials (CPG) in a non-testing state.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too many years are now required for the CPG. Should be 5 years. Former members or non-paying members use the CPG without keeping current on their dues.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. About that.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Adopt an ASBOG Test and two referring CPGs to get a CPG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Say hi to Keri!

#10

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the professionalism and the professional status. I did this as soon as I was eligible.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? When I was the Section president, we had monthly meetings. We now have meetings less than once per year.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, and it was very rewarding. I did it to represent the Section.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Maintaining professional integrity.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It has in the past.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack of interest in the Section.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Increased activity in creating professional standards. If we don’t create new licensing standards, other professions will take our work from us and the public could be harmed.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, but thank you for serving.

#11

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I needed the credentials.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I can’t be bothered.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. They cost too much money.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The credentials.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Probably not.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The expense of it all for the credentials. I re-evaluate it all every year at this time.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? **No. It is too expensive and I may not need the credentials.**

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? **Lowering the dues for non-participating geos like me.**

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? **I can’t think of any.**

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#12

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? **I became a member in 1992.**

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? **I participated as a member, and local officer until I changed careers. I was a Section Secretary and Vice President in the past.**

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? **I attended the Annual meeting in 1999 in Girdwood.**

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? **I attended the Minneapolis/ St. Paul meeting a few years ago.**

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? **I am happy that AIPG is a strong communication network among geologists.**

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? **I believe that the high ethical and integrity standards makes this professional organization exceptional, and I continue my annual membership with pride.**

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? **I believe that geologists do not need the national AIPG certification to find employment now. This has changed in the workplace over the past years.**

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? **I will read the AIPG news, but will not attend meetings. I am not practicing geology in my career at this time.**

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? **I believe that in-person and hands-on continuing professional education would keep people engaged.**

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#13

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? **I was always interested in joining while in State Service but thought it was important to be a CPG within AIPG during my consulting career.**

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? **I do attend section meetings and have even given presentations; however, haven’t made too many national meetings.**

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? **Yes—the 2015 meeting in Anchorage—helped with a field trip.**

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? **AIPG is a good assemblage of ‘working stiff’ earth science professionals that provides national leadership.**

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? **Yes**

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? **Can’t really think of any serious concerns.**

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? **Yes—will remain a member of AIPG for the foreseeable future.**

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? **Can’t think of anything at the moment.**
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I do want to make more national meetings in the future—just have to schedule them in. Falls are always tough; i.e., end of year reports, other organizational meetings; and hunting trips.

#14

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Recommend from a colleague.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, just joined.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, just joined.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It seemed like a good professional organization to join.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? N/A
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? N/A
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? N/A
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? N/A

#15

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member in about 1983 early in my professional career as a young staff geologist. It was my first registration and in subsequent years, I have obtained many more.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, not in several years. I was once active in meetings that were held quarterly. Most attendees were older members (many were retired). However, we were never able to build considerable attendance and the meetings eventually faded out.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Only one national meeting as I recall and a couple in Tennessee in the ’90s. It dealt with karst and that was an interest of mine.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The TPG publication.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The TPG publication.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The lack of interest/interaction at the state and local level.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably so, as I’ve been a member for the past 34 years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I strongly believe an influence should be placed on getting graduates interested in the licensing/registration process while they are in college. In my experience as a former licensing board member, most colleges place little emphasis on this.

#16

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional status and only professional program available at that time.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, state section is not active, aging membership - include me, competition for CEUs from AL Geo. Society at $15 per year.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, work job, company not supportive of AIPG.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professionalism, contact with other professionals.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Overall yes.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? How do we keep the younger people interest, both professionally and in geology as a career. Sheer numbers = a lot of professional organizations on all fronts are struggling with the numbers game due to my generation either retiring or passing on. ?????

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? At age 70, geologic news, especially with natural resources, but that is a personal bias.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Being 70, cash flow is an issue. I am most appreciative that AIPG has a retired status.

#17

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At the time, it was the only professional recognition available.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, advancement has moved me almost totally out of geology work.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, less relevant to current work.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? TPG and AIPG eNews keeps me updated on current events.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Maturing industry, with states having registrations the senior members will fall off with retirements with younger potential members only getting state registrations.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably, will retire in about five years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More student sections, we need to connect early in the career process.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#18

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At my first job in KY, all geologist co-workers were AIPG members, as well as CPGs, if eligible. Company paid for two (2) memberships. I became a member.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, in KY, events were all 2+ hours away. In Arkansas, there are no state events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I have never been supported by my employer to attend, and the vacation time+travel/hotel costs+registration is a bridge too far on my own dime (govt employee).

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It supports geologists as professionals. They are the sole geologist organization with that focus. Others focus on a specialty or the science, but not the profession.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I believe so. My employer recognizes my CPG. I personally pay my dues; my employer (fed govt) cannot pay my dues, by law.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not fighting hard enough for state registration in states that lack it. If Texas can do it, so can the others!

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I made a decision in getting my CPG, 8 years after initial eligibility, that I would keep it until retire. I assumed a career-long cost of $2600+.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A bigger focus on college student recruitment by annual distribution of posters to all geology departments. I never heard about AIPG as a student.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have this strange idea that geologists would be better represented by a single professional society, like ABA for lawyers or AMA for doctors, rather than these disparate groups poorly tied together by AGI. Let the specialties be a part of the bigger organization as subordinate groups. I moved to Arkansas from Kentucky barely two years ago and I travel 30-percent of the time for work. In Kentucky, AIPG is the most prominent geology professional society. When I moved, I tried to look for the Arkansas chapter, but apparently, there are less than 5 members in the capitol region. That is not a critical mass for meetings.

#19

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was encouraged at work.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? NO!
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? NO!
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? No answer.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value?
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG should have adopted a national exam for credentialing.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG should still adopt a national exam for credentialing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#20

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Early career move for contacts and to get professional registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Moderately involved: attend local meetings and occasionally attend field trips.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Time, money.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Contacts and professional registration.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Probably
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#21

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? In 1983 my former partners & I had founded a small consulting firm; I was the most senior of the geologists so it was up to me to beef up my credentials (we had previously operated under the “umbrella” of only providing professional services to our employer and not to the public).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I am now retired, so attendance at AIPG events is limited (most recent AIPG event - I volunteered at the AIPG booth at the SME convention in Phoenix).
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended only one annual meeting - it was held in Flagstaff over 20 years ago. I was struck by how little time the "leadership" representatives had to attend the technical sessions - they were always off at one of their own meetings and generally unavailable to the members in attendance (I hope that has changed).
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Two things: (1) fostering professionalism among geologists [parenthetically, there needs to be a greater emphasis on achieving the CPG credential among our "members"]; (2) Defending the professionalism of geology when subjected to attack [e.g., last session's efforts in the Arizona legislature to "de-regulate" the profession - the Arizona Section chair did a fine job in mobilizing help from the Section (but we shouldn't have been blindsided like we were)].
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Like all professional organizations, it's run by those few members who "show up" to pitch in. Like every other professional organization AIPG needs to foster a culture of activism, both in terms of professional development, and in educating the public and members of the other affiliated professions [e.g., civil engineers].
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? My membership is as a "retired member" - the only reason I will not remain a member for the next five years will be my early death.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A bit more "militancy" in the defense and promotion of our profession.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thanks for asking.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Initially I was asked to speak at an AIPG convention and became a member at that time. Since, the professional geologist status is important to me and my business.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not often. I live a distance away and as I age, my professional meeting attendance has also dropped.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, only one.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional people.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, if I live that long.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I fear I am not connected enough to help you here.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

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1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The AIPG CPG is recognized as a “de-facto” registration in states that do not have a formal registration, and I routinely work in those states. It also serves as a positive networking opportunity.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? More frequently lately, but my participation has historically been through AIPG partnerships with other organizations that are in my geographic area.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I work for a small company and we can’t really afford the time or travel costs.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Peer opinions and discussions. My CPG status.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe so. AIPG, along with AEG, provide a more focused working geologist perspective as opposed to more academic society memberships. I value the “Professional” part of being recognized as a geologist.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? At this time, none. My concerns are more about the profession as a whole. I live in Arizona, and we recently had our Governor gut our registration status. AIPG lobbied heavily against this change, which is much recognized and appreciated by Arizona geologists.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? This is certainly a question that pops up in every group.

I am concerned about the relevancy and integration of the science and profession of geology into sustainable solutions that the general public sees and understands. The majority of adults I come into contact with have little or no idea about what a geologist actually does, let alone what a geologist contributes, to everyday life. And yet, once introduced to our life, everyone
shows remarkable enthusiasm for our lifestyle and contributions. Education is always the key, and certainly needs to be heavily reintroduced into K-12.

We are integrating new technologies, like Drone videos, into our everyday practice to capture an “audience” of clients, educators, and the public. Since we live in a visual, technology driven world, perhaps we should provide a National Geographic approach to our profession to capture the general public. If gold miners in Alaska and Pawn Shops in Nevada can do this, we should be able to as well.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am sponsoring a Student Chapter of AIPG, which is just getting off the ground. The people involved at the university consist of a mixed group and age of adults. We are attempting to outreach to the local Community College and (I will stress to the members) the local K-12 school districts. It is a wonderful challenge to integrate different cultural values (Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and others) and science, and it forces the scientists that are becoming geologists into understanding that there is more than just science in understanding how people interpret and use what we do.

#24

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Went into a consulting role and thought AIPG was an important credential for my customers.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, started early with SME and kept my efforts there.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Was not a good venue for meeting customers for the kind of work I was doing. It was more geologists talking to geologists.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The certification process.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too small as an organization.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Most likely. Getting close to retirement.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Grow. The field is too small and narrow to have any clout in important legislation and governmental policies.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#25

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was asked by a professor to become an officer of the chapter due to my expressed interest in becoming a Registered Geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? We have not held any events yet, though I intend to attend and participate in them all.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not, due to being a new member of AIPG.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I consider learning from professionals and receiving their guidance into the professional geologist world the most important part of AIPG.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, it definitely will when we get the chapter running.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not have concerns for AIPG.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do, as being involved with professionals is extremely important to me.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More members!!
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#26

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member because Nevada did not license geologists and I needed a credential of some kind.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I held various offices in Nevada for a few years.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Annual Meetings did not address my specialty and there was no business reason to attend. I did help to organize an annual meeting some years ago and briefly attended.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I am retired now but I greatly enjoy the emails with briefs on geological subjects.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? As I still occasionally have contact with old clients in Alaska, where the credential confers gravitas, it still serves.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As an organization acting for all geologists, I worry that political expediency will prevail over science. For example in the environmental sector.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Recently moved to AZ, have not yet participated in local activities, most of which are near Tucson. I have no comment.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#27

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, they require travel and travel is expensive.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, same reason.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The recognition of professional certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. I am Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologist. A member of the SME and NGWA, all are excellent professional organizations.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None, what concerns should I have?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A membership more international in the Americas, more active in promoting awareness of the global aspects of geology; like water, mining and aggregate production.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Perhaps we should increase involvement with our fellow organizations and share
revenues to promote: Attracting students to study geology with financial help, with our fellow organizations to work politically in the lobby effort in Washington D.C., organize recruitment endeavors.

#28

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? A manager at the company encouraged me.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I encourage the activities and people, and feel like we sometimes are able to make a difference through our various projects (whether it is supporting students or promoting the profession).
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I was fortunate to have an annual meeting in Flagstaff early in my membership so I found out what an enjoyable event it is. I have been able to see parts of the US that I wouldn’t normally pick for a vacation.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Promotion of the profession (support of agencies that do geologic work, legislation that impacts geologists).
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. But I think that I get value from it because I participate in it. Another geologist may not see the value because they don’t always have a direct benefit. Even the support of the profession may not viewed as a benefit by someone who isn’t using services provided by agencies, etc.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There are lots of worries – how to keep membership growing, what is the priority of the organization, etc. There are so many different geology groups that are competing for attention. Maybe my biggest concern right now is how the new Executive Director will work out and whether the board of directors will be engaged and productive.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more social media activity and communication. People are getting their news from electronic devices. It seems like we need to get a savvy young person to grab that opportunity and make it happen using short notes and videos. Those 30 second videos can make a big impact and be shared quickly.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing right now. Just wishing you lots of luck!

#29

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To facilitate geologist registration in AZ (1985).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Only when I have been a section officer or they have been located in AZ. Too many other events that are more critical to my employment/employer.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes – when an officer of local section and when it was in AZ.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Outreach to younger professionals. Bridge between geology and politicians/public.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really, but I continue to be a member.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? How to stay relevant over the long term. How to provide the technical & social insight into the assault on the planet’s ecosystems to politicians and the public to ensure that we do not destroy them and in turn us.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will be retiring in 2021 and will not likely continue at that point.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not sure – will have to think that one through a bit more. On item is to ensure effective lobbying on behalf of geologists, the industries we support, and the improvement on sustainable resource usage.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not really. But I believe that one must be aware of the old Chinese curse “may you live in interesting times” as I believe we are in one of those periods.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Encouraged to participate in a professional organization by my boss in 1983-ish.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes; because it is a great organization and lots of friendly, interesting, and accomplished geologists, and good for networking and an opportunity to be a leader in the profession in the state.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Numerous times; the first one was many years ago and it was a great experience and encouraged me to participate at the national level of AIPG and to attend additional meetings and go on field trips.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It’s representation for the support and funding of the geological sciences, support of the profession of geology and importance of professional standards and encouraging education standards for students, continuing professional development/education opportunities, networking opportunities, and TPG and the e-newsletter for “news” about AIPG and other things geologic.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? With lots of focus on students, losing sight of the older members. Also, concern that there is little follow up with students transitioning to Young Professional and later professional member status. Also, please keep print version of TPG. It is the face of AIPG and worth keeping so we may have on display in office or office reception area (and at conferences) and easy to read.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am glad to see Aaron Johnson as new Executive Director. I hope he will be supported and encouraged to move AIPG forward and allowed to make some changes. Would like to see annual meetings continue to move around more instead of repeating as much. There seem to be good opportunities to have in a location where easy to travel to but several sections may participate in leading field trips and showcasing their geology. I would like to see the Section Leadership Awards be presented at the awards dinner function at the annual meeting. The intent of the award was to introduce these section leaders to members at the national level, and thereby encourage the section leaders to become more involved at the national level; and to encourage people to regularly attend national annual meetings.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I encourage the section executive boards to be sure to keep information current on AIPG web site. Maybe someone at AIPG headquarters could review AIPG web site and section pages for being current and accurate. It makes AIPG look better if electronic information is at least recent.

#31

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional development and interaction.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not Nationally for the past decade – only local section at this time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Many over a decade ago.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Efforts to educate and mentor the young professional and students in the business side of the professional and science; advocacy in regards to local, state and federal policy considerations.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not so much these days.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack on emphasis on professional development, and business and/policy aspects of our science and profession. I.e., I do not go to AIPG for what is new with NASA (AIPG spends too much effort sending emails to membership regarding things not within AIPG’s mission sphere.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If I can remain moving – yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Focus more on the business side of our profession and science. Stop using major awards to acknowledge staff (i.e., the past Executive Director receiving the Parker Medal was atrocious!! Another venue should have been sought as with Bill Knight – these traditional awards are for the membership. Lastly, it is time for Siok to move on and not have any more direct input into AIPG business.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Focusing on students and young professional is in my view where the focus should be.

#32

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Nationwide registration/certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – not aware of any events in my area.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes; attended with colleagues.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Nationwide registration/certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Orientation seems to be primarily commodities-related reflecting its start? Doesn’t always appear relevant to the environmental and engineering geology side of the profession.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? SoCal chapter would be nice; broader inclusion of geology disciplines in the tent.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thanks for taking the time to inquire. Providing a summary of the responses you receive would be of interest.

#33

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was 1992, I believe, and I was just two years into my career. I felt that joining AIPG was important for my credentials, along with obtaining multiple state licenses (About that same time, I took & passed the ASBOG exam, which at that time, was the South Carolina state exam for the PG license). At one time, I actually held 8 active licenses along with my CPG certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I don’t. The CA meetings are typically held at UC Davis and unless I happen to be in Sacramento on business, I’m typically not in the area to attend the CA Section Meetings. Doesn’t mean that I wouldn’t attend if it would fit into my travel schedule. When I worked for Southern Company in Atlanta, I was able to attend a handful of meetings and even organized an AIPG field trip.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I presented at an Annual Meeting. The meetings look interesting to me, but with my work schedule and heavy travel requirements, I honestly don’t have the time to attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, it’s the CPG Credential. Since I no longer actively work in geology, it’s important to me that I maintain my CPG. Not sure that it matters that much to anyone else, but because I work in the Energy & Environmental Policy world, I want people to know that I’m a technical person who has migrated into the policy world.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, and I intend to continue being a member.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My primary concern is over the long-term sustainability of the organization.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I do. My company reimburses me for my annual fee, so cost is less of a concern to me.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Over the years, I have to say that the changes I’ve seen have been good for the organization (membership level expansion comes to mind). I don’t have any innovative ideas to share.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, but thanks for asking for feedback.

#34

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? James Jacobs invited our university to start a student chapter of AIPG. I felt this would provide great benefit to our students, it would give them insight into the world of professional geology (a world that they hear basically nothing about in their academic training), and it would help them transition from geology students to working geologists. I agreed to be the faculty advisor to our student AIPG chapter, and felt I therefore needed to join the organization.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I only attend our own student AIPG events, and I do so for the benefit of the students. Normal AIPG events are not really of interest for me personally.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I have little interest in attending the annual meeting and do not feel a strong connection to the Professional Geology community that this meeting serves.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Helping our students put their geologic training to good use.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not for me personally, but definitely for our students

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. I only joined AIPG to help our students. I plan to retire from teaching soon and will not keep up my membership after I retire.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think the student-professional interactions that occur at our student AIPG meetings are fantastic. We have held a few field trips where we have invited AIPG professionals to join so that students could meet and interact with more professional geologists, but these events are generally only attended by the dedicated student mentors that already support our chapter. The student mentors we have are great, but it is only a few AIPG members who do all the work. I would love to see more professionals get involved with students. I would especially like to see more student internship opportunities, both paid and volunteer positions.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? From the outside view, it seems that AIPG is a rather old, and white middle class group, a demographic characterization that applies to much of geology and many geological societies. AIPG needs some young new enthusiastic members, and those younger members need to take on some leadership and mentorship responsibilities and not just leave it all to the generation that started this organization. The Nation needs, and will continue to need, good, well trained, and enthusiastic Professional Geologists. If we are not successful at helping our students enter the world of Professional Geology, AIPG will flounder, but much worse, our country will suffer from the loss of needed expertise.

#35

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally for supposed gateway to certifications for states.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participated in a few shale oil/gas events in 2013, 2014 which were really good.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never been to annual meeting/ issues at meeting not paramount to my work or sponsored.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It's good to be informed about the science and trades, but not getting sense AIPG is focused on annual basis issues driving geologists to the limelight (like this year, it could be a major turn-around for shale in the US); plus there are big changes in government.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Value is average; not sure what I get from AIPG at this point other than a grounded organization with a good mission and sound values, which is great and that of which informs/promotes geological sciences but it's not as important as professional engineers. Maybe this organization should just become a lobbying group only and push an
agenda for jobs. We are about to get $1T infrastructure bill in congress in January and there's a
lot of underemployed geologists in this country.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My concerns are that the certification and association
carries no weight; as of now I have licenses in a few states which serves my professional
obligations. I seek training each year, but have not gone to AIPG for that. AIPG is a good
resource and I appreciate being in AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? There should be common goals and a focus for
AIPG which focuses on jobs, specific government understanding that the science is not the same
as engineering, etc. I help the Board of Geologists once a year and my observation and
information that I've gathered is that most of the applying geologists for licenses are
environmental geologists. There's no diversification of job types applying for licenses in the
State. That means that geologists are likely not used in construction, oil, etc. in this state. There
are some big changes occurring due to the Clean Power Plan which will likely either have
environmental geologists exclusively employed in some states, and other states there will be a
lot of oil and gas geologists. Perhaps AIPG should look at the nation by what type of geologists
get employed and where they reside. That helps students understand their future options as
well.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to
know? I have no membership issues, whatsoever. The organization does a good job.

#36

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the licensing. But once I became ASBOG
tested, it has become less of an issue.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? NO, just too many conferences
and not enough time and money.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? See above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Licensing for those states that
do not have certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? OK, not great

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No real concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? YES

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to
know?

#37

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I needed the certification to become a
‘qualified person’.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, only occasionally. I travel so
much for my work that traveling to meetings is not something I look forward to.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Except for one occasion, my
work schedule conflicted with meeting times and venues.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification as a professional. I encourage younger professionals to join and become certified.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I, like many others I suspect, will age out.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Can’t think of anything.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Mentoring of student and newly-graduated geologists used to be done through employment in large mining companies. That is no longer the case, because the field seems to be shrinking and the nature of the business has changed. To maintain a properly professional class of geologists with the necessary skill-base mentoring of younger geologists in the realities of the profession should be a priority.

#38

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For CPG certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Too far away and costly to travel.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same reason as #2.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Good ethics and reputation as a professional organization that is recognized by others (such as recognizing CPGs for NI 43-101).
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Becoming too involved in controversial national political issues (i.e. climate change) or other things that increase the membership cost.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I cannot think of anything.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? It seems the entire geology profession has been in an economic downturn since the recession and the profession has become dependent on times of favorable economics. That is, every time the national economy hiccupps geologists get laid off. I certainly have seen it in the mineral exploration/mining industry, and when I mentor college students I warn them of this. If AIPG could provide support in some way, that might be useful. However, the only way I can think of while writing this (thinking out loud) would be a better jobs listing service, but that might be too costly, or links to other job boards for those in private and public industry.

#39

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was thinking of getting my CPG. When I saw the requirements I gave up.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Your meetings always are too close to the AEG Annual Meeting, though you do pick interesting cities.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once, Long Beach a million years ago. I was an invited speaker.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Frankly very little. I think it is just another minor society like so many others in the geosciences but without a real focus other than the nebulous "professionalism."
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No, not really. I do enjoy the newsletter, but do not value it per se.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None, I never think of it.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably, mainly because I am of the opinion that there must be value there somewhere since so many good friends are members and even past presidents.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I do not even slightly understand your certification's value. It is a lot of work to get, and I thought it would be cool, but just decided it is not worth it. Somehow can you explain and defend what it is good for other than ego.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am very impressed with your asking these questions. Relevancy is critical to the survival of any group. As a past president of other geologic organizations, I struggle and think about these things all the time. As an engineering geologist I am therefore a member of AEG. As an earthquake geologist, I am a member of SSA. As a person working across disciplinary lines, I appreciate and join EERI. As a geologist I am a member of GSA. As a person working internationally, I am a member of IAEG. I appreciate AAPGs structural geology papers, AMQUA's focus on the Quaternary, AGU's EOS newsletter and annual meeting. For AIPG, yes I am a professional geologist, but I think you might be just too many things and not particularly known for any. AIPG has just never attracted me until a year ago when I thought that the CPG certification might be useful for doing business in Europe. Well, not really and so I never pushed that mountain of paper up the hill.

#40

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was out of a job in 1983 and contributed to developing a Colorado Groundwater Management Opinion with the CO Dept. of Health Services.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not much. Face to face time together with fellow professional presentations is not very constructive. I am into the interactive involvement and pushing the industry forward. It seems the events focus on issues in the present only and these issues are already being addressed at the state level. Also, time and travel costs associated with AIPG events is counterproductive to my work and personal schedule.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, when I received the Section Leadership Award. It was an honor receiving this award and being recognized by my peers across the country.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I am interested in the mentorship part of AIPG. I accidentally got into a mentor position when asked if I would consider attending meetings. I have witnessed for years a shortage of interest and commitment by business and industry when building quality in our up and coming professionals. It's all about profit with minimal to no attention on maintenance and development of the industry itself. Successes are in the people involved in the geologic professional world and, I believe, we need to transfer the knowledge of experience to supplement the ever improving education that our young professionals bring with them. Our community value system is not visibly practiced.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? There is value of course but unfortunately Adam, AIPG does things the old fashion way and people today are motivated different, learn different and have different desires.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG seems old fashion and not willing to progress into the future with an increased vigor and style. I don't want to get down on the people at AIPG because they are super. The truth is, I don't have much connection with most AIPG people. My connection with AIPG is limited to contact with one individual in the Section and Wendy (CO office), no one else. I believe we lack close community. We are not working on tasks that are important to potential members, students and, at times, industry. Sometimes it seems we are asleep at the wheel.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? That depends. I am committed to mentoring our next generation of professionals. It didn't seem AIPG understood or recognized the attributes and effectiveness of getting personal and out there with respect to connecting young and existing professionals in an effective way. If AIPG continues with its historic approach (really I am looking at this year 2017), I will possibly pull my roots and move on. There are other organizations out there (I am also a NWWA member). I am at the later part of my career in hydrogeology. For me, it is now about the people more that moving science forward. I also have found that the greater obstacles in performing good science is people. AIPG doesn't seem to be about people all that much.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Invest in new ways. Find out what the different demographics want and build it. AIPG has a great future if they decide to engage and create informed and new goals, if they can get personal with people. I would like to see AIPG somehow investing in these programs.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? AIPG has a hopeful future. Just your request for this information tells me that the right person is at the head of our team. I wish you the very best in 2017 and hope we can meet again.

#41

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I believed it would advance my career (networking, current news, etc.), and I believe being a CPG would enhance my professional reputation.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Infrequently at the local level (time restraints).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As you know, yes. I tout this meeting as often and to as many people as I can. As with many subjects, I think cost is the biggest negative for most.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Advocacy for the profession; stressing of ethics in daily practice.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes and no. Yes: networking, current news relevant to the profession, online seminars, TPG. No: Cost of attendance at annual meeting. Perhaps consider restructuring by lowering attendance cost, while increasing field trip cost (I think most like going on at least one field trip - do the stats back me up on this?)

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Sometimes, in the past, I believe National has been slow or unwilling to listen to new ideas (see my answer to question 8 below, for example).
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see Jim Jacob’s idea of instituting a "Fellows" program go forward.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#42

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I worked at a company, and while it wasn’t required, it was strongly encouraged that we belong. Since all of the senior staff were members, the discussion at annual reviews was often around attaining the professional years of experience so we should put in an application. The senior staff who were part of your mentor group always came forward with recommendations. I really expected that AIPG would become either a replacement for PG registration or at least an avenue in. Didn’t happen that way. The point for me was that I was almost 15 years out of undergraduate school, and although just receiving my Masters, I really didn’t have broad geology knowledge. Passing a state registration exam, while not much of an issue, just didn’t seem like something I was going to pursue. Hoped that AIPG membership could make that easier if necessary. And being completely focused on hydrogeology, specifically groundwater contamination, at the time seemed tangential to "real geology." Especially when I read the AIPG journal, its mostly hard rock stuff.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I don’t participate in local AIPG events, although UC Davis is an hour plus drive. I’m retired, so it seems less important. I have to say that the rest of your questions can be answered by my being retired. I spent 25 years working for Chevron, after LBG, and have to say that LBG was a great training. Made my career at Chevron possible, to be sure.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?
5. Does AIPG provide you good value?
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My last 10 years at Chevron were focused on the use of remote sensing imagery/data to understand both human influence and natural change on the earth’s surface. We began using all forms of remote sensing to map, investigate change, and even predict, the condition of the earth’s surface where we operate, or might consider operating. Not just where to drill but how to use the best data available to ensure we don’t degrade. And if there are releases, how do we track and manage (think of the BP release in the Gulf- there was an enormous amount of remotely sensed data collected that is still being evaluated). My point is, I don’t see much if any discussion of the modern data collection techniques being presented in the AIPG journal. Consider Google Earth and similar platforms- modern geologic investigations have moved beyond what I read in the AIPG journal. For instance, the Geo-quiz is mostly old geology (sedimentology, metamorphism, etc.). Most of the journal focuses on items that have nothing to do with what modern geologists need to know to be employed. That includes the ethics articles, the ads, etc. I can’t say what every AIPG member focuses on, but the journal seems very narrowly focused.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t know what the solution is, but I see a problem- AIPG isn’t really relevant to modern geology. Even if you are walking an outcrop today
as part of your final thesis or job, you're using GIS, satellite imagery, possibly LIDAR, to create maps of your study area. You might be looking at change detection using old aerial imagery or even old spy satellite images. Anyone in school, or just out, will have learned and used much of that technology. AIPG seems to be anchored in a geologic past, we're now in the Anthropocene (is that the proper name for the human era?). I don't see a lot of advocacy for that from AIPG.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#43

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To hopefully add a higher degree of excellence and knowledge of the handling of frontline data, mainly for the mining industry for 43-101 tech reports. And also to hopefully command higher consulting fees.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Do not live conveniently to AIPG event locations. Hate and will not travel to event locations farther away.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Costs of events; I'm a consulting/contract geo and do not have companies paying travel costs and meeting entrance fees.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being certified by AIPG solidifies and verifies a members schooling, professional training, or professional accomplishments. It helps “eliminate” cheating, or lying about ones professional assets.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Having applied for membership late in life, I'm not sure it has in my case. As noted above, I deal mainly with mining/mineral exploration opportunities. However, I do not deal with or sign off on bankable reserves for deposits. With the “down turn” in mining, my consulting opportunities have pointedly been nonexistent. Having an AIPG certification has not improved my job opportunities.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As my career comes to an end, probably none.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. I am planning ending my membership in either 2017 or 2018. Age, cost of yearly dues.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Haven't really critically evaluated the changes needed for the organization.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#44

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was encouraged by my supervisor at the time to join. He was a member, and I was new to the field of environmental consulting.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I don’t recall any being held near to where I live, and I can’t justify the time and expense to travel to them.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No - see my response above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It's a national organization. I like reading the PG publication.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? So-so.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Future quality and relevance of its publications.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably, but maybe not if dues increase significantly.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I'd like to see it become a more prestigious organization. Also, I'd like to see joint events with other organizations that I belong to, including NGWA and AAPG.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I'd like the website to more easily accessible.

#45

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Needed to become a CPG for gold reserve reporting requirements.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Location of the local event over an hour away from the house. Many of the national events too far away from home state and all of the subject matter at the local and national events are more environmental/water/geotechnical oriented. Little subject matter/discussion/articles on minerals.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. see comments above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? CPG certification for reserve reporting. Also good to support students with information, scholarships and mentorship.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Other than CPG....not really.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Implicit support for man-made global warming in some articles. Focus on environmental/water/geotechnical is good but does not include oil or minerals.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably but may retire during this period.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Would be nice to link CPG with state geologist certification requirements so CPG will serve as state certification also where required. Mentorship program should be expanded. Need to work with universities to rebuild their geology curriculums. Field camps/field methods disappearing from universities and this lack of field training really shows in more recent graduates. Need to substitute statistics for calculus in many geology required classes as statistics is relevant and calculus is not.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No additional concerns or issues.

#46

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally I became a member of AIPG to get the CPG tag attached to my name. I worked for the USGS in Montana for 20 years, and I worked for the USGS in Saudi Arabia and the Saudi Geological Survey for another 20 years. Although my published reconnaissance geologic maps and reports were appreciated, neither organization provided me with a title of “professional”. Colorado had no licensing procedure, so I turned to AIPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Initially I participated in national meetings when they were in the West because I thought that making presentations to colleagues would inspire interest and discussion about my new exploration (stratabound
minerals and oil/gas) methods. I got very little response. It is very difficult to get people interested in new ideas and concepts. And, it turns out that AIPG geologists were no different that the remainder of the geologists in the exploration business. If you haven’t paid attention to the GE advert. regarding new ideas, do so. Challenging the status quo does not endear one’s self to most corporate entities. Recently, I gave up on annual meetings of all organizations (including AIPG) because geologists were not ready to engage new exploration concepts.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Addressed above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, the most relevant aspect of AIPG has been obtaining the CPG after my name and degree. I don’t think that AIPG can compete with GSA, AAPG, regarding annual meetings, with respect to the substance of presentations and the breadth of subjects. Nor should AIPG try to compete with the big organizations. Should AIPG continue to offer section and annual meetings in the manner of the big organizations? I question the wisdom of spending internal funds on these events. Can AIPG fill another niche to avoid competing with AAPG, GSA, and Econ. Geol.? I think that AIPG must find a new niche to survive.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The value of AIPG is in the CPG tag, especially in states that have no test to gain registration.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My main concern is that AIPG will fail if the organization continues in the same manner as it has in past years. If AIPG fails my CPG means nothing.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I expect to remain a member of AIPG for at least 5 years, and perhaps longer if I continue to operate my consulting business and so long as I continue to flog my IP and patents to companies and individual investment groups.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG should change focus to remain relevant to outside observers as well as to its members. I am going to suggest the heretical: AIPG should down-play national meetings that are similar to Econ. Geol. and AAPG, and concentrate instead on licensing geologists via tests in states that have no certification mechanism. If this effort is successful AIPG could then take over licensing procedures that are administrated by states. I am reasonably sure that most states would like to get out of the licensing business, which in most cases was forced upon them by varied special interests. Most tests that I know about examine one’s knowledge of engineering geology, mainly because that knowledge can be measured quantitatively. In the tests that I am familiar with there are few questions that deal with mapping ability or proper construction of cross sections. These skills are tough to measure. Here is how AIPG should be different: (1) Make the CPG tag dependent on passing a test; (2) AIPG should create several tests for geologic specialties; (3) AIPG should ask members to provide questions for specific types of tests, and have a committee for each specialty select the questions for the different tests. Ask for volunteers to correct the exams, and pass the results to the head honcho of AIPG to tell the Members how they did on the exam. Perhaps licensing is not the correct direction AIPG should take, but we must find a niche that is not currently exploited by the Big Boys. Maybe the licensing task should be privatized by individuals or by AIPG for a fee.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The electronic monthly Newsletter is great to keep me abreast of new discoveries and
news about earth sciences, and I hope that will continue. Changing the direction of AIPG would be a lot of work, but if tasks are spread among many, the individual tasks might be manageable. I don’t know if the changes I suggest can be done without changes to the by-laws, or without consensus from AIPG members. I’ll gladly talk with you about any aspect of my suggestions, or the direction that I think AIPG should pursue. I admire your fortitude in asking these questions, and asking questions about ‘value’ of AIPG to AIPG members. It seems clear to me that significant changes must be made if AIPG is to have a future, and there could well be other directions of change that could be made. You must have had some thoughts in mind as you constructed your questions—what were they?

#47

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? First time I was aware of AIPG was when we moved to USA, I was looking for professional registration through a membership organization. I research and found out about AIPG and also found out that California has a separate state registration process. That make my interest in AIPG reduced a little and decided to pursue California registration process first. Years later, I met Jim Jacobs and he introduced me to AIPG. Started to attend annual meeting that’s when I got hooked.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in annual meetings when time and budget allows.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes I have. I like the annual meeting. It is small group and close community. I like the friendships we develop with other members. Although we would like to be well attended. And more people in annual meeting but small size attracts some people better. Last year I got another individual involved with the meeting and he loved it. He liked that everybody knew each other and it was easier to connect with other people. I think we should have a program for students to hang out with seasoned professionals during annual meeting to get them to appreciate it.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being an organization that advocates for geology profession and for geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe it does. I like the email blasts about some geologic events and features. Like annual meeting field trips and friendships that we establish on those events. I like TPG.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I think AIPG is somewhat passive on current events. I would like AIPG to be more active in current events such as some geological or mining incidents, advancement of geological sciences and practices. AIPG should have an expert’s panel to render public opinions during current events that involves geology or geologists as well as any earth sciences.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More involvement with the local communities and schools in education. Have a press release after geological and earth science events. Have an expert panel that provides opinions and consulting in forensic geology or any other related disciplines in environmental, petroleum, mining related fields. AIPG should adapt to have a louder voice than being silent even when it is controversial.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I do not recall any membership issues at this time.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Recommended by a co-worker.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, work life issues.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, has not been good timing.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Interaction and information about the profession of geology.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, particularly like the publication.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? We need to have a stronger lobbying arm that represents all members and remains focused solely on the profession.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing at this point, perhaps work towards a more diverse membership base.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought it was a good organization to focus on professional development and ethics.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes- locally, I plan most of them.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes- great field trips.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Grayer and Grayer members. Few students and young professionals.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Fellows Program, other innovations.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The real question is who are our members? Are our members only those kids in junior high who collected rocks, and were science nerds to the nth degree? That demographic may be different than others in the profession. Do our members likely have some specific personality traits that draws them to an organization which strives for professional development and ethics issues like AIPG, or is it our offerings (classes, field trips, meetings) that attracts a certain type of person. We can change our offerings. The question relates to those students exposed through AIPG Student Chapters - can we predict who will stay a member? Is it a sense of work ethic, or other characteristic which keeps one staying an AIPG member after being a student member? I joined AAPG as a university grad student in 1979, and I am still a member, even though I don't do petroleum geology very often, although occasionally I do review oil and gas leases for valuations. I have had employees who would not go to AIPG or other professional meetings because as one individual once said: "I spend more time with you than I do with my girlfriend." That is true. I offered to pay for his registration/dinner at local meetings, but he wanted me to pay him for his time at his hourly rate. This individual had no interest expanding his geologic skills either and folks like that may not be interested in AIPG. Can we convert those types to care about professional development and AIPG, or is there a personality among AIPG which
unites the members from the non-members, or active members from non-active members. Why do you and I care about professional issues, while others don’t? I know I have had those traits and sense of dedication, even in grade school. Is that something that parents teach? Are we looking for specific types of members, or do we need to just adjust our offerings to appeal to more members of our profession? When I looked at two dozen similar societies, mostly in the sciences, the ones who had a very high percentage of participation in their annual meetings, also had certificates that were required to stay active in the profession that they administered. Nice gig if you can get it! In sum, if we had a room full of 100 geologists, are there going to be 10 who find AIPG's offerings appealing due to their personalities, interests, etc., or are there things AIPG can change so the offerings are more attractive to 20 or 30 percent of the geologists in a room of 100 geologists?

#50

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional recognition as a practicing consulting geologist.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. No time -- way too busy.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The same as with most professional organizations -- dwindling membership and declining practitioners in the hard geo-sciences. I know environmental is all the buzz in today's world, but the airy-fairy idealists for the most part are not real geologist who can think and work in all six geological dimensions.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, or until I expire. (I'm 77 years young).
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Keep the focus on hard geology and start another organization for the environmental folks.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Keep up the good work and don't let real geology die.

#51

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional development and C.P.G. certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, the local chapter has not had any.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once, enjoyed experience, but usually not able to travel for it due to limits on reimbursement from work.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Reputation for certifying geologists and keeping geologic community informed of current issues.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, but would like local chapter to be more active.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? National and Local chapters need to make sure relevant issues and importance of qualified professional geologists is communicated to general public and public officials.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More activity at local level and involvement with general public on issues of concern.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#52

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Michigan did not have a certification process at a state level and the company I worked for required that I have a certification to perform professional work beyond a certain level in the company. Getting the CPG credential helped document my professional progress to the company.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not been involved with any AIPG events since leaving MI. In MI I attended some state meetings, but I have not heard of any state meetings in Asheville or any field trips in western NC.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? YES. I attended the annual meeting once to speak to the board about AIPGs position on climate change. At the time, AIPG had a page on the website that I considered a misleading and in contradiction to published, peer reviewed science. The day before the meeting, I reviewed my talk and the website and noticed AIPG had taken down the page I was talking about. I still hold that AIPG should have a more affirmative recognition of climate science. Even some questions in The Geologist related to paleoclimatology - a field with strong links to climate science as we learn more and more about the causes of glacial periods and the science studying historic climates when sedimentary rocks were being deposited and life was evolving.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Not sure at this point. The ethical constraint on geologists I believe is important - and is part of why I believe AIPG needs to openly talk about climate science. It is hard to say a geologist is ethically practicing if the person is making any statements on climate science and climate change that are not based on peer reviewed science. I no longer need the certification for work but I have been maintaining my dues at this time. It would be interesting to see the numbers for AIPG membership by states that do / or do not have state certification programs.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? From a long term perspective on AIPG I have two concerns: First, the relationship of AIPG certification and acceptance as a professional geologist in states requiring registration. Second, the avoidance of paleoclimatology and addressing climate science as a component of environmental geology.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do not know. I am not working as a geologist anymore, but I value the certification. I simply do not know if I value the certification enough to keep paying for it. And, I have not seen much interaction in North Carolina after I moved.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Maybe field trips in western North Carolina - aka near me. Recognition of climate science and paleoclimatology. A sufficient requirement for membership so that the AIPG CPG is accepted in all (or most) states requiring a certified geologist to sign forms.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#53

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally I became a member because states were requiring some kind of vetting organization as to quality of work. This was before the states started licensing.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I don't regularly participate in AIPG events, mostly because there is a lot of traveling to get to them.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, to having been to annual meetings.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG keeps me up-to-date on issues concerning geologists and the public.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG is a good value.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My main concern is keeping the younger members engaged and feeling their ideas are listened to.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan in the next five years to retire, so no to this question.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don't think any major changes are needed.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I've enjoyed being a member.

#54

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Attempted to anticipate registration of groundwater professionals and thought that geologists could be the licensing organization for groundwater. It sort of turned out that way, except engineers got on the bandwagon and AIPG has no impact on state registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. In the early years there was an active chapter in MT and I attended their meetings. When that chapter ceased to function, remaining events were far enough away to require dedication of time and funds to attend. Because most of the events were not relevant to my clients I could not justify the time or expense. Many of the subjects were interesting but not relevant to business development or successful completion of projects.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not cost-effective though they appear very interesting.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Collection and dissemination of unbiased science related to earth sciences.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It is not clear how AIPG will relate to registration and such relationship will be essential for organization longevity.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
#55
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member almost immediately after graduating from college to network and become a Certified PG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not in a long time. However, there isn’t much activity that interests me, though there have been some combined fieldtrips with AEG and SME, which interested me.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I can't afford the travel costs and my prior employer would only pay for 1 professional society symposium.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I used to think it was being a CPG was a privilege and legal title, now since ASBOG and about every state has their own PG requirements and I don't think it has much legal status.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Networking contacts.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I question if it will continue as an organization.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Network contacts and the CPG, if working in a state without licensure.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More fieldtrips and meetings. I haven't heard anything in a while unless in conjunction with AEG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, but I will keep it in mind.

#56
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the CPG credential.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – too busy.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – too busy.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? CPG credential.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#57
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Mainly to obtain "Qualified Person" status in Canada.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I did before I retired in 2013, but no longer do.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, in Colorado, where I live.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Broad knowledge of the profession and its diversity.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As below, I am resigning since I'm no longer working. The Colorado Section exists mainly to lobby.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No, I've given notice that I will not renew for 2017, as I am not professionally active. I did make a donation to AIPG in November, but that was not a membership renewal. I am also gradually dropping other professional memberships, one or two each year.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Seem to work pretty well. Bill Siok did a good job of keeping things going.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? As above.

#58

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For advancement and recognition in my professional field.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. There is no AIPG activity in western Colorado.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Never been in a location where I live and I’ve never been overly excited about going to an AIPG annual meeting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provides a means of being professionally registered.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Hard to say.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Relevancy. My answer to #4 comes with hesitation as to the meaningfulness of AIPG registration as a CPG. Looks good on paper but what does it really mean? There’s no test to qualify one’s academic chops and who’s to verify one’s professional experience?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am currently employed and my employer covers membership costs. When I retire in 3 years I will no longer be a dues-paying member of the AIPG.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t really have any thoughts on this, sorry.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I appreciate you reaching out to the individual here and I’m sorry I can’t be of more help in giving you direction.

#59

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Mid 80s.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not in the Past 20 Years. I have owned my own business and raised three kids so my available time was short.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, haven’t had the time and vacations were for family.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I am a geological engineer and really don’t want to jump through the hoops to become a PG (even though I could). AIPG helps drive home the face that I am a geologist and an engineer for both regulatory and expert witness considerations.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It has to me for the reason stated in #4 above along with the educational programs.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That it will die because of the PG process: others won’t see the value.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will retire next year, and I will stay in and increase my participation if there is a discount for “Inactive” members. Probably is, haven’t checked.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Don’t have enough information to provide input.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I think the CO chapter provides good updates on talks, programs, etc. of interest to AIPG members. I hope to attend these programs as my time frees up.

#60

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was involved in starting the first chapter in LA with MB Kumar as president to promote professionalism locally in the 80’s.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Distance, time, and relevance mainly.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I used to think a separate society was helpful 30 years ago for one to stand out but now I think the society should press reciprocity with state agencies consolidate with AAPG or disband.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? When you are required to become a member of the TX or LA or other state professional boards to practice for public issues, then AIPG is not necessary.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. Refer to answer 6.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Merge with AAPG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No but thank you for one of the first practical questionnaires about the society.

#61

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became and AIPG member because I was seeking out scholarship opportunities.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not regularly participated in events because until recently I did not have the ability to easily transport myself to the locations.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting. One reason is that I only have the support to attend one national convention for one of my professional societies and the best society for me at the moment is AEG.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think AIPG should continue to assist in educating the population about earth science issues and provide resources to current members to pursue additional education, provide assistance for ethical issues within science and industry, and events for information and communication to be dispersed.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I have received little value from AIPG but neither have I supplied much on my end to seek out more from the organization.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am concerned that I or my fellow students do not understand the niche services that AIPG provides.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to remain a member as long as I am a student but expect to drop my membership after graduation unless I find new, significant value in remaining a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I generally know too little about AIPG to suggest anything should be changed.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have nothing else to share.

#62

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because Colorado law held that merely a graduate geologist was legally a geologist for public representation purposes. Because Colorado had no registration for geologists. Because AIPG offered certification by peers, a better credential for public representation purposes. Because AIPG upheld a strong code of ethics.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, because travel distances and related expenses are excessive for me as an independent, not subsidized by an employer.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Its code of ethics and its certification by peers. It enables me to say to the public with strong backing that I am what I say I am so long as I stay within my particular areas of expertise.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Good question. I've been a member since 1980... 35+ years. The certification has served me well in courts of law as an expert witness, and in expert witness investigations. It has served me well in performing geologic investigations for clients. I'm hoping there may appear some discount in membership fees for longevity of membership. It may be that in the next five years I'll face the cost of membership and reconsider it in light of retirement.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I have no particular opinion on the matter, one way or another.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Yes. There are two instances of AIPG action that I value, and I would have you know about them. First, I once came across a CPG who had written a patently exaggerated and misleading report for a prospective client of mine regarding a dirt-pile gold scam. As required by the AIPG Code of Ethics at the time, I reported the incident to AIPG for review. I felt the culprit CPG’s actions cheapened the credential of other CPGs. Ultimately, the AIPG investigated, found similarly, and stripped the culprit of his credential. That was tense for me as the complainer, for I felt exposed to potential personal liability even though the Code at the time required me to make the complaint. That AIPG upheld the complaint and took the action it did elevated the value and merit of its certification, and frankly made me proud of AIPG. Second, I had twice been called to Washington DC to testify to House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on
mining law reform issues. This was about 1989 or 1991. My testimony was always given from
my perspective as an independent practitioner, never as a lobbyist or as a representative of any
organization. To my surprise, an AIPG representative also testified at one of those hearings.
Imagine my surprise again when that representative’s testimony included voiced support for my
testimony as an independent given previously. Wow. I didn’t know anybody was listening.

#63

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To obtain public recognition as a
   professional geologist, along with the seal to use on relevant documents.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, primarily due to
   commitments with employers. In retrospect, this largely self-inflicted restriction was probably a
   mistake. And I suppose my disposition is such that seeking positions of responsibility with any
   organization has not been of interest to me although I realize that such involvement can
   enhance ones career.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, same reason plus not
   motivated by dominantly non-minerals exploration content.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Recognition, by geologists and
   the general public, of the professional status it represents.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I would like to see AIPG certification replace or at least
   be recognized as equivalent to the various state registration requirements.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes even
   though I am "sort of" retired.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Other than 6 above, I can’t think of anything in
   particular at the moment.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to
   know?

#64

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To further my professionalism as a geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not anymore. Don’t have
   monthly meetings anymore.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never been to a meeting. I can
   afford money and time for one meeting a year, and I get more benefit at lower cost by attending
   the Prospector and Developer Convention in Toronto. Incidentally, the cost of registration for a
   senior such as me is $80.00, not hundreds of dollars like other societies.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The certification of good
   standing and ethical behavior of members.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG draws membership from a variety of
   specializations, but the publication “The Professional Geologist” is not and never can be a place
   for cutting edge scientific articles because it can never print a sufficient number of quality
   articles in the span of a year for even one specialization, let alone all. TPG, unfortunately has
become the refuge of the geological engineering and hydrogeology specializations and offers nothing in my sphere, which is economic geology.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will stay a member as long as I practice my profession, whether for income, or pleasure.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Queries such as yours come up every couple of years, but there never is an action response. The point I have made every time is that AIPG must stop trying to please everyone on a technical level. The foremost concern of AIPG should be “PROFESSIONALISM”, not technology. If this were to become the main impetus of the society, it would become the actual leader of something, not an also-ran group catering to the hydrologists, and an overblown focus on student members, who eventually leave once the society cannot provide material professional benefits anymore.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#65

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To achieve CPG status.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional Certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I value the certification; also value some of the science-related emails.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not sure.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#66

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Certification as a professional geologist in Colorado.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, time commitments and the programs generally have not been geared to Environmental Industry.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provide geologists with an avenue to develop professionally. Since many geologists are in the environmental profession, I believe more emphasis should be directed toward that profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See above.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was asked and/or was an option with my school's Geology Department. Thought it might look good resume/contact wise.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to. It depends a lot on my school schedule (at the time) and location/costs, etc. Usually I try to attend campus events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not yet. Mainly because either time/class/schedule conflicts, or cost/lack of funds at the moment.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The ability to network and/or have contact with industry representatives.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so, yes. Even for an undergrad level student.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at this time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Not sure. That will depend on where my either additional education takes me, or if I go directly into the industry/civilian side of my field.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing at this time. I can't give any additional input.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing off hand. I honestly can't think of anything. Other than our school (MSU Denver) needs to maybe put more ads/info posters up, etc.

#68

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? That was a long time ago, but here’s why I’ve stayed. AIPG represents all kinds of geologists. My career has taken me from Antarctic research, to mine reclamation, to synfuels and petroleum exploration, to environmental remediation. AIPG is diverse enough to have kept up with me and make me feel welcome all these years.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not really. I’ve gone to a training here and there through the years, and had one of my sites give a talk at the meeting in Rapid City a few years ago, but am not a routine attendee. At first I travelled a lot, and later I was too busy being a working mom.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Generally no, for reasons as above. Not sure if Rapid City was an annual meeting or a Regional meeting a few years ago, but I attended that because I had encouraged someone to step up with an environmental talk.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Love the news emails, but the geo news should go back to the front instead of being behind the AIPG internal news. I don’t know how it’s working, but the collective bargaining power for insurance seems like a good idea too. The email new clips are valuable to me. The magazine, not so much. Why? Because AIPG is diverse, and the articles in the magazine are not always written to a diverse audience. If I haven’t worked in structural geology for 20 years, and there’s an article riddled with structural equations and Greek symbols, it’s a bit hard to follow. (Apologies if this has changed; I haven’t read the magazine in a while.) Instead, we could think about writing to slightly different audience, and work to educate each other.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The cost has gone up a lot, and I haven’t taken advantage of the networking. That’s not to say I don’t support it for others. But membership should be more accessible. I really had to think twice about the cost this year. I’m nearing retirement and should be cutting back on expenses.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG has been going through an identity crisis for a while. What’s its core mission? How does it best serve its membership? Its strength is its diversity, and the network (yes, even though I don’t participate much). Support for small business, e.g. through the insurance programs, is another good goal. Cross-discipline education is another opportunity mentioned above.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Retirement looms. Unless I want to get more active in this organization, I’ll probably let go of my old professional persona and develop other parts of myself which have been waiting for time to spare.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No recommendations.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#69

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For one sole reason. To qualify to be a qualified person on NI 43-101 technical reports under Canadian stock exchange regulations. Professional Geologist status was not required in my previous work. Throughout my career belonging to professional organizations was of relatively little value. In part because I have lived in several areas: Canada, Denver and Colorado west, Atlanta, Vienna, Austria, Toronto, and then return to western Colorado. Maintained company affiliations as Board Member or Senior Management, for Canadian firms. I was a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CIMM) for 20 years or so. The main publication had frequent articles on geology, exploration and production of uranium and other commodities of interest to me. This was a low cost organization, and did not offer professional registration at the time of my membership. Joined AIPG in 2008 when I was 68 years old and a part time consultant on economic geology and uranium in general. Following this I served as a Qualified Person on NI 43-101 technical reports and PR releases for companies listed under various Canadian stock exchanges. Had previously prepared reports, including many mineral reserve/resource estimates for commercial and international organizations, including as a Uranium Resource and Production Specialist at the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria. Registration was never an issue even though at the time I did present to financial institutions and once before the Chief Mining Engineer of the SEC in Washington, DC.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Generally very few activities are held near where I live near Grand Junction, Co. (250 miles to Denver.) And rather expensive for annual meetings, etc.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Too expensive for a part time consultant. There was one Annual Meeting held near where I live in Grand Junction, but judged to be too expensive when held. And of little value other than some networking. (In contrast, I do regularly attend the Prospectors and Developers Annual meeting in Toronto, as it offers a huge exposure to exploration and development activities of all non-petroleum commodities.)
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, it is by far professional registration.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, when I am working. I do read the regular publications with interest. (I serve in various positions (have not been paid for work for 2 years, or so. I do note the annual dues have increased from $180 to $200/year during a period when commodity prices are very depressed and employment opportunities are limited.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The status as a CPG under AIPG is recognized as a qualified professional in many jurisdictions. It is important to maintain this status.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? At my age it will depend on whether I remain active, or semi-active in the uranium, as well as rare earths and lithium industries.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A lower price for participation in annual meetings for senior members, even if one is able to maintain the active CPG status.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? If I were re-creating my career under today's requirements of professional registration, I would have joined AIPG at a much younger age. I am also concerned there is very little appropriate opportunity to complete the required training or activities to maintain current competency under CPG. A few short courses are offered, some on line, however they are not very appropriate for someone in the discipline of economic geology of mineral deposits. As I understand it, the CPG may maintain a log of activities that serve to show that he/she is keeping active in maintaining appropriate professional training. This type of activity should be better defined.

#70

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member because a professor highly recommended joining and I thought it would be a good way to show that I had the credentials to be certified.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I live at least an hour from most AIPG events in Denver, but I help when I can.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The credentials behind the AIPG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None. I have enjoyed being a member.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I have been a member for over 25 years and plan to be until they take the cold pick from my hands.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing. It seems to functioning well.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am a member of the national screening committee; I help at AIPG booths in Denver and I provide mentoring to students and scouts.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, these events are usually too expensive or conflict with my teaching schedule.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, expense is too high compared to other conferences I attend.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provides a resource for the professional geology community.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes and no. The cost of my membership is worth the recognition as a professional geologist, but I really do not get much benefit beyond that.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am not really clear on the vision of AIPG. The organization seems to serve a very selective group.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Likely, yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More affordable conferences for students and members. I attend many conferences with my students and AIPG is not reasonable compared to GSA sectional meetings.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To gain a Qualified Person Status through the CPG registration. Until SME created their new registered member category, AIPG was and still is the best option for registering for the mineral resource and exploration business. State registrations are no longer recognized by Canadian stock commissions for authoring NI-43-101 reports.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly. Most activities are downtown, I try to avoid downtown.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional ethics, and certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Seems to.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I don’t have major concerns at the moment.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Maybe, I am 67 and might consult for another few years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing currently but annual meeting costs are too high.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined in 1973 to seek Representation of my being a geologist. A scientist ready to serve.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I frequently go to local Section meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Occasionally. In particular when the venue is a good vacation spot and/or one with good field trips.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification. And the monthly The Professional Geologist.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The usual: Getting younger people in and getting them mentored and certified. Geological input to Washington (about fossil fuels, for example).

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, till death do us part!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more effort towards having AIPG Certification take over from State registrations. It would save me a lot of money being registered in many states. Also, Certification by your peers is far more valuable and credible than meeting a state's minimal requirements.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#74

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted to be recognized by my peers as a professional geologist.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I don’t have the financial resources to attend many meetings so I stick to the ones most closely aligned with my professional work.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I helped out with the one held in Grand Junction, CO.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being a member gives one a little more status than just saying you are a geologist. That is sometimes useful.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? If by value, did I get my money’s worth these past 46 years, I must think so or I would have dropped out.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? That depends on whether I’m still around, I guess. I’m retired and not professionally active but I still consider myself a professional geologist.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It seems like much of the membership are consultants. I would like to see the organization reach out and try to enroll more educators and professionals in petroleum and mining.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, I don’t have anything.

#75

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally AIPG was a matter of peer recognition for resume.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? As a consultant I was often out of town and unable to participate in AIPG activities regularly.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes and actually volunteered to be an officer once but immediately had to resign due to job out of the country.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Yet to be determined.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Limited value. The magazine was largely oriented to accommodate youngsters so is a bit greenhorn, but those youngsters did not go to meetings in Colorado anyway. So is it just an intra-corp social club?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Disappointed AIPG was not more of an advocacy group. Most members are gas/oil orientation but they never made any public education outreach about "fracking", and were dogmatically old-fartish re climate change. Also I was really annoyed when EPA allowed new stats procedures to be introduced into state environmental regs by charlatans, and I started to make answer to EPA and said grandstanding charlatans, mentioned this to AIPG, and got no more than an "attaboy" in support. These were all derelictions of professional duty to the nation, the "A" in AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I have given notice of my resignation and retirement but still keep getting dues notices.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Get younger, get some balls, become an AMA or whatever. AIPG has abdicated half the field to states, and is pretty impotent in the rest. Very challenging precisely because of those wandering demands on geologists.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? You know, when I was working in a university I collected rocks, made sets with microscope slides and polarizing film to adapt biology microscopes for high schools. Of course this was a major self-indulgence driving around the country collecting. I think it ended when I left. So, idiosyncratic foible. But academia and AIPG have done very little in this country in this regard. Yes the whole education system has slumped into inanity but geology has slid toward the rail even as the ship lists. One might say, well how about in retirement you have more time, how about coming in and helping to build such outreach. But I have built a blacksmith shop, I have another vocation. I would be happy to teach a geology interest class in the local school but it would not fit a curriculum in this age of test-prepping and they would find me no more valuable than a mime show. What do you think AIPG is good for? Without saying "networking"?

#76

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Two reasons. I strived for certification and acceptance with engineering peers. Second I was looking for other professionals in the field.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Distance mainly. It’s difficult to attend functions that are mainly centered in the urban hubs of Denver or SLC. The last meeting that was in Grand Junction occurred as my father passed away and I was unable to attend.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Again, distance and time.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Connection with other members and the ongoing education thru the publications.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? None.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#77
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For CPG Certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I enjoy the newsletter.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#78
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Membership in Professional Organization.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Too busy travel schedule and distance from home to locations where events are held.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. It was held close enough to home base and I wanted to present a paper.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ethical Professional conduct oversight and recognition.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It is the most expensive of my Professional Organization dues but needed for Professional "Qualified Person" designation.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not really. Best of luck in your new position and thanks for your time and Professional efforts.

#79
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member so I could obtain professional recognition from my peers. This would give me a credible professional status as a geologist that could be presented to employers.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No I do not attend AIPG events because the content is not Petroleum exploration and production related and most of the content appears to be academic and outside my area of expertise.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No I have not attended an annual meeting because the content is outside my interests as a Petroleum Geologist.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being recognized as a Professional Geologist.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I have yet to determine the value on a personal level.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It seems that the AIPG is a fringe membership of professional geologists who attempt to maintain an "academic" approach to the subject matters. It seems to miss the practical applications.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? That will depend on my future level of participation in the industry.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would enjoy reading about how the members have been successful in their field and sharing their stories and how problems were solved. I would enjoy more attention to Petroleum related geology, perhaps a separate section in the TPG (??).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am not aware of anything.

#80

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted to claim membership in a certifying body for professional geology, to be regarded by clients and employers as being on-par with engineers and attorneys as to perceptions of training, professional responsibility, and quality of work.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, especially field trips. These are usually worth the time and effort, considering experts involved and networking.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. They are expensive and time-consuming for the participants.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I agree with the mission statement shown on the national website: The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), founded in 1963, is the largest association dedicated to promoting geology as a profession.... The Institute adheres to the principles of professional responsibility and public service and is the only international organization that certifies the competence and ethical conduct of geological scientists in all branches of the science with members employed in industry, government, and academia. AIPG emphasizes competence, integrity and ethics. AIPG is an advocate for the profession and communicates regularly to federal and state legislators and agencies on matters pertaining to the geosciences.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, when the organization is proactive for the mission statement. AIPG must be careful to promote the mission, and not only the name. Every year the organization must prove itself.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG must constantly advocate for wise mineral development in the United States, based on lessons learned through history. This means being politically incorrect when cultural trends are based on fear and political advantage, such as: the war on coal; the assumption that CO2 is to be minimized; the assumption that mineral properties are no longer needed or to be protected; the assumption that importing commodities is better than developing commodities with the USA. It is too easy for AIPG to structure itself to be non-controversial (and therefore ineffective) to avoid conflict.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes - see the mission statement above.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see regular email communication with the total membership on issues of importance. See these examples of form and content: Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) https://fee.org/ OilPro.com http://oilpro.com/.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The Colorado AIPG Board is considering having access to an email list for the Colorado AIPG membership, for purposes of regular communications with members. Is this possible from the national AIPG files?

#81

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? As a consultant, belonging to national professional organizations is important.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I am not an academic, I am a coal geologist and in the mining industry. I know when I am not welcome.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I use these dollars to focus on organizations that will add value (revenue) to my company.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I don’t know.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too liberal, too academic.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More of a focus on economic geology.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#82

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To establish a “PG” standing within the industry. Allowed my professional standing in several state jurisdictions.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not participate – I live 4 hours from Denver where all of the meetings occur. Time and scheduling have not worked out.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – time, scheduling, and budgetary constraints.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Stepping stone into achieving professional status’ in other states.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Having the “CPG” has been beneficial to me.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at this time.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No comments at this time.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have sponsored three people this past year for membership.

#83

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For certification as a Prof. Geo.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, too far to travel to meetings.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?  No, no interest. My specialty was minerals exploration and AIPG is heavily weighted to ground water and O&G.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification as a Prof. Geo.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I don't know about value but it allowed me to be a QP for the Canadian exchanges.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That they will not maintain Ethics Standards and the SEC and other exchanges will revoke QP status of its members as has been done for State Registered Geologists.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Maybe not. I retired at end-2015 now have retired status; may not maintain.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Haven't really thought about it; perhaps some interest in AIPG for minerals exploration.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#84


2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Luncheon cost and content.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. To present as a speaker and attend local meeting for program.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Its aging membership and dominance by specific profession.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably not. Have recently retired.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Greater focus on the science of geology.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not enough outreach and local event opportunities.

#85

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I run a consulting company in Lakewood CO and many of our Canadian clients require a professional registration for reports.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? The APIG events tend to have a strong local focus and we basically have no clients in Colorado or the US.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Similar to #2.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It has links with professional registration groups in Canada and Australia.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I belong to two other professional groups; Society of Economic Geology and Society of Exploration Geophysicists. Neither of these groups has a professional registration capacity but provide good professional networking/professional development in the areas I work in (minerals exploration/geophysics). AIPG seems more diffuse but nevertheless important.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Required for my work.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t have a good response to this at the moment.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Same as #8.

#86

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To obtain my CPG to meet QP qualifications for authoring NI 43-101 reports.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, currently an officer for AIPG Colorado Section.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, work commitments and travel usually prevent me from attending out of state meetings.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe so and being part of the Executive Committee for the Colorado Section has broadened my networking and has exposed to me to issues concerning not only the mining sector but the engineering, oil & gas and hydrology disciplines sectors as well.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Continued decrease in the number of active and paying memberships.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More online webinars which lead to obtaining yearly CEU/CPD.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Same as item 8 in regards to CPE/CPD credits and what can be used to in lieu of academics.

#87

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG to become a CPG so that I could continue as a "qualified person" as defined under TVX rules provided in NI 43-101.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. As someone who works exclusively as an exploration geologist in the metals mining industry, I currently belong to a number of mining/geology/exploration organizations that relate directly to my field. I did attend an AIPG sponsored field trip to the Leadville mining district in Colorado a few years ago. Relevant.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I regularly attend meetings and field trips that are more relevant to my work.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The fact that CPG from AIPG is recognized by regulatory authorities that set standards of practice for geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Overall I would say that it is does since being a CPG allows me greater opportunity to work as a "qualified person" in my field.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As an organization, AIPG appears to largely focus on geological issues dealing with hydro and engineering geology that are important in the mid-west
and eastern US. With the exception of Dave Abbott’s columns in the Professional Geologist which does occasionally address mining related and western land use issues, there appears to be an eastern bias to AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? At age 71, I’m certainly doing less work than in the past. I plan to remain semi-active in my field for at least a few more years, but am unlikely to remain in AIPG past 75. Retirement!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think that AIPG serves the needs of the vast majority of its membership who are engaged in activities that require some type of certification as to their professional and educational competence. I also appreciate that AIPG is an advocate of and promotes a code of ethical conduct for the geological community.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I think that AIPG should be more active in issues that affect Public Land use in the western US. As an example, the greater sage grouse is an issue being used to limit exploration and mining by groups opposed to mining. This particular issue directly affects a number of AIPG members.

#88

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG?
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I am 82 years old and only selectively still active as occasions arise.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not attended an annual meeting and rarely attend local functions. Usually the reason I do not go is either financial or I don’t like going out at night.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Inclusion of AIPG as Canadian QP is very important to me since most of my technical reviews are through a Canadian firm.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I appreciate AIPG and feel I definitely get value for the investment.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#89

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG?
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Competence, integrity, and ethics: AIPG does and should emphasize these better than more scientifically oriented societies. This gives us a recognized international standing. They reflect our attention to professionalism. The TPG publishes many articles on solutions to real practice problems rather than academic articles on isotope analyses that aren’t of immediate practical concern.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value?
6. **What concerns do you have about AIPG?** Increasing membership, particularly by working to get our student members, who are 41% of our membership (10/11/12-16 TPG), to continue as Young Professionals, etc. Increasing non-dues income: something we’ve been working on for years. I wish annual meeting fees were not a way this is done. Increasing membership and ads are one way, some membership becomes very important.

7. **Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?**

8. **What would you like to see changed about AIPG?** Actively recognize those young members who’ve made real contributions. Our current Student’s Voice columnist, Kristina Portabib, will graduate in the spring and should get a Presidential Certificate this year for her columns that began in 2013. We should follow others as well including Student Section officers who’ve moved on to professional jobs. Also folks like Hannah Klein, Brandy Barnes, and Nicole Richie who’ve come to a couple of annual meetings now and are now starting their careers. Stephanie Jarvis has been the Colorado Section’s Secretary for 2 years and, had she not decided to start a PhD program, I would be nominating her for the National ExCom. Having younger leadership should be encouraged on the Section level, and then the National level after they’ve shown a willingness to work. Should the Student’s Voice columnist be a non-voting member of the ExCom? Having a student who is able to comment on national activities would help demonstrate an ongoing commitment to mentoring our younger members.

9. **Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?**

#90

1. **Why did you originally become a member of AIPG?** To become a “Qualified Person” as stated in Canadian National Instrument 43-101.

2. **Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not?** No, I prefer to attend either Society of Economic Geologists or Geological Society of Nevada events as I feel they are more relevant to me as a mine geologist.

3. **Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?** No, see above.

4. **What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?** I maintain my QP status, and follow comments in The Professional Geologist regarding ethics.

5. **Does AIPG provide you good value?** Yes

6. **What concerns do you have about AIPG?** No emphasis on economic geology – there is a meeting in Denver January 20th and I see no mention of mentoring student regarding economic geology.

7. **Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?** Yes

8. **What would you like to see changed about AIPG?** See 6 above.

9. **Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?** No, but thanks for reaching out to CO members.

#91

1. **Why did you originally become a member of AIPG?** It allowed me to become a professional geologist in the state of Alaska. At the time, the company I worked for was getting busier in Alaska.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, just not enough time for everything. I currently work for an oil & gas company primarily in the safety side of things, so I don’t do any geologic, hydrogeologic, or environmental work currently.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, just haven’t had the interest. Most of my previous work has been in environmental hydrogeology, which isn’t really hard core geology in my opinion.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Not sure.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not sure, not really.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not really sure – just haven’t been active.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will probably remain active, as my employer pays my annual dues.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#92

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To have certification as a professional geologist.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I have been on the western slope of Colorado for the past 38 years and seldom get to the Denver area. That being said, I understand the need to have the meetings near the greatest number of members.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Cost of registration, primarily, as well as travel costs. The AIPG held an annual meeting in Grand Junction in 2009, I believe, in the worst of the recession and even with the proximity of the meeting site, registration fees were a concern for the small company where I was employed. As a suggestion, having a corporate registration where individuals from a company could attend the meeting on separate days would have been of benefit. I offered to lead a field trip for this annual meeting but the field trip was cancelled.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Clearly, the establishment of professional ethics and standards.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None, really. I have been a member since 1980.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Most likely. I am retired from my career in engineering geology but still do some consulting, hence keeping my professional membership.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More regional events would be good. I have participated in several AIPG field trips on the western slope and found them to be of great value.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? In 2001 taught a class in Geology of the Uncompahgre Valley through Colorado Mesa University. The class was directed to area science teachers but open to the public as a whole. The AIPG Foundation helped to sponsor the class which was a great success.
#93

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Credentials. There were only a handful of States that registered geologists (late 70’s).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – I simply had trouble finding time for everything.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. As an employee of a company I was given limited opportunities. Encouraged to participate in conferences.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? National/international recognition – high standards for membership.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, although I may be retired by then.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No opinion.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? In retrospect I wish I had been more active.

#94

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Truth is, main reason was social and business contacts. I was already a registered geologist, but enjoyed the people I met at AIPG events.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. Again, I have a circle of friends therein.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Opportunity to interact with fellow geoscientists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Worried about the future of the organization as younger people don't seem as interested in organizations like AIPG (and others.).
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Would like to see us be able to actualize more fund-raising opportunities.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing right now.

#95

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the professional designation as a certified professional geologist (CPG).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to attend the CO-AIPG luncheons, dinners, etc. and some national meetings, but time is usually the constraint.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. It is difficult to attend on a regular basis due to the time constraints mainly of my business.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The support given to geologists in their profession and promotion/conservation of the geological sciences in general.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I believe so. The costs are not that significant given the breath of products/services offered through AIPG.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns about AIPG, their mission or leadership. However, I am concerned about the advancement of the geological sciences in general – and also about changes in our society and busy lives that hinder volunteerism and involvement for me and/or for other members of AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. There is not a reason why I would not want to continue my membership even in retirement.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think a brief summary email from the executive director and/or executive committee on a quarterly basis to all members would be good – thereby providing an update on AIPG activities/progress through a more commonly used means of communication. This venue could also help engagement of members and/or be a format by which engagement could be encouraged.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Only that I appreciate your involvement, volunteerism and leadership to AIPG – as with all others to share their time and passion for AIPG.

#96

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? All FAPG members were put under the AIPG umbrella a few years back.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? When I can make an FAPG-AIPG event, I will attend.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Even though the economy has rebounded, many companies are still hesitant to allow employees to attend national annual meetings (AIPG or others) unless if they are in-state and readily accessible (i.e., couple hours away).

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The support it provides local chapters is outstanding.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe it does.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I believe that as long as the organization is willing to evolve with the times, it will have a strong future. It was hesitant in the past to promote and defend state licensures, but the evolution that has happened in the past decade has been fantastic for the profession.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I believe it would be advantageous for the organization to consider being a CEU powerhouse for PGs in states that require continuing education.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The FL section leadership is doing a fantastic job and knows when and where to apply pressure on state PG issues.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Became a member through the inclusion of the Florida Association of Professional Geologists. Initial membership to FAPG was to battle an attempt to eliminate the Professional Licensure of geologists in the state.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I had previously been secretary of the FAPG section of AIPG. Currently have not been active in events as it seems that local activity has decreased which is sad because I currently have a lot of younger millennial staff that would benefit from involvement and I feel would want to be more involved. The millennial generation appears to want to make more of a difference than their older peers.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not due to time constraints.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Bringing forth the profession through education of our science to our current scientifically ignorant country.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes with respect to science education. Other benefits such as more community commitment beyond those of private consulting interests need to be expanded.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Continued decreased involvement and losing the emphasis of educating society on the profession.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Need to give more thought. But the millennial issues need to be a high priority and the recruitment of this generation is important.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#98

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? As I recall, at one time in AZ, certification was accepted as evidence of professional competence. CPGs could obtain an AZ PG license without taking the AZ exam. That’s how I originally joined AIPG. However, AZ changed that law right after I joined AIPG, so my certification was not acceptable for obtaining an AZ PG license. But I’ve stayed in AIPG ever since.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, lack of time or money.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, lack of time or money.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? In the past, certification was evidence of professional qualifications and perhaps helpful in employment. But now, more so the networking with other professionals.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? While I like the whole idea behind certification, it has become almost irrelevant in Florida in recent years. It seems more so today than at any time in my 40-year career that there is less of a market for knowledgeable, well qualified, and ethical practitioners, even though the need is greater than ever.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None that I can think of at the moment.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was an officer for a student chapter and also wanted to begin focusing on my career.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No; I don't have time or funds to travel to events at the moment.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No; my undergrad department only took trips to GSA. I would like to attend conferences in the future however.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Unsure

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There aren’t many resources for recent graduates. When I obtained my B.S. I looked into the AIPG job boards and resources and found that most job listings required skill sets that come from experience in the field and/or obtaining a masters/PhD.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Most likely

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more resources for young professionals with only a B.S. If we want our geologists to excel and for the profession to have high quality scientists we need to provide opportunities (preferably paid, so that our geologists can begin paying student loans and rent) for our graduates to gain experience and skills.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? It may be worthwhile to consider adding a membership for individuals who cannot afford full membership to increase the accessibility of AIPG. Maybe other members’ donations could be pulled to provide free membership for other individuals.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because the state geologist Dr. Bob Vernon said to work in Florida I had to be an AIPG member.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, went to meetings monthly, networked, prepared Florida newsletters, was a past section president, helped get PG licensure.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, several including Santa Fe in 2016.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Helps geologists focus on professional practice in the world of non-scientists who make up geology answers.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Outstanding value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Having operating funds, recruiting younger members.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I plan to consult until I drop.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More public outreach and participation in conventions in the oil and mining industry with booths.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have lots of thoughts after 44 years and would be glad to chat.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Primarily for the news on research, discoveries, and technology. I also like to support the legislative representation of our profession.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, though I attend some events on water supply, aquifer storage, and climate science held in central and south Florida. FAPG may have co-sponsored some of those events. My participation in such events is done under my agency’s time and must be preapproved.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. To attend an out-of-state conference I would need to provide a strong justification to my employer.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The newsletter’s links to science and research articles.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? A better value would be to include the TPG printed subscription in the membership fee, like GSA does with GSA Today magazine.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It would be nice if the eNews email included a regular report on the Ombudsman’s activities and any advocacy/lobbying efforts.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Just remember that PG is an extremely diverse profession, so try hard to cover it all! I enjoy learning about work done outside my niche.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought it would be good to be involved and support a professional geology association, since this one in particular lobbies to maintain our licensure in the state. Also, I think it’s a great resource for learning what other geologists are doing around the country.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – usually not good for my schedule and too far away.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – usually too far away – we have no funding for out-of-state travel and limited budget for in-state.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Maintaining need for state licensure requirement, helping to mentor students, providing updated information on geology industry.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Perhaps include more information on hydrogeology, karst, and importance of following the North American Stratigraphic Code for naming conventions of aquifers and formations – there’s been confusion in stratigraphy/hydrostratigraphy in our state due to inconsistencies with following this.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I run a website called www.rockheadsciences.com where geoscientists from around the
world share their typical day and projects. I have over 100 guest blogs on this website and am trying to get the word out. I primarily created it with students in mind, and it has a good following now from Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and regular searches. It’s become such a great resource and place for professionals and students to come and share ideas and ask questions.

#103

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The company I was working for encouraged me to do so. It was prior to state licensing in Florida and a CPG was a measurable credential.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I regularly participate in AIPG events. Prior to 2010 there were very few events in south Florida and most of the AIPG members were in central Florida in the mining industry. There was one Friday dinner and Saturday field trip event and I did attend. I was hoping there would be more, but despite its success there was no repeat.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Initially, I was asked by the Conference chairperson to serve on the Conference committee and I agreed.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional credibility

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. It provides value because I participate and it provides value in the relationships I have built and continue to build.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Its longevity and ability to grow and adapt to a new generation of members.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like the level of participation in AIPG by all categories of members and all states to increase and for it to become the cornerstone of the industry in terms of educating its members and the recognized authority in all aspects of professionalism for the geosciences. The conduct, level of professional responsibility and willingness to mentor are all important in the success of the profession and AIPG should become the leader in the industry.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? We have lots of great people (in the geosciences) of different ages in and outside AIPG. We need to move with the times and update our programs to meet the needs of the young professionals. We also need to pay attention to an even younger audience (middle and high school – things our members can do locally) to reach an audience that will consider selecting the geosciences as a career. From recent interviews I have been doing, I have seen students who work in Starbucks or box stores during their degree. We need to provide more students and graduating students with opportunities to experience their future careers and organize more low cost field experiences.

#104

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At the time of my initial membership, I was working as a geologist (Hydrogeology, Environmental), teaching at the college level, and spending a lot of time conducting content-specific, hands-on professional development for K-12 teachers. AIPG membership was the "next best thing to state licensing", and something to talk with college students about as they matriculated from students to working professionals. I
attempted to get AIPG professionals more involved in K-12 teacher professional development and particularly K-6 classroom visitations. The extra initials behind the name awed some folks.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Since I am retired (mainly), I do not attend or participate in AIPG events any more, in part because of travel expenses, and in part my interests changed. However, I am mentoring an individual standing for transition from Florida PGT to PG, so have encouraged this individual to join AIPG.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have attended several AIPG annual meetings, in part for TPG editor responsibilities, and also to present papers.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG does provide a form of peer review to one's "professionalism" in lieu of state-based licensing. With college student chapters, there is some "rub-off" from working professionals. I have always thought that there should be much more interaction between the AIPG professional and K-12 teachers; as this is the only way to really educate K-12 teachers, develop their knowledge levels, skills and interest in the earth sciences, which in turn is transmitted to their students, who then become geology majors in college.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I am neutral to not so sure of "value" here. Again, I have not been active for several years, but at that time, AIPG seemed more of a "good old boys club". That may have changed.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not being currently active in AIPG, I am not sure if there is anything I can add, that is not noted above.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably will.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Again, from my history, things noted above.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Again, not 'up to speed' on current membership issues.

#105

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Was a member of FAPG, when they joined AIPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? On campus only. I'm a caregiver for a handicapped person and cannot travel.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, for the same reason.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Trying to keep reasonable laws and regulations in place, and encouraging students to get their PG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Reasonable.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None really.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Depends on when I retire.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More support for students.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Possibly consider producing some on-line presentations aimed at students.

#106
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? AIPG offered certification in the absence of licensure in FL.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. The meetings are out of town.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. In about 1985, it was in Orlando where I lived and they needed a gopher who knew the town to run errands. The chairman and kept me so busy doing registration and running errands that I never attended one moment of the annual meeting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Membership distinguishes the level of pride in their career. Most of the members that I know are super proud of their career and don’t just look at it as a job.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It’s a prestige thing with a prestige price.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Loss of relevance.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More technical stuff. And with the advent of continuing education requirements in FLA, they should be a source of continuing educational resources.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? See no 6.

#107

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was grandfathered into AIPG as a member of FAPG when the organizations merged. I applied for CPG when my State Legislature showed significant desire to eliminate licensure (unsuccessfully thanks in large part to FAPG/AIPG efforts) so that I would have some professional certifications other than my degrees.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to participate when I had the time and money. I spend all my time and energy staying in business.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to Florida meetings, but not an annual meeting. Too far away and too expensive.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It's a powerful collective voice for geology professionals.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Tough to say. I'm sure there's a lot going on I don't know about.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Nothing serious, but I wish AIPG wouldn't give my name out to marketers trying to sell me AIPG website ad space. My clients aren't geologists, so marketing my competition is not where I get value for my very hard earned marketing dollars. The annual marketing push is "pushy" and intrusive from these folks. I have their emails and phone numbers as blocked and black-listed as possible.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, unless I decide the CPG next to my name isn't worth the membership fee.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No opinion. I might have one in the future when I can more fully absorb AIPG's benefit for me.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? See no 6.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To connect with other geologists and develop professionally, and because AIPG seemed like a prestigious organization (e.g. gaining membership requires a little more than simply writing your name and paying dues).

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Rarely, but most recently (Jan. 2017) attended Winter Water Seminar in Tallahassee, FL co-sponsored by FAPG/AIPG. Location and time is usually a deterrent.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Cost, location.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Lobbying for protection/enhancement of geology as a profession and for policy/legislation that benefits the profession. For example, FAPG's lobbying efforts helped keep geologists from being de-regulated in Florida ~7-8 years ago.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Depends on how active you are as a member.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Remaining relevant and having enough active, contributing members to remain viable as an organization.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, probably.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More events locally and/or webinars. The magazine (TPG) is also amateurish to the point of embarrassment. Either discontinue it or really bring up the quality.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would like to become more active as a member now that some of my other obligations have eased up. A greater presence online and on social media may help members feel more engaged on a national level, especially the younger professionals, which we need in order to survive as an organization. Thank you for volunteering to serve in a leadership capacity.

#109

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was part of the FAPG executive committee that brought about the merging with AIPG; so, becoming an AIPG member just ensued naturally.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not regularly participate due to economic constraints.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I do not, again, due to economic constraints.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG is most relevant to keeping the profession alive in Florida and preventing 'sunsetting'.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The base of Florida PGs that are also members of AIPG is way too small.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind now.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? If you aren't already targeting all Florida PGs about becoming AIPG members, then I'd recommend doing so. If the Florida Board of Professional Geologists can get continuing
education into statute, then AIPG will become even more important to all Florida PGs as a potential CEU provider.

#110

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member because it is a prestigious organization in my opinion.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I make meetings when I have the time. My work schedule precludes me from attending most times.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The education aspect.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes in my opinion.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have no concerns.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More local meetings but I know that everyone is busy.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not that I know of.

#111

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was president of FAPG and negotiated the merger with the Florida section of AIPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Primarily time and budget constraints. If AIPG has local meetings, I will support any way that I can including attendance or speaking.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Generally the same answer as above. I am active with GSA and AASG, and between those two organizations, time and budget do not allow additional participation. I am personally drawn to more academic or environmental-problem-solving related conferences. I just looked at the agenda for the last annual meeting for AIPG and would have had difficulty prioritizing how to spend my time during attendance. I greatly value technical sessions and many field trips were opposite the sessions. Moreover, details of the sessions were not in the magazine.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG, which I embarrassingly admit I do not hold, is of value in states that do not have professional state–administered geologist licensing. However, I don’t know how many states fall in this category. AIPG serves an important role for advocacy and support of non-academic geoscience professionals. Parts of the TPG magazine are interesting, however, I think the Institute would be well-served to send out a similar survey regarding the value/content of the magazine.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? My answer is yes as I know more than most about AIPG. It would be interesting to see the responses to this question from ... say a 35-year-old who has attended one AIPG meeting in their state. I hope you get a resounding yes on this question.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? While I respect the work of AIPG, I feel that on a national level, the Institute could improve being more in sync with younger geoscientists. Would be interesting to see the distribution of member ages. I suspect that the bulk of AIPG members are over 50 years old. I hope I’m wrong, but if that’s the case, it is a serious problem. There
exists a challenge in getting geoscience professionals to become engaged AIPG. This is vital regarding sustainability of the Institute.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan on remaining a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Stronger engagement of student chapters. Seizing opportunities within states to coordinate and offer CEU’s toward fiscal sustainability of the Institute.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am a strong supporter of AIPG and feel it would be useful for the Institute to ask itself what it wants to look like in 15 years. The strategic plan is eight years old. What are the successes since the plan was implemented? Do AIPG members feel the AIPG "identity" is aligned with where the profession is headed? Geoscience advocacy, ethics, comradery, good field trips, training opportunities... All seem to be what AIPG is about. And that's a good thing. I think new partnerships and collaborations are needed to make it sustainable, or alternatively the AIPG "niche" needs to expand and be more marketable to geoscience professionals. AIPG does great work but I'm concerned about its long-term future. Thank you for your email and inquiry. I'm very pleased to see an assessment of AIPG being conducted.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was an original founding board member of the FAPG, which was formed to allow for a political voice and presence in the Florida Legislature and to keep members informed of upcoming agenda items to ensure that Professional Geologists were properly represented.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? As a founding board member, I was quite active in the 1990s, then again in approximately 2010 when Florida for the second time attempted to sunset Professional Geologists in the State of Florida. I have been a member in AIPG after they took over the FAPG, but have been a member in FAPG since the mid-1990s after it was formed.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, most recently in New Mexico.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? This may be surprising, but I think one of the most important things AIPG can do is to ensure that States do not do away with Professional Geologists (PG), and to expand licensure in States which do not yet require it. This credential provides a career path for geologists which otherwise does not exist and allows reports requiring geologic interpretation to be overseen by a PG, ensuring high professional standards. Otherwise, anyone can submit a report (except if it requires engineering interpretation which can only be submitted by a Professional Engineer (PE)). In Florida, we have this synergistic relationship with Professional Engineers which allows us to sign and seal geologic reports (unless the engineer has expertise in this area) and for them to sign and seal engineering reports. This has substantially increased the professional presentation of site assessment reports and other geologic documents because they are either overseen by PGs or PEs (with expertise in that area). Although a CPG provides some credentialing, the fact is a CPG can’t sign or seal reports in States which require a PG, and many times require a PE seal in states that do not have a PG program in place. In the absence of a robust PG program in individual states across the nation, many times the reports require a PE seal, even though the PE may not be
comfortable signing and sealing reports involving geologic interpretation (which goes back to having robust PG programs in States!). Outside of that, I foresee the AIPG as a forum to present geologic ideas and papers to inform members of changing scientific trends and research. It also provides a mechanism for young geologists to see what other geologists do professionally. However, without a defined career path (as noted above) many of our young geologic scientists will seek other opportunities in more lucrative or recognized fields. Ever wonder why universities have been shutting down geologic programs lately?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns other than some members may not see the benefits of obtaining a PG (I talked to a few at the national conference.....and convinced them later of the importance of the PG credential). Without this common goal we become fractured. Look at the National Society of Professional Engineers, all of their members support the PE credential because they recognize the importance of it. After that, they meet and discuss items important to them, because their profession is already protected by a robust program.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, but plan on retiring soon, after having running successful business in the PG/PE field.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Already stated above.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I believe enough is said.

#113

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member of AIPG because: a) I was working for a consulting company and, even though there wasn't much licensing, it would be impractical for me to be licensed in all of the places I worked. b) AIPG was very selective. There was only one class of membership and an applicant needed to have five years practice experience as well as the sponsorship of five members. The names of applicants and their sponsors were published in TPG and anyone could comment on the nominations. This proved to work well in a couple of cases that come to mind. c) I am a former student of Alan C. Tester, CPG 00002.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not been active in AIPG since I retired almost 20 years ago.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to several annual meetings, but not for a long time. I always enjoyed the networking, fellowship, field trips and content.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG focus on the issues affecting working professionals.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Although I am removed from the organization and its workings, I always felt that AIPG was undervalued by some members and almost all of the general public.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If I'm around that long.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not for me to judge. I am retired and out of touch. If current members have concerns that the organization is not serving them well, then they should work to improve it.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#114

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Back in the early 80s I was in ND and they did not have state PG, therefore I got my CPG to highlight the geology in the Geological Engineering degree (as I also became a Professional Engineer (PE)). I did let it lapse as I became a PG in some states, and my employer did not support cost of AIPG. I now work with a company that works across the US so the AIPG/CPG adds a professional level in states that do not have PGs.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not very often. I have to keep up on PE credits, so more often spend time and money on PE type events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I do not believe I have ever made it to one, basically as discussed above, although I did consider a few over the years. If you could get some credit for both the few states that require PG continuing education, and possible some towards PE continuing education, you may be able to attract a larger variety of participants to the events.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional recognition in states that do not have PG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Reasonable

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I wish they would have given me my original CPG number when I re-upped to indicate the length of time represented by professionalism as I was a registered PG in a number of states throughout that time (and still have am in a number of states).

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, unless I retire early.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I wish they would have given me my original CPG number when I re-upped to indicate the length of time represented by professionalism as I was a registered PG in a number of states throughout that time (and still have am in a number of states).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would recommend that you somehow blend in better with those who end up registered in states as PG as than the cost of the AIPG becomes more significant if you are supporting PG registration and AIPG.

#115

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My original affiliation with AIPG was an ‘associate’ member, a young and budding geologist with less than the requisite 5 years of experience needed to apply for registration as a CPG. I think that this ‘level’ of membership has since been suspended. It was during my ‘annual review’ while working at my company when my supervisor suggested that I look into a membership and certification with AIPG in 1991.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Unfortunately, I do not regularly participate in AIPG functions. I usually only make it to one function per year.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting, even when the meeting was here in sunny central Florida. They are usually scheduled for the summer, and conflicts rise with family vacations and just generally being busier with work (consulting) that during Nov. to Feb.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The most relevant aspect with AIPG is the strong support of state licensure here in the State of Florida. Without AIPG there would not have been the state licensure that we needed so badly.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Generally yes, AIPG provides a good value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not really have any ‘concerns’ about AIPG. But then again, I am certainly on the periphery, and do not know whether AIPG is growing relative to the number of geologists working worldwide. There is another group of geologists, somewhat more field oriented – the Southeastern Geological Society (SEGS). There is some overlap in membership, but I don’t seem to see members of one at events of the other. Maybe the best answer I could give is ‘weaker networking with other professional geological groups’? Don’t worry – I tell the same thing to people at SEGS.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I will maintain my current status with AIPG.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Rather than blowing on the embers of old, dying fires, maybe kindling new fires at students’ levels in the local universities would give an added presence.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? AIPG is a valuable addition to the profession. I have tried to recruit the other geologist I work with into the membership fold, but he has never taken me up on it. I will forward this series of questions, along with your e-mail address to him. Perhaps he can answer questions as an ’outsider.

#116

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG just about a year ago after seeing a promotion for the Water Resources Unplugged Workshop in Orlando and realizing it would be of interest. The agenda seemed more focused and personal than some of the larger professional organizations I belong to.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I intend to as opportunities arise, however, my travel budget for external meetings is limited, and so I have to pick and choose.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, haven’t attended an annual meeting yet – as noted above, my travel budget is limited.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Seems to focus on addressing practical problems/issues, and values the input from members.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe it does, yes. I’ve made some good contacts and renewed some existing ones that had fallowed.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing as of yet.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Looking forward to getting my CPG through AIPG.

#117

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was a member years ago and then dropped out, swayed away into larger professional organizations established in the state. I was inspired to renew membership with some urging from a colleague to get more involved at the state level.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I regularly attend and participate in the national conference as well as state events including workshops, seminars and fieldtrips. I participate because of the networking, comradery, information exchange, local geology presentations and fieldtrip opportunities. The annual meeting provides a great way to see the country in good company.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes see above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? What is most important or relevant about AIPG is professional certification and advocacy for the profession including professional responsibility, public service, and ethical practice. Advocacy extends to the development of young professionals and students entering the geologic field providing individuals with mentors, resources, networking opportunities as well as scholarships and grants. The dissemination of information is important in various forms that include articles, research findings, and upcoming events included in AIPG electronic distributions and TPG magazine. Additionally there are a great number of information, resource and educational links on the AIPG website. Networking is important not only for professional reasons but also to promote idea exchange to strengthen and unitize geoscientists and to encourage discussions about technology applications and methodologies or legislative challenges that have application to solve local issues.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes for all of the reasons above.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Loss of memberships and increasing young professional participation.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am formulating a response on this...

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#118

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was offered gratis as part of being a student at the Georgia State University Department of Geosciences. I jumped at the chance to join because of the availability and because I was going to become a member anyway. There are two essential organizations for those who are on track for a career in geology: GSA, and AIPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, with a caveat. The caveat is the fact that I attend school full-time and work full-time. I am a very non-traditional student. At the same time I volunteer for as many GSU/AIPG Geoscience events as I can.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Time and money constraints.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The high standard of professional excellence that is at the core of the organization's values: the official "clout" that AIPG has. I also like that it is a very active organization.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, absolutely!

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None really. I have never had a problem with AIPG and I am glad to be a member!

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I am on-track for a PhD in Geology. It only makes sense to remain a member of key geoscience organizations because of this fact.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don't mean to not be helpful but I can't think of anything that needs to change. Maybe Saturday meetings at GSU AIPG for those of us who aren't full-time non-working students. Right now meetings do not jibe with my work-schedule... Undergraduate whippersnappers! LOL

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have no real issues. I am proud to be a member!

#119

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Good organization, and AIPG leadership.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? GGS in Savannah GA. I attend all I can but am limited to ones nearby due to cost.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Meetings, solute transport modeling and other training sessions, and communication with other geologists and meeting attendees.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None for now.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More: meetings, meetings with other similar organizations, training, field trips.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not now. I am at work, the day before Labor Day weekend.

#120

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Practicing/professional geologist looking for a reputable organization to stay on top of information and networking; Also, I have colleagues/friends who are members.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I go to and have gone to the Remediation Technology Symposium in Atlanta (Kennesaw) GA for past 3 events; mostly for social and networking opportunity but also for the new information.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Usually its budget related.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Availability of new information,

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at the moment
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Networking.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Don’t know enough negative things to change.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No issues, but really appreciate you reaching out. I don’t think past presidents have done this.

#121

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Company I worked for required a professional certification.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. No money for travel.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The outreach they do for professionals and students is great.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? AIPG is a very good investment.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The cost of annual dues is getting cost prohibitive and although I wish to remain a member, may need to cancel my registration if the cost keeps going up.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will try but as stated above, cost may make it prohibitive for me.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing, except maybe a halt on yearly dues price increases.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, all concerns have been stated above.

#122

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was recommended by a colleague.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do when there are events to participate.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Most of the annual meetings are far and wide, and I can’t travel since I’m on dialysis.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Prior to disability, the most relevant part of AIPG was local field trips, professional development, and recognition as a professional in my field. Sadly, now the states have seen professional registration as a cash cow, so AIPG registration has been left largely academic.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Good value? Not necessarily. It is very expensive, in fact, if it weren’t for my retired status on account of my disability, I wouldn’t be able to afford membership.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Concerns? I don’t really have any.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Remaining a member for 5 years? See answer number 5. I will remain a member if my dues can be waived. Otherwise, I cannot afford it.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Better participation among local Geologists, but I'm not sure how to accomplish that when the paydirt is state registration to be able to work.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? When Ron Wallace was in charge of the Georgia chapter, he scheduled relevant and timely field trips to various sites of environmental significance. I realize one person cannot do this for ever, and I don't know exactly how the society would/could induce more professionals to take up this cause.

#123

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because I joined AIPG at my college.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, because all of them are too far for me to travel to.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I have no way of transportation or money to attend any.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? They give me info on things that interest me (Seismology and Oceanography).
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It does.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? If they can help me find certain jobs or events that involve seismology or oceanography.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I do plan to stay a member.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More events held at college campuses in Georgia.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? None at the moment.

#124

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I initially joined AIPG as a way to connect with professionals in Georgia.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I am an officer of the Georgia Section and help with logistics of our meetings and events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, the timing has not been good. I was planning to go this year, but I also participate in AWG (Women Geoscientists) and the field trip to Maine and Canada overlaps with the annual meeting.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Keeping current on issues and topics relative to Geology and Environmental Science.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more field trips, and webinars/short courses on-line at very low costs.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not that I can think of!
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I am a well-known geologist in Hawaii but unfortunately we don’t have professional registering system in Hawaii. I joined AIPG back to 2009 and rejoined in 2016 to get my CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I tried but not a lot of regular events in Hawaii. A week ago, we just had social event after work.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not yet but I am looking forward to the next one if I can get my CPG then I can ask my company to support my trip.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Reputable Geological society and CPG certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe so as we move forward.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack of resources and man power to handle CPG application. When I get my CPG approved, I would volunteer my time for the committee and help expedite the CPG application process.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I am with AIPG for a long run, I have around 20 geologists within my remediation group, I want to make sure that they can all become a member of AIPG and get their CPG as part of their professional development.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Make sure that AIPG can help to get CPG application process quickly, get local section involved with CPG process.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Hawaii is a unique place for their geology and environment, AIPG should evaluate geology camp for and field trip in big island. I believe that Hawaii section could be much more active as another member and I met several times to discuss how Hawaii section can be more active and provides more contribution to AIPG’s success.

10. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional certification recognized nationally.

11. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, Venues are often far away and the time to take off from work/family and money are prohibitive.

12. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Same answer to 2.

13. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Information and same answer to 1.

14. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

15. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No CEU requirements to stay certified.

16. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Same answer to 4.

17. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More web based training and CEU requirements to stay certified. More local opportunities to meet members, exchange professional experience, further learning opportunities, and sponsorship to those looking too get certified.
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9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#127

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To gain credentials, to keep me informed and fresh on geologic advancements, and to help me network.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try but in the past two years I had unexpected circumstances preventing me from attending.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, the 125th in Denver, the student chapter from USD all made a trip there and some presented.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think the most important part to me is the annual conferences, that’s where I get my money’s worth from paying dues. Great opportunities to make connections and learn new info.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Where will the 2017 conference be?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Perhaps more accommodations (i.e. hotel deals etc.) or a lower entrance fee for the conferences.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? This sounds silly but I truly love the AIPG decal stickers, If at all possible I would like extra stickers after I pay my dues for 2017.

#128

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Too busy at work.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. No free time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Promoting professionalism and peer review.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Nothing.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Required for professional registration.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Education of younger generation in ethics and professionalism.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#129

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member to support and be associated with an accessible professional organization that is universally recognized by my field.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not routinely participated in AIPG events. I attend a very few conferences and events each year and I seek those that are wholly focused on my field (mineral exploration and mining) for the purpose of professional
development. My specific field has many of these to navigate and I have not felt the need to go outside of what has been available to me for a long time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting, generally for the same reasons as those stated above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I consider the most important aspect of AIPG to be how the organization reinforces that the fabric of professionalism for a geoscientist is the embodiment of ethical and responsible behavior and choices in our work. While these ideals are always present in other circles, AIPG seems to make and keep them front and center and to me that is what makes your organization worth supporting and associating with.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG provides me a good value by providing me a framework and platform for my career and work.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I have no current plans to seek another affiliation.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I have not been with the organization long enough to have any thoughts on this.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time, thank you for your dedication.

#130

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? One of my supervisors was a member and suggested that it would be a good networking opportunity.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? When we lived in Houston, I was very active, but have since moved to Idaho and "retired."

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I always attended annual meetings and section meetings when we lived in Houston and often co-chaired sessions.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking for students and "new" geologists -- especially academics.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The companies for which I worked always paid the dues. Since I've retired, I get a reduced rate. I still enjoy getting the publications and following where meetings will be, but am no longer active.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Once I was no longer a student, it was less relevant. To me, it always seemed more oriented to academics than to the kind of field work I did.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes -- I'm hoping AIPG will offer good group rates on health insurance -- now that I'm not working for a company that provides benefits and I'm not old enough for Medicare... Who knows what will happen...

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I wish I could be more "connected" but feel as if I'm out here in the boonies and, although there is mining activity, a lot of it is cleanup. None of the geologists or geological engineers with whom I'm friends "here" are AIPG members...

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Good luck in the coming year. Who knows what will happen with this new administration in DC...
#131

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional industry certification as an environmental risk professional in the lending industry.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – not in my company’s budget. Already attend meetings with folks in my industry (Environmental Bankers Association).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Maintaining industry certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Does not focus on topics in the environmental risk consulting industry.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See response to question 6.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#132

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To meet the MDEQ CP requirement. (I know you know what that is!) and to meet the requirements to practice in Alaska (My company had a big pipeline job there. I changed to the IL/IN Section since the MDEQ QC/CP program was eliminated and most of the efforts I support and in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. My work schedule is heavy, and requires significant travel.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Due to my work schedule and the cost (which for me would be out-of-pocket).

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably not. The expense is significant, and the credential is not something my current role requires. I am also considering leaving the industry in the next few years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More advocacy for State licensure. I hold licenses in Illinois and Indiana. More AIPG training opportunities. Not necessarily through meeting, but training that would be available to members at no or reduced costs, delivered as web-based modules or recorded webinars. Continuing education credits would be useful, and perhaps training specific to not just geology-specific topics, but related topics like field safety or data quality or notetaking and recordkeeping (just some examples). It may be a challenge for new geologists to get the training they need when they do not report to or work with any other CPGs or otherwise credentialed geologists.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Congratulations on your new position with the AIPG!
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the professional certification, before state licensing was prevalent.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not usually; the local section (IL-IN) meets in the Chicago area, I live in the Indianapolis area.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, not a priority and difficult to justify for my job duties as an Operations Manager.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? In my opinion, the weekly AIPG eNews letter is one of the best in existence.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe the annual dues are a little expensive for the value I receive.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Adding new members, especially those just starting their careers, to keep the organization vibrant.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Likely, yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more local sections, perhaps contacting existing local geological groups to become affiliated with AIPG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I just completed 25 years as a member. I was invited to attend the Spring meeting earlier this year for the 25-year honor (thank you); unfortunately, I could not attend that event. I was told that a 25-year appreciation memento would be sent to me via mail; however, I never received...no big deal but was looking forward to receiving.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Certification for states that do not have LPG licensing and a way to gain more credentials.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not many, if any, it is with the AIPG section. Sometimes the cost is too much with venue and travel, and I have budgets set aside for other organizations that bring clients.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Long time ago. Other organizational meetings I go to generate some revenue for the company or have more presentations on technical aspects that apply to my job. Some of the AIPG presentations seem to be more academic...
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is a way to bring many different geologists from across the US together. I worked with some AIPG members that helped provide comments to some legislative changes that were threatening the licensing of LPGs in a few states. This was really important and there were a few that helped in this process.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Academically yes. In the private sector, not as much as some other organizations that we are members. I do think that AIPG could bring geologists together like in my example earlier concerning the LPG licensing. Its legislative things like this where AIPG could really be great and work with geologists in many different states and help stop some of these issues like removing the LPG license or certain changes in legislation that affect our members. Not sure if AIPG has a lobbyist, but it could be a way to help states use a lobbyist or obtain a lobbyist to help in some of the changes by bad politician decisions?
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It’s not relevant with the current workforce. It’s hard enough to get geologists in our own state to meet and talk with each other during a state sanctioned geologist group event.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I believe in supporting our profession and I can see how working with other geologists in the membership can help with bigger issues in different states. I see legislators trying to remove our profession from being relevant whether its licensing or changing guidelines that they think don’t make sense b/c of their ignorance or lack of trying to understand. Again, this is where lobbying groups can help but most state funded geologist groups don’t have funds to do this.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More interaction with state geology groups and trying to get geologists to get more involved.... There are a lot of smart geologists in the AIPG and many could provide a lot of guidance in our profession. Maybe work with universities to keep geology programs in place. There are a lot of schools that are removing the geology programs and going to environmental, that is not geology. The kids I see coming from these schools with environmental degrees and do the work I do, have no clue and need those basic geology concepts. Not just a Geo 101 class.....

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? We need to find a way to make our profession stay relative in society. I am not sure if I have an answer but again, there are a lot of AIPG members that are smart and probably could find a way or have some ideas... Sometimes I feel like I am beating a wall in Indiana to get older and young geologists involved in our groups.

#135

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I needed a professional affiliation on my resume for legal issues regarding my work.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, because the Section events are usually held during the week in Chicago (I’m 3 ½ hours away) and the National events do not fit my work schedule.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, again because the annual meetings do not fit into my work schedule.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I appreciate the numerous meeting/presentation opportunities.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I’m unsure about this...the dues increase annually and are more than the Illinois State PG fee. I’m not sure where my money is going.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Generally just the dues and the seemingly annual increases, with no explanation/justification and no apparent added benefits.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I will remain a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Would like to see papers/presentations on website for those who cannot attend the various functions.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? N/A
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Was recruited by co-workers to speak at a section meeting, I liked the people and the purpose of AIPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I am on the IL/IN board, however, I am temporarily living in another state so have not been participating as much. This state does not have a very active section.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have been to three annual meetings, including hosting one in Chicago where I was on the planning committee. I struggle to make them more regularly as I have two other annual conferences that always fall around the same time of year and can realistically only choose one each year.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? A venue for applied and professional geoscientists. It is nice to break away from the research/academia and also get support for balancing our science and business goals. The ethics angle is also important as this is not highlighted strongly enough in state board exams. For example in Canada, the ethics are the most important part of becoming licensed and there is a test for that.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It does as a member, not as a CPG unless you are in a state that doesn’t have state licensure.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The organization is kind of static and hanging on its membership dues for the most part. I am 35 and one of the youngest in our section and feel to be of the youngest at national meetings (outside of students). We don’t retain students very well for some reason after they graduate. I think membership in general will struggle especially where local sections are not very active. There is a lot of competition out there for professional memberships.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? The TPG magazine needs to be redesigned and appeal to younger professionals and college students.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Welcome and congratulations, look forward to working with you moving forward.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? AIPG was the premier professional geologic organization. For a limited time back in the 1970s, it was possible for AEG Members to join AIPG without going through the entire membership process. It was too good a deal to pass up. The requirements for AEG full membership back then were more rigorous than they are now. After a year, I dropped out of GSA. Three sets of dues was too much for my budget at the time.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, in local events. They have usually been close to home. It’s a good way to learn new things, meet other geologists, and find ways to promote geology in the public eye.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Three: one here in the Chicago area, one (Traverse City, MI), and one in Flagstaff in conjunction with an ASBOG meeting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I consider AIPG to be the geologic equivalent of ASPE for engineers. It is the primary organization for professional geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? AEG doesn't assess dues for retired members with 25 years of membership (I've got 44 years). I've been an AIPG member for about 40 years.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I was personally opposed to the up-graded membership requirements of a few years ago. The number of CPGs continues to drop every year, and I'm amazed that as many new people apply for CPG as do. Having been closely involved in the licensing program here in Illinois, I feel that licensure is more relevant than being a CPG here in the US, but overseas CPG seems to have an edge.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I'll hang in for the next few years, but longer term depends on the COLA for social security.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would prefer that the CPG requirements be restored to the way they were back before all the bookkeeping requirements. They were optional for me, and I never kept track on paper, but in my head, I wasn't far off, if any, of the requirements.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I helped Cathy Duran staff the American Geologic Consortium booth two days at the annual ACSL convention in Chicago. One participant told us we had the best booth there. BTW, this reply took more than a minute.

#138

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? 2013.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in AIPG events which are local enough for me to drive to the location.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not. The cost is too prohibitive for me to attend as a student. While the cost of the event is not too expensive, the cost of flights and hotel rooms is.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think the network of professionals and the newsletters are the most important to me as a student. I can keep up with current event and discoveries and meet people who are working in the profession and gain valuable insight.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe it does for me.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I think the lack of opportunities for my particular section is a large concern. We do not hold many meetings or trips which would foster more learning opportunities as well as create a more concrete network of people.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? At this time, just perhaps the above mentioned concern. Otherwise, nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#139

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the certifications and the comradeship.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No due to schedules or lack of availability.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No was not clear on the value.
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4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Sticking up for the profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Ok.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Declining membership and relevance.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes for the certification.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More involvement with local rock and gem clubs.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I like the meetings at Morton Arboretum.

#140

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought the CPG was a valuable credential to have as an environmental consultant.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have been an active IL/IN section participant for the last 10 years & have served on our local section board.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have attended and presented papers at the last 5 annual meetings although I will not be able to attend this year.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I value both local and national relationships with other colleagues & it is important to develop younger geologist professionals.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too low of a participation rate among younger professionals.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Absolutely
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More of a service to members mindset from national & less of an old boys club mindset of senior AIPG leadership.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I may be in line for an officer role in our local section this fall, for the last two years I have coordinated our IL/IN annual field trip, and I have interest in serving as an advisor in the future if I am not deemed to old (I am 56).

#141

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Early in my career, a professional certification was desired and appropriate.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Same as above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I like the technical resources and overall camaraderie of the group. It was also a good resource when looking for jobs after I was laid off several years ago.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Increasing dues $. Now that I work for the gov't, it has to come out of my pocket, but I consider it worth it.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More real life case studies.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Hope to attend an annual meeting and go on those cool field trips.

#142

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Needed continuing education AIPG offered.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, too far to travel.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, hasn’t worked from my schedule.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Continuing Education offered.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Nothing I can think of.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#143

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The CPG was needed since I was working for Burns & McDonnell, a large engineering firm that gave better salaries to those registered.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to but Kansas activities slackened.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended three or four when I was a state officer, including state president.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Attaining professional standing equal to PE.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Inactive section.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, but I’m now a ripe old 81.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More Kansas AIPG meetings.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#144

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? There was no professional recognition of Prof. Geologists in KS at the time.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? There are few events in this area.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Went to Orlando Florida some years ago but few papers of interest to me in KS.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Unfortunately the AIPG Certification has little or no meaningful value here in KS.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? All I receive of value is a publication that has gotten much more professional since I joined some ? years ago.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It’s becoming too much one direction towards groundwater.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I have just sent my notice that I no longer want to belong as I’m 73 and semi-retired and think $70 a year out paces the (ha ha) raise in my social security. Expenses have to be cut each year based in value received and thus I made this cut.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Too much is pushed on continuing ed. When I write papers and do studies for clients these things cannot count. I read many prof papers but those in the academic or government sectors are given credit for published works and attendance at gov't seminars for Ped's.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? That about covers it for me.

#145

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member because I believe it is important to the profession that we have professional organizations. I stay for the training.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I don’t regularly attend meetings because they are on Saturdays. I think like any other professional organization, you can plan a few lunch or after work meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not been to an annual meeting yet. They usually fall during a time when I have other commitments.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Most important – professional training.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, the dues are lower than most professional organizations.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As states adopt their own licenses, I don’t necessarily see a need for AIPG to continue their certification. I think efforts by organizations like AIPG could be made to strengthen the State license process to include the continued education requirements, to have ethics training, to strengthen the profession overall.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will remain a member to continue training and education.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See number 6.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The organization for me doesn’t always feel cohesive.

#146

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To become more involved in the geologic community.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I’ve been very active. I was president and organizer of many events. I’ve been a member for 11 years.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I went twice. Once when I was president, and once to represent our section when the president couldn't go.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The outreach and student events.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, but it's much too expensive for most people to afford. That's why it's nearly impossible to retain people after they graduate.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Other than professional membership being too expensive, I think it's a great organization and I promote it heavily.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do as long as my professional development funds pay for membership.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See the previous two questions. I'm a little disappointed that we never took a stance on climate change like pretty much all other geologic organizations. But I really don't have many complaints other than that.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nope.

#147

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG because it is a professional organization with worldwide recognition, its ethical standards, certifications and its affiliations with other professional organizations.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do regularly attend AIPG events (meetings, gatherings, outreach events). It's part of my duty as an officer and also for the proliferation of the profession.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have attended annual meetings. Usually as an officer.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That it continues to set professional standards, educates the public and grows the profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? From a philosophical standpoint, yes. But I am older. AIPG’s values are important to geologists but I don’t know that younger professionals recognize why. If they do not see an immediate and/or material return, then I’m afraid they do not view it as a beneficial organization.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am primarily concerned with the aging membership and the perceived loss of relevance.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to remain a member.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see the organization find a way to have its certifications recognized by states that also require licensure. I think that would help obtain/retain members.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing else to add right now. I hope you are doing well Adam. Take care.

#148

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally joined AIPG in 1973 because I felt that, at the time, AIPG was the only professional organization that was involved in advancing the profession of geology in the public arena. I felt then and feel now that our profession is sorely neglected in the development and implementation of public policy and in the decision-making
that guides the future of our nation and of the race as a whole. I have since changed my opinion and I now feel that AIPG has become an “Old Boys Club” with minimal actual involvement in affairs outside narrow aspects of their individual professional interests.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? For many years, as you know, I was very active in AIPG, both at local and national levels. However, I have now reached the age of 78 and I find that the organization has become, at the national level, more interested in accumulating cash than serving the majority of the members. I realize from my various stints on the Executive Committee, that my viewpoint is a minority element in that body. Therefore, I have now switched my attentions to outreach to the general public with involvement in professional activities primarily in local groups, e.g. IKGS, AIPG professional development programs, Local FEMA Disaster Preparedness and service volunteer groups, and advisory roles with local and regional agencies (Regional Development Agencies, Emergency Response Groups, etc.)

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, numerous regional and national meetings, both as representative of the KY AIPG and as a representative of the Executive Committee from the mid-70s to the early 2000s. I felt it was vital that local chapters both be represented at national level as well as the reciprocal visitation where local members had the opportunity to express their views to their Executive Board representatives.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I feel that AIPG still has a potential role as a leading representative of the profession, both in involvement in national policy development as well as the guidance for the future of our profession. I also feel that AIPG is not providing that guidance in either area, except on a very localized basis at the chapter level, e.g. Kentucky and Georgia, and that without accepting that role and responsibility, their future is limited.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? At my stage of life, I do not feel that AIPG is providing good value. I am retired and am now putting my efforts into my own version of professional payback by serving as a lecturer and advisor where I can utilize my 50+ years of experience as a vehicle to combat the misconceptions and erroneous information about both our profession and the ongoing problems we face as they are associated with the Earth System.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My major concern is that AIPG will gradually fall into a slowly spiraling cycle of irrelevance in the profession. Unless AIPG increases in efforts to demonstrate its value to the general membership, I see a gradual future stagnation in the group. Membership declines and lack of recognition within the profession have already been a concern for the past 30 years and, as I see it, there is minimal chance for significant modification of that trend, except locally, for the foreseeable future.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, assuming I live that long. I have hopes and will continue to be a member but I will also continue my own program of Public Outreach and will probably have minimum direct involvement with AIPG. I tried to get my ideas across for many years but had minimal impact at national level so I spent my efforts at chapter level and now as an independent agent.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more emphasis on interaction with the local chapters and with the general public, including the following: Visits by Executive Committee members to local chapter meetings to sound out their ideas and opinions. Development of more programs at the National Level to support and enhance local efforts to
expand both student and new membership roles. Involvement of AIPG at a Policy Development Level on questions of national interest, e.g. Energy Policy, Critical Mineral Development and Reserve Retention, Climate Change Policy, Fossil Fuel Development and International Policy, Natural Disaster Occurrences and Preparedness, Water Resource Development and Policy as a National Security Element, Basic Educational Programs to the ADULT General Public on the Earth System and our Culture, etc.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#149

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member because it was recommended by my instructor during his class.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I don't attend AIPG events because I have recently graduated with a B.S. in Geology, but am unable to find a job. Money is very tight, and I'm currently studying for the GRE exam in order to pursue a master's degree in GIS. After I have a job and things stabilize, I will gladly attend events, and I look forward to it.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting. See number 2.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? As of yet, I don't know how to answer this question. So far, I can say that it is an excellent resource for students. It provides a glimpse into the professional side of things for those who choose to take part in it. I like that current issues are addressed, and that research is promoted and able to reach a greater number of people thanks to AIPG. Networking is a great thing, and this gives the new professionals an opportunity to connect with some of the best in the world.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG provides a good value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Right now I have no concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I plan to remain a member for at least 5 years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I can't think of anything.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I haven't had membership issues.

#150

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally joined AIPG to obtain credentials that would be viewed favorably in various states. At the time I joined, California was the only state that registered geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I no longer participate in AIPG events since I am pretty much retired from practice.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I believe that the credential is as valid today as it was when I obtained it in the mid 1980’s. In particular, it provides a floor of entry into the profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe that it does provide a good value and it is more geared toward practitioners than toward academics.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I believe that AIPG needs to look at re-inventing itself to maintain credibility and relevance in the changing environment, especially with the various states adopting professional geologist designations. I believe that AIPG may be able to serve as a repository that could assist members in obtaining reciprocity among states and internationally.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to remain a member of the organization for at least the next five years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? The organization needs to find ways to connect with and become part of the growth of earth and space sciences globally.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? At this point I have no other real suggestions.

#151

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? There was no state certification at the time.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, it was local
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is still the only national certifying geological organization.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really, I’ve considered dropping my membership.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Losing relevance
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I’ll be retiring in the next five years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Cooperative licensing among the states.

#152

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought and was lead to believe that it would help secure a position in my field of study. This did not happen, and being a member did not contribute in any way shape or form.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have participated in one AIPG event. It seems to be geared to only scholastic goaled issues and beliefs.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an Annual meeting, and at this time I do not even know where to look and why I would want to go?
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? An avenue for further learning.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? In knowledge of articles and education yes, in real life absolutely nothing.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Why have one, it is a waste of time if it has no real effect on the outcomes of society politically or functionally.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to, but it needs to create something of worth.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#153

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Honestly, I joined to purchase professional insurance, but found the rate was not really significantly discounted beyond what I could buy on my own.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not. I just recently joined AIPG. I am open to it if the event is interesting.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I just joined. But the one advertised looks expensive and would require time from work.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I do hope to use interaction with AIPG to grow my professional network.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I don't think it's fair for me to judge so soon.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I use my education and license for environmental remediation. I think AIPG looks a lot more focused on pure academic geology over applied geology. But maybe I will be surprised.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Uncertain. If there isn't the ROI, I won't remain.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? This is more about the local section: I would love to see a consolidation of professional groups for geologists so that we were more multidisciplinary and consolidate efforts on things like impacting legislation for continuing education. It would be great to see the Section lead this effort.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would rather not share my name with my responses if they are provided to the local chapter. I have tried to be fairly direct in the interest of being constructive. But that can come at a price if misinterpreted.

#154

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was eager to gain professional recognition through certification before registration was adopted in KY.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I was very active in our Section in the early 1990s. I took an officer position and held that for several years. I changed jobs in 2001 and due to family obligations and a more demanding work schedule, I could no longer attend the Saturday meetings. I remained a member though. I wasn’t active for a number of years because of personal reasons. I was asked a number of times to become more active, which I just recently did. Having been away from active involvement for a while I was quite surprised at the change in direction from my earlier years of involvement.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, work demands just have not afforded me the time.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional camaraderie, development of career path younger geologists, and education.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I feel it does.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The changing demographics, and the lesser degree of appreciation that a national organization holds for geologists younger than the boomer generation seem to me to point to a general decline in the sustainability of the organization. In other words, I feel there is a question of relevancy, particularly among mid-career geologists (excuse my age reference, but generally the "Gen-X'ers"). In our state, non-members have expressed to me that the organization seems like a "good old boys club with a personal agenda".

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, because I have so much time invested and appreciate the legacy aspect of membership, among other things.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A focus on engaging mid-career geologists and direction from National to our Section on national trends and possible guidance on how to retain membership (i.e., "what works" in other states?).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I'll give this more thought and may respond later.

#155

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Desire to affiliate with professional geologists outside the AAPG, GSA, AAGG circles with those geologists in active geological work not just academic and petroleum geology.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes I have.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes I have been to about 5 or 6.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional development and professional affiliations.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The organization does not help/mentor/assist sections at the state level. The organization has done more with foreign and Canadian societies than it does with sections.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am retired and may not remain a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Better organization at the state level. Strategies to build membership at the state level. A merger with ASBOG so AIPG can spread training and workshops to teach professionals to help pass the test, and coordination with state boards of registration to spread professional practice and regulatory issues.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Repeat no. 8 above.

#156

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a CPG while living & working in Baton Rouge LA. There weren’t that many states at that time that had registrations. Needed CPG to keep up with others in office and had adequate work experience at that time to qualify for CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to participate as much as I can. Unable to attend meetings as routinely as had in the past. Do try to make as many events as possible. Good opportunity to obtain CE credits.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have attended 3-4 annual meetings. Mostly associated with planning and prep for 2005 annual meeting hosted by KY Section in Lexington, KY.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Tough question to answer. In KY the local Section is relatively strong and involved with many efforts to promote geology to public and getting student chapters started at in state universities.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It becomes harder year by year to maintain CPG due to escalating costs. Too much emphasis in past on developing membership. Most who join anymore only go for Member status. Very few new CPGs. I think there needs to be more emphasis on getting more CPG registrations and have Members do upgrades. Big issue I have heard is the cost. CPGs appear to carry the burden of paying to keep AIPG operational.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Becoming less relevant because of state registrations. Needs more promotional work.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will attempt to maintain as long as I continue working. After that it is hard to tell. Will depend on income. Expect to have other priorities at that time and may have to lower my CPG in priority.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More promotional effort towards getting more CPGs. More assistance with Chapters on local issues related to Profession.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#157

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally joined AIPG following my receipt of my PG Certification under ASBOG. I had believed involvement with the organization would benefit my communication with fellow professionals, since I had passed the exam I was now within the same realm as those I was hoping to rub elbows with.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, as an executive member (former) of the KY Section I have been directly involved with planning, organizing, and coordinating AIPG hosted events. I feel continuing education is required to constantly improve one's understanding of the professional and it helps prevent our skills from becoming stagnant.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I was once the delegate for our Section.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Tough question, a lot of potential discussion here. The answer would have to be divided into National versus Local Section influence. To be brief, I'll answer with the Local Section because it is the entity I am most intimately involved in. I think the most important/relevant aspect of KY-AIPG is the focus on continuing education and professional outreach.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Local yes, National yes but indirectly. I feel a significant disconnect between the two levels.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As with any organization, its effectiveness is measured by the involvement of those that are present and are in positions of power/influence. Furthermore, eventual failure of the organization is very likely due to attrition and this becomes more apparent with each year I have been involved with AIPG. The same old members are the
only ones participating or stick around and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain younger and newer professionals.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, because I believe in the bigger picture of what the organization globally accomplishes and what our local section has built since inception.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Bridging of the gaps between National vs. State Professional vs. Student/Academia.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I'm sure there is, but time is valuable and this may be better asked at a later time after you have read my responses above.

#158

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To gain legal credibility as a professional geologist with a nationally recognized and accredited organization of geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in Section sponsored and National sponsored events to learn more about the profession and technological information.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have attended about 4 annual meetings, most within the past 5 years.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The certification and membership AIPG offers and the support of Section officers and Section offered events.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG provides good value to me.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There is limited involvement by most Section members, and the loss or attrition of Section officers for sustaining programs and activities on a long term basis.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I plan to remain a member of AIPG for many years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Actually, not much needs to be changed, except for increasing Student outreach initiatives and programs on a National and Section level.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? To some degree many AIPG members do not fully appreciate their membership. There must be some value added measures attempted by the National and Section levels.

#159

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I think it was a year and a half ago or two years. When my school created a student chapter is when I joined.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to. I have been to a few of their events. They are great opportunities to meet professionals and to listen to what they do!

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I don't think I have. The reason being is because maybe they are too far away? I don't remember getting emails for them.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I like that there are a lot of networking opportunities and the meetings offer insight into the 'real world' as well as professional hours to add to resumes.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes! The guys who come visit the student chapter are very friendly and smart and the meetings are very fun with them.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Sometimes I don't go to meetings because they are too far away, and also some of them get canceled because not enough people sign up for them.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I think I will. I think the people are great and I would like to keep in touch with those people and attend meetings and maybe share my experiences in the future.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see AIPG get bigger and get more schools involved. I live in Indiana, but go to school in Kentucky and a lot of the meetings are at UK and that’s really far away when you have to be there by 8 a.m. I would like for them to get bigger and absorb more schools so it would be easier for me to meet more geologists around my area and to get more people involved.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not really. I don’t really know when the student AIPG membership ends, because I’m about to graduate in December, but it would be really convenient to have the same opportunities as the student members for a year or two after you graduate. This would be beneficial to people who may (for example) have failed or not taken the ASBOG during school or immediately after graduating who need help with studying.

#160

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I became a member in 1992, Professional Geologist registration/licensing by the States was not as prevalent as is now. Becoming a CPG provided professional recognition and credibility in those states that did not have registration/licensing. I also favored AIPG’s advocacy efforts in support of our profession – and still do.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? The Louisiana section went inactive several years ago. Most CPGs were members of their local Geologic Societies. I represented AIPG at a recent GSA meeting.


4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Continuing advocacy on the behalf of the profession. Appreciate the efforts to promote legislation favorable to the Geosciences.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Perception of relevance among recent Geoscience graduates, particularly in states where professional licensing is now a requirement and AIPG is not active on campus.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will likely remain a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing comes to mind.
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#161

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined originally for its certification. Now I enjoy the magazine articles and weekly email newsletter.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I do not participate in events. They are not convenient for me and my job.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I have not been to an annual meeting for the same reason as in Question 2.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The organization involvement in all aspects of geoscience.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Even though I have not participated in any event or meeting, I feel I have gotten value from my membership from the magazine and weekly newsletter.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have no concerns at this time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I plan to remain a member for the next few years until I retire. Afterward, I will have decide then, but probably so.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? As for a change, I have none.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? While I may not be an active participant in the AIPG, it is a good geoscience professional society which covers all aspects of the earth sciences. More so than those which specialize in one facet, like the SEG, AAPG and many other professional societies. I have learned a lot from articles on geologic topics I normally do not get exposed to.

#162

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became an AIPG member for lack of a certifying state body in Louisiana.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not participate in AIPG events because they are typically never in my area. I am a past president of the Louisiana Section, but we inactivated the section meetings due to a lack of member interest. Most people were going to professional technical meetings at AAPG or NGWA.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting primarily because the travel and meeting cost could not be justified.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? While I may not be an active participant in the AIPG, it is a good geoscience professional society which covers all aspects of the earth sciences. More so than those which specialize in one facet, like the SEG, AAPG and many other professional societies. I have learned a lot from articles on geologic topics I normally do not get exposed to.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? From a value perspective no. The monthly newsletter is not worth the dues. I keep my membership to keep my credibility up.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not have any concerns, but I think long-term AIPG is not viable.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I plan to remain a member until I retire from practice, in the next 7-10 years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think that AIPG would be more a viable organization if it was seen with more of an influence on academia and government.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? We have no governance role and we should. We should have a major influence on
scientific research direction, yet we fail to promote the use of science in lieu of ill-founded opinions. Case in point is man-made global warming. We fail here by fearing the political scribes of our time.

#163

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? As a step to being approved as a CUSTP in Michigan and to network with others in the industry.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I was fairly active for 8 of the past 10 years. The past 2 have proven difficult given my current work assignments.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended the national meeting in Michigan. I have not been to others. Work Schedule, cost have been the primary issues.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Great Network of members and vetting process of CPG designation.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I feel it does, but haven’t had the opportunity to take advantage of it.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That it’s greying out. Need to attract more younger members and become more visible in our respective industries.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Increase visibility, increase membership, and make it more energetic and engaging.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#164

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For networking, and supportive resources, also to put on scholarship applications.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, most are too far away also I have an 80 hour week so I don’t have time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, it’s too time consuming.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I don’t honestly know enough to comment.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes! I love the bookmark!
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None so far.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I would like to at least go to an event before quitting. Or I might quit once you start asking me for money.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#165

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Enhance my resume and to facilitate getting PGs in certain States.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – Lack of probable clients.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Augmenting my resume through the CPG.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not enough focus on getting the CPG more recognized and valued by State agencies.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Increased emphasis on adding value to CPG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#166

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I had to become a member of AIPG in order to be a Certified UST Professional (CP) in Michigan.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to go to numerous AIPG events in the past, but now I can’t go to events since you always seem to schedule them on Thursday’s when I have other things going on. Also, I think our company has limited how many of these they’ll reimburse.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have been to a few annual meetings, but I think the last one I went to in Howell in December there was a major ice storm and it took us forever to get home. Could you have these earlier in the year? Maybe October?
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? An avenue for a geologist to meet up with other geologists to discuss similar interests and networking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It seems to me to be a good value, especially since our company covers the annual fee cost. I don’t know how it compares to other professional membership fees though.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I can’t think of any concerns.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I would think I will still be an AIPG member over the next 5 years as long as I still have a job in the environmental consulting field.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Change up the day of the week that you have the meetings. Thursday’s just don’t work for me. Maybe Monday or Tuesday.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No issues here. I do like the golf outing and the newsletter. Could you possibly try some other golf courses more on the west side of the State?

#167

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was encouraged when I first started at my company.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I use to; I do more business development and I focus my evening when I have time to networking events. However I encourage all our young staff to attend. A couple of my coworkers are recent members and they have been attending. We also have an intern who is very active.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It’s good to get to know your peers in the business. It’s important to stay up with geology and new practices. I think it is just as important to get to know others in the industry. You never know when you need to look for another job.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes – I use it as a tool to get our young professionals out and meet new people.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Less participation and fewer people going into geology.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Each state should have an annual meeting.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#168

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted to become a certified professional geologist through the organization.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in events on occasion. The events that I attend are the generally the ones that are held in my local area. I generally do not attend events where extensive travel is required – I am employed full time and I would need to take vacation/leave to attend distant events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended an annual meeting in Lake Tahoe California and an annual meeting in Traverse City MI. I attended both meetings because I was interested in participating in more AIPG events, the agendas for the meetings were of interest, and the locations for the trainings were great.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG allows a person to remain current on matters that are important to Geologists. It also allows a person to obtain professional Geologist certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#169

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To obtain certification since MI does not license geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Once a year sometimes more at the state level only. I do not have enough time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I went to the annual meeting when it was held in Traverse City back in 2007. I do not have the time or money to travel to out of state meetings.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Catching up with friends and keeping current with regulations, interesting projects, general trends in the industry (environmental, mining, oil and gas) and general geological methods and concepts.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None, although as more states develop licensing programs, AIPG may be less important to some members.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I am a lifer.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think passing the ASBOG should be mandatory for certification.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#170

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Information from technical meetings.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? 25-50% depending on topic and distance to drive.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Usually too far to drive from home/work.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ability for exposure to current technical topics or just an interesting geology topic.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I’m sure there are people that travel more than me, but it’s usually a matter of distance on a weeknight on whether I attend a meeting or not, or topic.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I enjoy talks on general geology topics. I usually have other commitments but like to attend field trips if possible. Rock and fossil collecting trips are fun also. I think it is very interesting to have presentations from companies that are currently utilizing MI resources. Quarries, oil companies, mining etc.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#171

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Other geologists in my office were CPGs.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I like to socialize with other geologists.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I like the field trips.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not for the cost of membership.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There’s a lot of talk, but little action.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably but would like to see more opportunities for engagement.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More opportunities and values for member engagement, education, and outreach.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No
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#172

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, too costly, I am self-employed and don’t have the funds. I used to go when my employer covered the fees.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, too costly.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG number/certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too commercial.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I need the certification.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Separate the local section dues from the national dues so one does not have to pay local section dues when one does not participate.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Local chapter should offer meetings without meal fees to lower costs.

#173

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I deal in hazardous waste and building demolition, as such I do very little geology work!
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The certification is acceptable in multiple states (environmental work).
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The environmental work (phase II investigations) is done and we as a group are not showing other different types of work (vapor/demolition/asbestos/hazardous waste management) to new staff. A lot of geologists are doing hazardous waste work and have little knowledge of subject!
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, it allows me to do work in WI.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? SEE #6.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Environmental geologists need to push into civil engineering (understanding how items are designed). As a group have a lot of experience, but it seems like the older members keep doing the same thing (phase II) and do not understand that the intent of environmental work is to promote clean up/closure of sites. As a group we need to understand that modern day models will provide detail enough to move a site into remediation. The years spend defining contamination, allows the contamination to expand beyond limits defined (using up more $$, to define the contamination again). As such we need to focus on source area removal, and then define extents of impact (i.e. remove the source removes a lot of the short term pathways/risks). States like MI, OH, and WI are moving more towards source area abatement then risking the remaining contaminates away, as such members need to focus on abatement then understand how to use civil engineering controls can be used to remove/limit risk!
Secondly state funding is going away (states like WI are using US EPA programs to assign risk levels). This approach will become the NORMAL in the next few years as money becomes tight at the State levels. We can no longer just look at table to define clean up levels, we have to understand that low dollar risk management will become the normal practice in the environmental field, (i.e. if the $$ to pump in water from Detroit is high, the river water from Flint is too expensive to clean up as a water supply unit, the simple approach would be to install multiple water supply wells in the county to provide the water needs. Sometimes the simple approach is the cheapest and provides the best response to the demand!

#174

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To provide additional professional cert for work (environmental consulting).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – often too far from my home.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – Schedule and location never lined up.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provide opportunity to learn about geologic topics.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes – if you take advantage of the offerings.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More field trips.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nope.

#175

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the certification, and networking.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? National events – never (location and timing). Section events – as much as I am able.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never ((travel/location, and the timing: I’m swamped with outside personal commitments). North-Central – about every 2 – 3 years.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Information, technology, research exchange.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I feel it does.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Are we maintaining an adequate rate of new, young members to replace the fading ones?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I do.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I cannot think of anything I’m dissatisfied about enough to want to see changed.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, I cannot think of anything.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? CPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I participate when meetings schedule allows.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, interest in speaker.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? An avenue for current topics in our industry, networking, CPG.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#177

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Continuing education opportunities/networking.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? As many as I can. Conflicts with my schedule prevent attending all events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I’ve not had the ability to take that much time away from work or home.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Sharing information and continuing education. Local section meetings and the Technical Workshop seem to be the best methods to do this.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? My time is worth more than the cost I pay to maintain membership or attend the meetings. As long as the meetings are relevant and worthwhile, yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The organization needs younger members.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More participation from members.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#178

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Opportunity to spend time with/network with other geologists, and continue my education – not for CEUs, but to keep up to date on things.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, for my section, when they are on the east side of the state or the summer conference. It’s not practical for me to travel to Lansing/west Michigan for an evening meeting.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Cost prohibitive, and I’m not sure what I would get out of it. It’s advertised (come to the national meeting!) but I think it would be valuable to hear from non-presenting, general members who have attended. Did they think it was worth the time/expense? Would they recommend it? There is also not much
connection between my Section and the annual meeting – it’s not approached in the same way as one of our more local field trips, and I think it could be.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ability to connect with peers and discuss pertinent issues.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so, but I wouldn’t mind a better explanation of where the dues money goes (I pay dues, then I pay-to-play for every Section event and the annual meeting).

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There is not a lot of outreach to people who are ASBOG-licensed PG’s in other states. I have been asked why I am a member of AIPG because I don’t have my CPG; but I don’t care to pursue that since I have an Indiana license. Has there been any thought given to reciprocity for state-licensed PGs?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More transparency on what dues cover, more accessible annual meeting/better understanding of why members should attend, consideration of reciprocity with state-licensed geologists...

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I hope AIPG continues to grow!

#179

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted to get active in a professional organization and several members invited me.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes – I am on the section’s committee but would go anyways to socialize.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes – as the section delegate.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I used to think the networking with other professionals and fresh look at current topics, now I think it is the charitable contributions.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, very good value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? We need to grow our membership in a field that is highly cyclical and about to have a major wave of retirements.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I enjoy the fellowship.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think National could do more to direct speakers our way. I think National could do more to make their presence known to build a feeling of partnership.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not that I haven’t already shared.

#180

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member after regularly attending Section meetings for about a year and a half. I found great value out of the meetings both from a technical and networking perspective.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I attend as many meetings as possible. I attend because I enjoy the meetings in addition to the networking and good technical topics. Also, the locations are generally convenient for me.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I’m not sure if this is referring to the end-of-year annual meeting in December or something different. If it’s the former, yes, I have attended those meetings a few times for the same reasons stated in #1 and #2.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I like that the Section provides an opportunity for practitioners in the section to get together and talk about relevant topics. I am an engineer that focuses on groundwater resources, so I don’t fit the geology mold exactly, but AIPG is my go-to organization for staying up-to-date with the contacts and issues most relevant to my work. I also see the benefit of promoting geoscience education in K-12 schools and promoting AIPG student chapters.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing I can think of.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#181

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For certification in the former State of Michigan Certified Underground Storage Tank Professional program.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, mostly the quarterly meetings because they are informative and are good networking opportunities.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, mostly because of the cost.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG does a good job of keeping up with regulatory changes that affect our profession.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns at this time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing at this time.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I can't think of any issues at this time.

#182

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was a way to be involved with and network with professional geologists as a student.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? When available. Class/work/activity schedules with University frequently conflict.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, locations are often too far away to practically attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking with other professionals, establishing community.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, although I am a student member. I am unsure how I would feel about having to pay dues.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not as highly regarded as GSA in my field.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? It will depend on what industry I go into - not as helpful for geoscience education.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More active in introducing members to each other.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#183
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG?
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Occasionally. For being updated with new geologic practices and networking in the field.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? None
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#184
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member when the State of Michigan required geologists working on UST sites to have a professional registration. This was necessary to be a “Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant.”
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I do not. I feel that AIPG is not technical enough for me. It is more of a “social” organization, and less scientific. I would rather go to meetings and conferences where the focus is on the technical and scientific parts of geology. AIPG meetings are generally related to MDEQ regulations, which can be retrieved from the MDEQ sites on the internet. If I need to understand new regulations regarding doing environmental work in Michigan, I can find it there. Also, I think that meeting costs are too expensive for members. Lastly, related to the social part aspect, the section meetings are attended by other consultants, who are our direct competition in this business. Sitting around making small talk with the “enemy” is not something that I enjoy or receive benefit from. Listening to other consultants boast about their projects and how impressive they are is not something I like to do.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. It was in Traverse City and I was involved on the planning committee. I have considered attending other meetings, mainly for the field trips, but the field trips are run concurrently with the technical sessions. You miss the technical talks if you are on a field trip, and vice-versa. Again, I like the technical aspects of geology, and like to see rocks on the field trips. GSA and the Institute of Lake Superior Geology (ILSG) (two other organizations I am involved in – which are highly technical) run field trips
before and after the meeting, allowing access to all the technical sessions by all attendees. My annual allowance of meeting attendance is better spent at the technical meetings like ILSG and GSA.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I would say the most relevance I get from AIPG is the “CPG” professional designation. Since Michigan does not have a registration for geologists, this is as close as we can get in this state to compare to the PE title of others. It is important to designate and separate ourselves from the PE group, which the CPG allows us to do.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I would say yes. For the annual dues, the “CPG” designation is relevant to the business that I am in, and most people understand what that designation means. Since Michigan does not have a registration for geologists, this is all that is available. The magazine (TPG) often has interesting information, although I don’t spend much time on sections other than technical-related aspects.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My perception of AIPG is more of a social/networking organization than a scientific organization. That being said, I am not suggesting that AIPG become more scientific. There are enough existing organizations which fit that criteria.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? At the local level, more technical meeting topics and less “regulatory” topics. Lower costs for meetings. Use the money in the bank from the national meeting to lower costs and subsidize student attendance more. At the national level, run field trips and technical sessions at different times, so that attendees can participate in each aspect of the meeting.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The organization has money from the Traverse City national meeting as well as the annual golf outings and various other sources. I would like this money to be used to lower meeting costs, provide more scholarships, etc. It does no one any good by sitting in the bank. There needs to be more recruitment of students into the organization. Although several student chapters exist, there is not one at Michigan Tech. This is likely due to the distance away from the “core” of the membership, but there is a geology department up there which used to be pretty good! Also, whatever can be done to encourage geology in the community, either through outreach, education, or other methods will help us all. Unfortunately, Michigan is a somewhat “boring” geologic state, and the general public doesn’t pay much attention to it. But try to build a mine, or a gravel pit, or have groundwater contamination, and everyone is suddenly interested. We as geologists have to step in and explain. Some of this could be done preemptively through school programs, interpretive markers in parks, educational booths at mineral shows, or other events.

#185

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be recognized as a professional in my field.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not necessarily regularly. Because they are not w/in 1 hr driving distance of my office/home.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provide information on new state regulations and innovative investigation and remediation technologies.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Somewhat.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More technical sessions held.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Might be nice to have access to a directory of MI AIPG members.

#186

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To interact and network with other professionals in MI. CPG Credentials.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? My involvement has waned in recent years mainly due to work/family commitments taking priority.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, as a Section President.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking with others, sharing information, credibility as a credentialed professional. High standards.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, but you get out what you put in.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? In a sea of technical and professional organizations, does CPG carry the weight it once did?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t know.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I would just ask if AIPG is keeping up with the times and assuring its relevance. There are countless technical and professional organizations out there focused on states and industries. AIPG needs to be able to answer the question – “why join AIPG? What does it mean for me/gain for me to be a CPG?”

#187

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The company that I worked for was emphatic about being a CPG and worked hard (unsuccessfully) to get CPG equal status with PE.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I attend meetings to hear the talks and maintain contact with other CPGs.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes – I went to the annual meeting in Flagstaff. Haven’t been since – too expensive and time consuming that time of year.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think it is important to maintain a standard of performance and professionalism where State PG’s do not exist, and I believe it is important to provide leadership for State PG status.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As a profession, I believe it will become more difficult to recruit new members as a lot of today’s geologist consider our profession a “job” and not a profession.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? We need to make sure that we continue to recruit young professionals and put more emphasis toward getting the colleges behind the “profession” to encourage student participation.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Good luck!

#188

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Ground water background.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I have to explain how the subject matter directly relates to what I am currently working on to get approval to attend.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. See above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ground water.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I can see future value, but my work is focused elsewhere.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The cost of membership and meetings.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. I've been told that my membership will not be approved next year. The company is in a cut-cost mode and requiring presidential approval of all memberships and meeting attendance.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? The cost of membership and meetings.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#189

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To network and connect with other geologists and receive information on jobs, industry standards, and general newsletter articles.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I attend weekly AIPG student chapter meetings.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting, they always seem to fall during some other pressing event.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Updates on geology careers and educational information.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely, the information provided is invaluable.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Since I am an undergrad, I don't have any concerns about AIPG as an association, only what my student chapter can do to spread the topics of geology.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I plan on continuing my membership.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don't see any need for changes.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? None at all.

#190

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My environmental consulting firm was encouraging it. Possibly needed for LUST professional certification at the time.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Sporadic/once or twice a year. Topics geared too much toward environmental regulation.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Cost/time are a factor. Although, I hear great things about the annual meetings.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Had been recognition – being a certified professional by our peers. Now it is more a social club.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Feeling less and less of a value lately.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Keeping existing members. When I joined, about 15 years ago, AIPG was considered an elite group. It was a process to join (application, transcripts, sponsor/referral...). Now the perception/reality is that anyone can easily join.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I have considered 2016 being my last year. Currently undecided. Seems costs keep increasing, lack of diverse meeting topics and lack of relevance/importance of membership.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Keep to our core mission of studying, learning, discussing all things geology. Have a no cost/low cost meeting at a university campus or other informal location. Focus should be less on venue/food/drink.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#191

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I viewed it as a way to advance the profession and to try to have a voice to ensure the equal recognition (e.g. equal to engineers with the geological aspects).

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, typically they are down state and hard for me to travel to. Also, much of the content isn't always of interest to me.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, typically I do not have enough time.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Recognition.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Honestly no. Each year I debate the membership dues as I'm not sure what I'm getting for that.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Several years ago there was a big push with the state legislature for geologist licensure and that seems to have fallen by the wayside.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Not sure, as I stated in #5, I debate the dues every year.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More peer reviewed articles in TPG to make it more relevant. More online webinar’s and training opportunities.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#192

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG for the great networking opportunities. My mentor at the time was a big proponent of me joining AIPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to attend the workshop in the spring, plus one regular meeting each year. Living in the north part of the state makes it difficult to make it to many meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended the annual meeting in Traverse City and it was a very good meeting because the subject matter was “Michigan-centric.” I have not attended other meetings due to the cost of travel and family considerations.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Due to a lack of licensure in my state, I believe the most important part of AIPG is the CPG program, having a professional organization’s ethical code of conduct and standards for professional practice.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, but if I wasn’t active in the profession the $190/year would be too expensive to justify.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am more concerned about the geologist profession being led into tree-hugger oblivion by universities that steer geology students into Ph.D. land instead of an economic, hydrogeologic or geotechnical profession, a viable alternative or compliment to an engineering profession.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not really.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I will let you know, nothing else comes to mind.

#193

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became an AIPG member to help build a professional network.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have attended a few events within the past two years. The events I miss are due to travel time and costs.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not been to any annual meetings. Travel costs were too high.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The most important part of the AIPG to me is having the chance to meet with other professionals in geoscience fields. Creating a professional network is essential to a successful career.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely!

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Many events and field trips are too expensive for student members to attend.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see more opportunities for student members to attend educational workshops.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am very pleased to be a part of AIPG!

#194

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I needed my CPG to be able to manage and work on Leaking UST sites. I also realized the value of the organization because the state did not want a professional geologist license process.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not had the chance to attend an annual meeting because of business constraints and out of pocket costs I could not afford.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Keeping current on regulations and technology in each states chapters.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I don't really have any substantive comments to contribute regarding this question.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don't have anything specific to contribute.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I just would like to say that I hope that others who have not maintained their CPG will in the future and not just because of certification but because of the value that being an AIPG member allows it members because of the work and care of all the people involved at the National and State Exec Committee levels.

#195

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional certification (CPG). Meet other geologists doing what I do professionally. Stay up to date on geology related issues. See other areas of geology outside of my specialty – field trips.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Sometimes... I participate regularly now because I am an officer. For a few years I went to meetings regularly but then stopped for a while. I went based on speaker or topic and if I thought it benefited me professionally.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Only one time when I was on the planning committee for the Annual Meeting and also representing the section as the delegate to the annual meeting. I have not been since due to cost and time off from work.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Advocating for the profession with the emphasis of doing good work to protect our society with a positive impact/change.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? National meetings in each of the 50 states or something close to that... It seems like certain cities or states are selected often for the annual meeting.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#196

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My geology professor suggested it in college.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not typically - just do to lack of time....with three small children, a traveling husband, and trying to keep my career going there is not time for extras!
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Only a couple...due to lack of time at this point in my life.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I am impressed with the level of attention given to student members and the nationwide presence.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I suppose it depends on if you take advantage of what AIPG offers.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? NA

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, work pays for my membership....and there will also be a day when I have more time on my hands to take advantage of AIPG offerings.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? NA

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? NA

#197

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was encouraged to join early in my career by my colleagues and supervisor to increase my network, bolster resume and to continue to learn from other geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not been a very active member in the last 10 years because I had many competing activities both personally and professionally.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I was not able to justify the meeting for reimbursement through my company and I didn’t see a compelling reason to use my vacation to attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Engagement of members with students to keep the geological science alive. Maintain the recognition of geology as a profession through which certification is important and necessary from a quality perspective.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, although I think finding ways to engage more members virtually might provide better value to members who cannot make the meetings.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at this time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing at this time.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Have you ever thought of “assigning” an existing “active” member to a new member as kind of a buddy to help encourage and engage the new member to be involved? I would be happy to talk more about this with you but I see this as a way for new members to build a relationship with someone who knows the AIPG and also may make them more comfortable attending events because they know their buddy will be there.

#198

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To meet other professional geologists and get to know them on a more personal and professional level. When I joined, most of the members had significantly more experience than me, and I wanted to benefit from their knowledge and experiences.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Originally, I participated in monthly/quarterly meetings, which primarily were social lunches. When I became an officer, I began having members present various topics for discussion. I found this very beneficial and helpful in my career. Over time, work and family life became more demanding, and the meetings were not during lunch but were dinner meetings for which I had less time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have been to an annual meeting. I was asked to make a presentation.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Exchanging ideas and experiences with older, more experienced geologists, along with the professional “credential”.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG provides good value, especially as a professional credential when testifying in court.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I would like to see AIPG maintain and enforce professional standards – the AIPG “Professional Geologist” should be maintained as a reliable, sought-after credential. It should not be easy to get. Prospective members should meet rigorous standards, and several other “Professional Geologists” should “sponsor” and verify the prospective member through direct knowledge of a prospective members work, behavior, and “professionalism”.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Likely I will remain a member for the next couple years, as I am still practicing geology, but I am past the normal retirement age.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see geologists (not engineers or CHMMs) required to perform geological work – engineers should do engineering work and geologists should do geology – we don’t cross-over into engineering fields and they should not be allowed to do geology. But, as needed, we should work together to accomplish an objective. “Registration” would be good for the profession, but I know we have tried before and could not get support.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? It would be very beneficial if AIPG would take and make public stands and/or offer solutions on various issues of public concern. Examples include the Flint water situation (an opportunity to show/demonstrate what we do/know regarding public water supply – especially groundwater), “fracking” (present facts to the public), and climate change (geologic cycle and/or human influenced).

199

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Networking and I am a Hydrogeologist.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Most of the section meetings and golf outings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, Networking and I am a Hydrogeologist.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I like the emails with articles.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am surprised there are not larger turnouts at the meetings.

#200

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? While most of my geologist friends and co-workers in CO and NM were indifferent to joining and becoming certified, my company provided incentives for professional registrations, and since I was beginning to work in a wider number of US states, I decided it was a good idea to join up.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly. I have a busy “second life” and am usually busy every night of the week.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not company supported typically unless presenting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG provided code of ethics and ability to network with peers.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG should embrace ASBOG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG should embrace ASBOG.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#201

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For recognition v professional engineers.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes I do. For professional development and catching up on friends.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. As a member and also because it was proximate to my home. Alaska is neat but expensive.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification and professional development.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I am starting to wonder about this, while I cherish my CPG and have done lots for the association what can I get back from it.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am concerned with increased costs and decreasing membership. I think it is time to look at the budget and see what can be done to lower operating costs and therefore decrease membership costs.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Continue on the part of professional development like Michigan and Georgia have done.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Our section’s finances are great, can we hold dues in abeyance for a year or 2? Also we need to do more press releases on all the money we donate to school and others.

#202

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Recognition of professional qualifications because when I moved back to MI they still do not have state regulation.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not for the last 12 years because meetings conflicted with my evening teaching schedule. This term it will work for me.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As section president in the 90s I was scheduled to go to the Annual meeting but got tied up in Calgary buying an oil field so I missed the meeting.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Source of information and networking.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? NO, dues are way too high for full CPGs for what is received.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Standards for CPG are too easy. I have reviewed reports written by CPGs that contained many basic technology errors. Seems anyone can get a CPG. There is not much respect for CPG status in industry.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If still alive

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Siok leaving is a good start (long story I can tell you sometime). Did not like the man as director.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#203

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The AIPG is a recognized organization, and all other geologists where I worked were members and encouraged me to join.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? While working in Michigan, I attended MI section meetings regularly. Since I have been working in Indiana, I haven’t attended any meetings. I think the Indiana group is a joint group with Illinois, and I haven’t made the trip to attend a meeting.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Taking time off of work in weekly intervals is tough, and expensive. However, the meeting destinations are usually pretty incredible, and maybe one day I will try to attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? At meetings you are among people in your profession that have similar interests and provide working experience that helps you on your own job.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? While working in Indiana, the geologist meetings are mainly tied to the Licensed Professional Geologists group in the State of Indiana.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I plan to remain a member whether or not I’m still working in the field until I retire.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not being considered a true geologist since I am not licensed in any one state, and Michigan has never had a licensing program. Not having taking the ASBOG to become certified LPG in the State of Indiana had been a problem, and the CPG does not hold the same weight having a LPG in the State of Indiana.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The AIPG eNews email are awesome. I look forward to reading articles on them every time I received them. I hope they keep those emails coming.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Networking and continued education.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Once or twice a year. Cost and location/distance from home/work.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once, 2007 in Michigan. Cost and time off/away from office.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? My CPG and practical application of geology. Contrasted with GSA which is frequently too academic.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? YES

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? YES

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Magazine spends too much time on students, essays from students. I think this is good, occasionally, but I am more interested in information relevant to active professional geologists than “pie in the sky” student idealists. (There, that’s blunt.)

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, but thank you for your service.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG because it was an organization that promotes geology and the geologic profession. I was looking for a professional organization that was recognized and respected as having high standards. I was looking for accreditation and validation for my career path and work efforts. I was also hoping to establish a network of people to be able to use as geologic resources in my work (I did not succeed as well in this area but that was more my fault than the organization’s).

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I will occasionally attend AIPG events (possibly one “local event” every other year). Attendance has been based on my work schedule, the program, the speaker and its relevance to work tasks, my personal interest in the program and the location of the meeting. Program relevance to job and project related subjects and issues is probably the biggest driving force for attendance. (Another factor that I would consider is whether my employer would want to cover the time and costs to attend).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I attended the annual meeting when it was held in Traverse City. It was a time my wife and I could get away for a quick “retreat” but I also considered this might be the only opportunity to attend an annual meeting. I was curious about events and sessions at AIPG annual meetings. I enjoyed having a local focus as well.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I appreciate the fact that AIPG covers all aspects of geological careers. It is not limited to environmental, oil and gas or mining. I also like the fact that AIPG looks at subject matter that is not just technical but practical for practicing geologists (for example Professional Ethics and Practices and Hydrothink columns in TPG). I think that AIPG helps practicing geologists think outside the box and look at everyday problems from another perspective.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes because it is a place to network with other professional geologists, to gain information to be able to offer better service to the public and clients. It also represents the geological community to law makers, both as a group of qualified professionals and addressing public health and wellbeing based on geology.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? To continue on the established path, to remain scientific (not politically or PC motivated) and offer practical input. To continue to represent the geologic profession to the public and law makers.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I plan on remaining a member until retirement.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Continue representing the geologic profession to the public. Provide more technical and practical information to help us with the issues we face at work.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#206

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For career networking.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Monthly luncheon meetings, some spring socials.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not high on my list for use of training dollars.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking and CEUs for monthly presentations at monthly meetings. Sometimes learn something new.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It’s sometimes fanatic fascination with encouraging everyone to be a geologist. I love geology, but it’s not for everyone, nor would we benefit if everyone was a geologist.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think it’s doing well. I like the AIPG monthly magazine; it has some interesting articles and I pass it on to some students I know in geology programs.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Student chapters and their interaction with working professionals is probably the best way to grow and sustain AIPG into the future.

#207

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was a good organization to meet peers/geologists in the area.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly, only if the topic at a luncheon meeting is interesting. Also, in my current position, there are not a lot of marketing opportunities at the AIPG/MN events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I do not think there are a lot of marketing opportunities for my current position.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I believe that the CPG certification holds weight in the mining industry being able to be labeled as a competent person.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? To be determined with the CPG certification.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Sometimes it appears geared heavily toward environmental/hydrogeology.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I currently work in the industrial mineral/aggregate industry and it would be nice to see more information related to that. It is rare that I see anything pertaining to the aggregate/dimension stone industry.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

##208

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Support our profession.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes - I like the information and networking with colleagues.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes - as an officer of the Section.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Keeping PGs and professionals connected, active and ready to respond if there are policy issues that come up at the capital.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, for 25 years.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Of course our aging profession and challenges getting new geologist to join us. This generation are not really 'joiners' and do not see same benefits for this type of professional association.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Anything we can do to engage students and demonstrate value of membership to them.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

##209

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To give it a try – as a professional organization.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I go to about half of our local section meetings – mainly to see and be seen.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I don’t have a budget for that.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The logo?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? AIPG meets my expectations.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Drinking and driving.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because my mentor at WSP | PB was actively involved and she took me to a couple local chapter meetings. She indicated it was a great networking opportunity for environmental professionals in the MPLS/ST.Paul area.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I attend the monthly, local chapter meetings. They are a great way to earn PDHs and network.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, one time when I was a section officer because it was paid for. Otherwise, I would not pay my own way to attend in another state.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The local chapter meetings do, I am not involved with the National Chapter.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Are we staying relevant?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, as long as our local chapter is thriving, which it is.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Some of the bylaws are arduous and outdated.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Wanted to use AIPG to boost resume to obtain gain a professional job. AIPG did not provide that.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Don't participate in any AIPG events, because the events are too far away from where I live, commute time and time of event is in conflict with the work day.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, have not been to annual meeting. Too far away and I don't have a respective professional job, nor a employer that will pay for the event.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? A few issues are relevant, hopefully a professional organization for geologists. Although west of Mississippi, PG or Geoscientists are not really recognized, because too many engineers have gobbled up all the jobs. In fact, some jobs are filled by EIT's.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really, have not been able to capture any event or programs to further my career.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Just another high fee organization without much for jobs to connect with companies who need an employee or career for an individual.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably have too.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG to promote geologists, not engineers. Career opportunities for geologists. Sponsor events at reasonable costs. Lower fees for to membership so one can afford the membership.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Is it possible, if not employed, fees and membership can be waived?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was required to oversee diamond drilling projects on property outside of a permit to mine.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, as meetings are not convenient due to distance from where I live.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Uphold the professionalism of our members.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None that I can think of now.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Not sure as I've been retired for the past 3 years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Maybe a Northern MN Section of the organization could be considered?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? None

#213

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Colleagues and opportunities to network, plus lunch presentations.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, good presentations, discussions, and networking.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, national meeting held locally.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Maintain PG registration status nationwide.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Some trends in other states to eliminate geologist registrations.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#214

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Networking and regularly scheduled talks on different Geoscience subjects.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, to promote our science.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, only because I helped to host it.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The promotion of our science.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Membership is not growing as fast as it should amongst our younger recruits.
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7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Focus on recruiting the next younger generations. Get them in the college and high school classrooms.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#215

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Working for the City of Kansas City I was offered the opportunity to join two organizations for the benefit of the City. Hoping to motivate the city to recognize the value of Geology I opted for AIPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Since the City does not recognize the discipline there is no chance they would recognize participation in the function.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same as above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The potential to support City efforts in public health and welfare.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack of uniform and consistent effort to employ and enforce a uniform and consistent level of geologic utility across the country/world.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. My efforts are not producing satisfactory results.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See number 6.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#216

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a CPG in 2013 when I first became eligible because I viewed it is an important career milestone.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I joined in 2013 and have since become very active in the section. I have served as a Section officer.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I attended the meeting in Anchorage. It was a fantastic meeting, and I enjoyed meeting all of the members from across the nation and NHQ. I wish I could attend every year – it is a great time to exchange ideas and see all of the cool, innovative things that the other sections are doing.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I have always viewed AIPG as an important organization for the profession, much like the AMA is to the medical profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely! I have benefited greatly from joining AIPG, mostly through the relationships I have made with other professionals.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am concerned about the lack of active involvement in the organization (at least in our section) and a lack of new, non-student, members. Much of the membership is advancing in age, and becoming less and less active. The younger members have relied on the old timers to do all of the grunt work, and didn’t become engaged in important section activities (e.g. legislative issues). Eventually, I feel there will be an awakening across the profession, and a realization of the importance of AIPG, when the younger members start to deal with the issues that are ever-present.
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7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes!
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Continued focus on engaging the young professional. The push for student membership has been good, but the retention rate is extremely low. It appears that the most active and financially healthy sections represent states where CEUs are needed to maintain professional licensure – this provides a natural spot for AIPG to fill in providing CEU opportunities. As a non-CEU state, our section does not enjoy the demand for training development.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not that I can think of right now.

#217

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I used to work for a consulting firm in the oil & gas industry and they wanted me to be certified for court proceedings.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I was a past president of the Missouri section. I was active then, but have not been active recently.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, when I was president of the Missouri section, but not recently.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification, and an attempt at quality control of geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It had the potential to provide good value. But, since moving from industry to academia in about 1980 there has been little reason to testify in court.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None. It is a good organization but does not have a lot of relevance for a faculty member in higher education.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No, I am 73 years old and am winding down.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am not active enough to know.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, not really. Thanks for your concerns.

#218

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? 1989
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Regularly participate in the Missouri Section events because I want to know what is occurring in Missouri.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, too expensive for my budget.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is important for me to be a member because I feel it is important to know the other geologists in the state and to be kept informed of any legislative attacks on our profession. As a group we can stop the legislative attacks and be proactive to minimize future assaults.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It is extremely expensive and every year I do consider not renewing.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG is struggling for membership and I wonder if it will continue to exist. Is it necessary with all the other geological organizations available? I have membership in 3 geological organizations in Missouri.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do not know if I will. I have been in for a long time, and will someday completely stop working. I went semi-retired 26 years ago.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? ??

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? A big problem for the Missouri Section is the requirement for the Section President and President-Elect to be CPGs. Since we now have so many membership options, we have a limited number of CPGs to be President. Most new (young people) come in as Members and never change the CPGs because there is no reason to do so. That leaves us with a few old CPGs that have been officers more times than they want to be. It MUST be opened up for Members also.

#219

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because I was approached by a member and although I had no need to be a CPG (and still am not) it seemed to be an organization with a good purpose.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I am one of the few active members in the Section. I plan and participate in Section events that we believe are in the interest of the profession.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have been to three annual meetings as the Section representative.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being a national organization that is about ethical conduct in the profession.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Good question. I'm probably not taking advantage of all the opportunities that the association offers.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Same as before - what does AIPG have to offer in states that have licensure? It is difficult to attract young professionals into the organization.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Even though I will probably retire in that time, I will probably stay involved. But the number of active members is really thin, barely a quorum for meetings.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? There are too many professional organizations competing for the few geologists out there. If they would all combine and work together, there would be greater strength and voice. This is not a new idea and there are lots of issues to work out, but the profession would benefit greatly if it could be done. AIPG By-Laws currently require that Section Presidents be a CPG. In some sections with state licensure there are fewer members becoming CPGs. There are some Members that are willing to participate and become section officers but are barred from becoming Section President, thereby putting a greater load on the CPGs. This can get to the point that there are not enough CPGs to keep the President’s position filled. It would help if the CPG requirement were lifted from this position.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I felt that AIPG represented the ideals I was searching for in geologic organizations - ethical behavior and excellence, and a commitment to continue education concurrent with employment.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I attend all spring and fall section meetings, if nothing else to hear what other geologist have learned about the science and Missouri.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to three annual meetings, twice as the chapter representative and all three times I presented a paper at the event. Two of these papers were later considered for, accepted, and published in The Professional Geologist. When I 'join' a group, that means commitment to that group and its ideals. AIPG to me represents ethical conduct and the intent of geologic excellence.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Competency. Integrity. Ethics. That says it all.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely! The Professional Geologist alone is worth quite a bit to me at work.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG needs to be inclusive of all geoscientists. Lack of inclusivity may lead to AIPG’s demise, and I want to work to not let that happen.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? One word: YES!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at the present. I will feel free to contact you with any major difficulties, but I don't see any currently for me. I am engaging in a little bit of 'non-traditional continuing education' starting this fall. I am going to continue working full time as a geologist, and have been accepted into the PhD program of the University of Missouri. I plan on paying full membership dues, too! I think it's only right for me as a gainfully employed geologist.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? A long time member, Emeritus. I was a Missouri State Geological Survey member at that time and remained so until retiring as state geologist. Joining seemed the natural thing to do in those days. I also was a brand new member of AEG and worked with others to get the AEG sections in Missouri, Kansas City and St. Louis started. Later a student St. Louis section at the then School of Mines, later called the University of Missouri, Rolla, and now Science and Technology. The professional climate was considerably better in those days. By the mid-70s and forwarded, it became more fractured. Government reorganizations took a toll, business organizations formed and fell apart more frequently, and young geologists were starting to resist the stresses of the job, here today, there tomorrow and academia interest and support gradually left the working geologist arena choosing their own research focused interests. The research focused becoming more survival as public support for public institutions weakened and continued to worsen till today. Universities also failed to respond to those changes becoming top heavy let's say a current example like "Wells Fargo", publish or perish. What to do about those changes? Keep reminding AIPG is their public
support contact with the professions. Urge them to follow the universities, especially civil
ingengineering departments, where students brought into the thinking of a professional
organization, for engineers registration, for AIPG the role of assist post-graduation. Make sure
the department chair supports their student chapters and is aware of post-graduation
importance as well as during their career. The Missouri Section has been focusing on student
posters as one illustration. These are presented at the yearly joint Assoc. of Missouri Geologists
and AIPG meeting.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Most. Did not go this year, partly
because location one of those been there done that several times. And secondly we had
excellent recognition anyway. With hearing issues I also am becoming more selective.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think the sustaining efforts of
the profession. Now one of those where the lead is the private sector, legislation and legislature
participation. As State Geologist, and as a geologist before, I was continually in the Missouri
legislature relative to various public safety issues and legislation. As such also a watch dog to
alert professional AEG and AIPG members of what was going on politically. The Missouri Survey
has been doing such since mid-1920s contrary to probably all state surveys. Geologists tend to
react with horror about politics and regulations. That needs to change. Now with this collapse
of government as we once knew starting 2000, very difficult for state surveys especially even if
they wanted to. Offsetting that we have in Missouri the Missouri Geologist Consortium
continually on alert. AIPG and AEG presence, legislator contacts, testimony etc. Also have a
procedure called Hand Shake, this includes AIPG, AEG and AMG. We visit the legislature offices
once a year, early February. Especially essential. Most never heard of geology. Many know
little about government, and of course with term limits many single minded vendettas. Try to
keep geologists from being someone's vendetta. Term limits creates an especially dangerous
environment for all sciences.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Probably covered that. Did not do much in pre-registration
days. I was an expert witness on various geology and public safety matters starting mid-1960s.
Continually questioned why not registered. AIPG membership plus AEG of some help, mostly
my past record. When Oregon developed geologist registration plus an engineering geology
specially, I grandfathered in. From that point on being registered in Oregon was more than
sufficient to meeting the court's opinion of expert witness. The point being support registration.
AIPG will gain friends there. Through the entirety of AIPG and AEG in Missouri, excellent
relations and participation. Not so nationally, my guess with some factual knowledge jealousy at
the administrative levels.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Concerns probably covered indirectly in the above.
Once academia and the working geologist plus the relevance of academic courses were great,
now some yes, and some no. Very dangerous and especially a concern in those states trying to
outdo each other, their governors, legislators, all take glory in taking down state government,
public education hatred, the Trumpism that spread even before politics beckoned. Our
neighbor to the west, Kansas, has about accomplished finding the bottom of the cellar,
especially public education K thru 12. That one concern alone is enough. Where are the new
geologists including some or maybe many new AIPG members coming from if the basics of
education do not exist?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? At 87 you are asking for a whole lot of optimism.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More political activity. More interest in geology as concerning engineering related activities where regulatory issues are concerned. The lead COE geologist, Kansas City District and I had an article about geology and regulatory issues. Our reviewers were horrified. We just said to hell with it, dropped the paper. Editing for content and writing skills, I am short there, is one thing, for special interests another. The TPG August-September article by Messieurs Maynard, Bowers, and Potter is both excellent and encouraging. An excellent indication of broadening professional interests, knowledge, and in this situations shortcomings of geologists. I totally agree with their topic of concern. And illustrations to make their points. One example I continue to harp on, interpretative geologic maps are sorely needed for example. I was in Czechoslovakia during the 1986 Russian invasion. The Czechs were making many such useful maps to assist engineers and others.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Think I have about covered it. As in Missouri and many states most difficult to obtain members, AIPG and others. There is another change here that started 20 or so years ago, the recognition of family time importance. My generation and before, there was no such thing. The profession is not family friendly in the first place. Taking more family time with professional interest obligations limits interests of many. I have no solution to offer other than AIPG, AEG and others recognize this and do what they can to make sure the employers of our profession recognize and make room for professional organization participation as a part of their regular job. Your taking all the AIPG interests in hand and offering to do whatever possible no doubt fits my no. 9 comments.

#222

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because of AIPG ethics code was required to sign off reserve and resource reports as Qualified Person.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Have not. Too busy mostly and others I typically deal with in the mining industry do not attend.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, same answer as 2.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Strong ethics code and ability to revoke CPG status for ethics violations.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, for CPG status.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None. Excellent organization for young geologists.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not really.

#223

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was free for students and I was presenting at GSA sectional in Wyoming.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I didn't realize you have events? And as stated earlier, not much involvement in Montana.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I don’t have the funding to make it to an annual meeting (although AK would have been incredible!)

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think that AIPG is a great way to get involved and network with other professional geologists, if they move jobs and leave an opening and other similar things.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I like the fact that student membership is FREE! I think it is a great way to encourage further membership after graduation.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have no concerns, mostly because I don’t know of any, other than Montana should get more involved :)

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am not sure about the next 5 years, I’m graduating in May, so not sure how I’ll be able to afford it, since I’m not set up in a job as of yet.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#224

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To begin a professional record of my career.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Unfortunately, no. I struggle with these events, though I could surely benefit from the interaction? I don’t see how being an attendant at an event either qualifies or disqualifies a Geologist as a professional? I have, for better or worse, been a rebel my whole life. This has a benefit in that it allows me to think out of the box and avoid the temptation to “join the crowd”; which is how I view folks who like to hang around these events? I’m probably not highly qualified to comment on AIPG events. I would like to take part in more online webinars, though.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same reason as above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I was hoping to get some direction from AIPG on how to grow and maintain my professional career. I can’t seem to find much info on the particulars of this?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I guess?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG seems a bit disorganized to me?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I will remain an AIPG member until I retire. At that time I will look to buying a “lifetime” membership so I won’t have to spend time keeping track of my membership.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Some organization and simplification. Probably the other way around on those two suggestions.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Am I required or am I not required to post CEU’s/CPD’s to my AIPG account, online, in order to maintain my professional status? Back when I was trying to keep that up, the website was so elusive that finding that area required clicking into something like “my purchases” or something like that? If this is as important as I think it is: When I login to the website, one of the biggest buttons I should see is, “Professional Record”, or some other verbiage which applies directly to and only to that task. I mean, isn’t this the primary reason for the AIPG?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To validate my geologic/geomorphic education and professional development. The State of Montana does not require a geologist certification to practice in the state.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not really. AIPG events seem to be infrequent in Montana. I have volunteered for events in the past but didn’t get any feedback.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not yet. I will at some point. Most seem to be travel intensive.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I don’t know AIPG that well yet, but I like how it recognizes the older professionals while nurturing younger students and graduates.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It looks fabulous on the resume, business cards, etc.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not very active in Montana?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, if at all possible.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t know enough about the organization to comment, but it would be great to have more Montana events.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, not currently.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member to enhance my career as a "qualified person."

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I don’t usually participate in AIPG events but have been to a few annual conventions.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I don’t have any concerns about the AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I really don't think the AIPG needs to change much.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? One thing I believe is that as an organization we should not be taking a political stance either liberal or conservative. We are a diverse group and I don’t want anyone that is representing the AIPG speaking out about something that I don’t agree with.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was approached by an AIPG member who explained the value of certification, to both the geologist and the public, that ensures a certain level knowledge, competence, and ethics in geology in general and specialties in particular.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. At least not here in ND, mainly because I don’t learn of any until after the fact. When I lived in Colorado, I regularly attended the Colorado Section meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Mainly due to location and cost and trying to get away from work to attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Most important is the effort to instill in the lay public how important geology and geological processes are to the health of the planet and our environment, in general. My career over the past 46 years has been in hydrogeology and environmental geology and I like to point out to my non-geologist friends that part of the reason we enjoy such a high standard of living in this country is that we have been blessed with abundant geological resources and the ability to develop the technologies to extract those resources, provided that that is accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I consider AIPG membership to be a good value. I’ve been a CPG since 1983. In the consulting world, having the CPG credential is advantageous when competing with non-certified geologists. In states that have licensing requirements (I’m licensed in multiple states), it adds a little more value to your credentials.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As more states adopt geologist licensing requirements, I’m concerned that the importance and value of the AIPG certification will become diminished. And, with that, many geologists who practice in states that have state licensing requirements may choose not to continue with AIPG, which could adversely affect the overall viability of the organization.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will remain an active AIPG member for the foreseeable future. I’m 69 now and working for an environmental consulting firm. Five years will put me at 74, but I still plan on working. If not full time, then maybe part time and either with a company or on my own.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not really sure what I’d like to see changed.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing else.

#228

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To get a geology certification as New York state did not have one at that time.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, as I do not have much time to participate.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, this year I went.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me it’s having the CPG letters next to my name, but soon I will have my PG from New York.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I don’t know.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I don’t know. Guess it depends how the New York state PG shakes down.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#229

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because Russ Slayback, back in the 1970s, asked/told me to join.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I get to the NE sectional meetings when they don't conflict with other obligations, but unfortunately more often than not they do. I used to get to all of them, and often also to the NE board meetings.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I try to get to every annual meeting, but missed the last one in Alaska because I can’t fly any more without pain.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me the biggest advantage was the ability to interact with other geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, very definitely.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? We need to see more members seek certification and more retention of student members to move to young professional status.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? God willing, I hope to retain my membership until I die.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See answer to Q 6.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at the moment. If I think of anything I’ll let you know.

#230

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally thought I would go through process to become a CPG, but then questioned whether it was worth the annual dues. I am already a NH Professional Geologist, and have never had a client/project that required me to be a CPG. My partner is a CPG. I may change my mind some day and get the CPG certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Occasionally, I will go to a seminar that is nearby. Most recently, I went to the New England Aquifers seminar in Concord NH in December.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No…they are too far away to make the travel worth it. I’d like to, but Long Island doesn’t work for a day trip from Burlington, VT.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Continuing education opportunities.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No opinion.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No opinion.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Annual meetings closer to Burlington, Vermont.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member of AIPG after attending GSA a few years ago. I joined because I wanted to learn more about professional fields in the Earth Sciences.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Unfortunately, I do not participate in AIPG events regularly mostly because of scheduling conflicts.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an AIPG annual conference because it is hard funding the travel since I am an undergraduate student.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I find the ability to network and learn more about the professional geology world to be the best aspects of AIPG. Being that I am a developing student and aspiring professional, the information I have acquired through AIPG has helped guide me beyond just my classes.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as a student AIPG does provide good value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not have much concern about AIPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I do plan to remain an AIPG member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see even more resources for young students (undergraduate).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, I haven't had any issue with membership.

#232

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Meet people and credibility in industry.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Unfortunately, no.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No - Time and company would not pay.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking with other geologists in the industry.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Somewhat

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Would like more events in NYC and Philadelphia area where I work.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Make it more progressive and more inclusive.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#233

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To build bridges between academic and industry geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. There is overlap with AEG. Why not work with them on events?

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
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4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional certification, voice of the profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really, but I am hopeful.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Does it represent the spectrum of the profession in NE?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Maybe
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Work with undergrad students more.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#234

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional recognition (before state-level licensing was more common in the surrounding states).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly. Usually scheduling is the impediment.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. When it was local (New England) and within a reasonable drive.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Emphasis on ethics and professionalism. I also enjoy the emphasis on geology on a large scale as opposed to emphasis on only the environmental practice.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Its relevance, as more states adopt registration or licensing.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I expect to.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#235

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was requirement to have the CPG or a State PG in NJ about 25 years ago.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Seemed too busy with 4 kids and owning a business over the years.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Only One.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That I am a CPG and it’s recognized meaningful for ethics among peers. Info from publications and magazine.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I guess so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Historical relevancy for the states having exams for environmental work. New Jersey, and I’m sure other states as well, ruined relevancy of CPG.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I can’t think of anything. Government bureaucrats will ruin it anyway.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#236

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To gain CPG certification (actually to gain a PG certification that was not tied to one particular state) for use in stamping work product/documents for a groundwater consulting engineering firm (employer).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, due to travel expenses, costs.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I simply like the fact that geo-professionals have professional organization.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The dues are somewhat high, especially if not employer-reimbursed.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The magazine TPG should be professionally upgraded, peer reviewed, with more technical, cutting edge articles.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Change the dues structure based on self-pay or employer paid status.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I do not think that non-payment of dues because of financial hardship/change in job status, should be a reason to also suspend or revoke CPG licensure. This is simply unfair, given that the CPG license was paid for previously and brings recognition to AIPG when used. For example, ASCE does not ALSO require membership in that organization for civil engineers who pursue and obtain PE licensure.

#237

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My father had been (and still is) a member of AIPG and had originally recommended the organization to me. At the time I was a graduate student finishing up my studies, and I thought it would be good to get involved in a professional organization to connect with those in the same profession.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I do regularly participate in AIPG events, especially for my section. I have done so since I joined in early 2003. I became an officer of the section this January, and so I continue to participate. I enjoy AIPG events, both for the interesting, informative field trips and presentations, as well as forming new business connections and friendships.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have only attended one annual National meeting (2004 in Saratoga Springs) because over the years I have either had too many business conflicts or distance to the meeting was an issue. This year is different and I will be attending the annual meeting in Nashville.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Simply stated, it would be "always learning something new"... Whether it be interesting or important news about our profession, some topic or subtopic about a certain geological aspect, or just making new friends and business connections.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely. I have been a member in some capacity for just under 15 years and I have valued every second of it.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I don't really have any per se. Maybe that as a professional organization we can continue to thrive and attract new members (especially students)?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I honestly can't think of anything.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, I think that's about it.

#238

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because MA has no PG licensure and I wanted 3rd party certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Never, as I get my networking and professional development elsewhere.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, ditto.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? N/A.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? N/A.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nope

#239

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? In anticipation of licensure requirements in my state at a time when it was believed the AIPG CPG credential might be the basis for a future grandfathering option for state licensure.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Seldom; typically due to distance considerations and sometimes for short turnaround times.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to NE AIPG, but nothing "bigger". Likewise, distance figures in and while as a geologist some of these places in the southwest etc. are interesting in their own right, they do nothing for me professionally and there is nothing that draws me to attend in the presentation announcements.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? In theory, the credential and perhaps going forward the opportunity to attend sessions/source/etc. to meet continuing ed requirements for state licensure would be important.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Eh.....who can say?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? At this point it is easy to just renew each year so I expect I will.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Maybe have a look at getting away from the 1950's technology for info sharing (e.g., annual meetings etc., in one central location, once per
year) and look at what might be able to be done with the internet, more tailored, more varied, more often.....

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#240

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member back in 1978 because my employer at that time: Geraghty & Miller, Inc., a groundwater consulting firm, suggested it as something I would enjoy, and benefit from professionally.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to actively run, participate and/or attend every NE Section Meeting religiously during most of my geological career as an APGS and then AIPG Member. In the past 10-15 years, I have not been as active in attending Section Meetings due to personal responsibilities, peer participation or lack of it, meeting venue and turnout, repetition, logistics, etc.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I consider AIPG to be the most important ‘trade’ association, if you will, for my profession as a geologist. As you know, there are many other geological organizations with topical agendas of interest valuable to different kinds of geologists, but AIPG has served me well as a professional association with an attached important credential: the CPG Certification, that I have needed and considered comparable to the Engineers P.E. License in several courts of law where I have served as an expert witness or a Court-appointed ‘Master’ in my line of work. Most lawyers, once they learn about the Certification being of National recognition, respect the credential and in earlier years, when there were only a few states offering licensure, accepted it as proof of education and experience, etc. to help ‘qualify’ me as an expert, when I found myself up against others with perhaps the P.E. letters behind their names.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I used to think that AIPG’s role as a ‘lobbying’ entity, not a technical organization, and as an advocate for our profession and our education in Washington DC was all important, and a strong quality uniquely inherent to only AIPG. I still would like to think that is be true, but I can’t see it. I would like us to have a much higher public profile than we do. Unfortunately for us, we are not Type A personalities for the most part and shy away from the limelight. But if you can find knowledgeable and ethical geologists that are non-partisan or bipartisan and civil, and comfortable in front of a camera, and perhaps with a sense of humor, I think it would do wonders for our professional stature and as a draw to younger graduates in our fields. I had joined AIPG’s Government Affairs Committee back in the 1980s accordingly to be active in that capacity to promote geology in the legislature, etc. And I then thought it would grow as there were only 4,432 CPGs before me when I had joined in 1978, and I fully expected the Institute to exceed 10,000+ within several subsequent years with the explosive growth of the environmental movement. However, AIPGs growth was slow, perhaps deliberately so, and there seemed to be a strong influence in the Institute by the petroleum industry, over the environmental folks – mostly enjoying a controlling majority from the Texas and Colorado Sections back at that earlier time in the Institute’s historical development. As the price of oil waxed and waned and/or increased, geologists would tend to ally with the geological professions that were doing most of the hiring through those up and down economic cycles, so the environmental field, although getting short
shift in those years by AIPG, did grow in prominence within the Institute commensurate with
geologist’s employment picture nationwide and their associated rising or falling salaries.
However, I note, to my dismay, that the organization is still only around 4,000 or so ‘active’
CPGs, and has remained that way since the 1980s – despite different kinds of AIPG Executive
Directors that have been active and effective over the years. Heck, I even hear of entire
geological departments at certain colleges or universities going the way of the trilobite. Oh well.
Today, given where I am in my career, the importance of having a credential of Certification
(CPG) has obviously diminished somewhat, as I have been practicing geology since 1973 on a
full-time basis. My 44 years of consultancy have had to be earned over and over again. One
local joke amongst my peers with recent Licensure that we just received here in New York State,
after decades of failed efforts to obtain such a law here due to a very strong engineering lobby,
is that “why do we need it at our ages...”? Consequently, it appears licensure on a state-by-
state basis is now relatively more popular (and practical) with younger geologists over any
national ‘Certification’. I judge this will remain a trend as long as half the states don’t have it but
seek it. But I’ve always put the initials CPG behind my name, in the absence of licensure, and am
proud of it and the ‘bar’ or professional ethics and standards those letters have, in the past, and
hopefully will continue in the future, to represent. Today, more than ever before, the public
needs to establish professional credibility with us. I also am fond of the TPG Magazine, the idea
of it, and of course the articles contained within it, discussing relevant professional issues and
information about Section activities and Members. The Sections themselves should probably be
subject to reorganization by now, based upon geologist population centers nationwide and
disciplines pursued by recent graduates. With today’s level of intercommunications, I don’t see
the value of having Sections determined by geographic boundaries (States). It seems somewhat
irrelevant. I would like to see AIPG have a stronger influence internationally relative to natural
resources and climate change issues, etc. I would also like to see AIPG serve as a liaison with
internships from colleges and universities (?) to its Membership.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes – however, there are competing demands for
deerologist’s dollars so if there is need to raise the Institute’s annual dues, consider some sort of
value-added service to the Membership to justify doing it.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Membership is stagnant and competitive - and older
degolists (like me) in AIPG will ‘age out’ eventually so that without younger professionals
rejuvenating us, there will be a loss of organizational continuity and historical foundations for
ethical behavior (“fake facts” as we like to say today, lol). Consider modernizing the
organization, consolidating, name change? Developing a sister organization comprised of young
professionals and Interns holding their own Section Meetings, etc.?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See response to No. 6 above. I would also like
AIPG to develop as a resource for geological business entities nationwide. That is, provide
courses or classes, online or whatever for business owners like myself as a consultant and for
human resources and hiring personnel – all kinds that are needed within a company selling
geological services. I would like to see AIPG prepare and distribute certain polling information
about our profession to its Membership and/or outside memberships in other geological
organizations that is useful and meaningful on an annual basis. I would like to see more
collaboration between ‘Sections’ or eliminate them altogether, and in their place, foster more
frequent and larger national meetings. (?) I would like to see AIPG grow its financial resources dramatically larger so that it is heard in Washington by the new Administration, etc. There are many geological issues that have, or will become hot button political issues. AIPG needs a much stronger voice than the one that is currently out there for us. For example, we should provide press releases or public input about climate change, etc. and be the ones to go to by the media reporting on same when researching reliable facts.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am very glad you are asking these questions from us. I do not recall any prior National President doing so. Perhaps you can edit our responses and include a summary in the next TPG? You have my support.

#241

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional certification prior to PA and NY PG licensing.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Typically too far to travel and not allotted time and/or funding from work to attend.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Typically too far to travel and not allotted time and/or funding from work to attend.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Publications, Section News Letters... keeps me current and relevant on topics outside my professional focus.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe it does for the profession.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Although AIPG has been instrumental in many cases in getting States to license geologist... As more States require PG license is AIPG becoming less relevant? If you have to make a choice between paying license dues or AIPG dues you’re going to pay license dues.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I believe it’s an important organization for the profession.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More and more diverse CEU opportunities. Seems like most the PGs I talk to are always looking for opportunities for CEUs.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#242

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member to access discounted professional liability insurance rates.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not participate in AIPG events. Too far away.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Have never been to a regular meeting. Too far away.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Reasonable organization to belong to for resume purposes.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not sure.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not sure if it’s relevant to me other than for #1 above.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, because I plan to stay self-employed over that time period.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More emphasis on petroleum geology perhaps.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing much in the National magazine or local section newsletter that catches my attention or is a “must read”.

#243

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because it was the only professional credential available at the time. I qualified for it, and it was fairly easy to work through. I also had done an ethics short course with David Abbot at a GSA meeting and I was interested in this aspect of the profession.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not. In terms of the Northeast section, I think I’ve been to one meeting. In general they are too far away from my home, they happen mid-week. They are of interest but logistically pretty much impossible. In terms of the annual meeting—see next question.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No I have not. I go to GSA meetings and they are close in time. Topics at AIPG meetings are too narrow for me and I meet more people at GSA.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think the nurturing of young professionals, exploration of ethical dilemmas, and promotion of professionalism are the most important.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Pretty good. The newsletter is interesting as are the occasional discussions of ethics.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? How can it maintain its relevance in an age of state registration? How can it keep from becoming too “grey”?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, although I will be retiring.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I’d like to see more emphasis on ethics, more interchange with academics (what ought we to be teaching, what is important for the professional geologist these days?), continue the push to get young professionals in and provide them with relevant material.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I wish the NE section meetings would move around a bit—both in time and space!

#244

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To seek professional affiliation and credentials. As a NJ and NY practitioner, I worked in two states that did not offer a PG. NY just recently changed that.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, because I simply do not have the time. I have attended a few section meetings and enjoyed them.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, no time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I enjoy reading the quarterly publications.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None other than wishing I had the time to participate more.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing as far as I’m concerned.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not really, but it seems like getting a degree in geology is not too popular these days.

#245

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Required as part of consulting qualifications.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Seems most are out west where all the good geology is!

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, can’t justify expense unless in NE US.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Geology/Hydro articles are interesting from a collegial perspective. Seems much of info is not germane to everyday consulting as most sites have been investigated.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes but need more info on practical, up to date consulting and practices.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Need it for certain clients/projects as a national certification.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See 4 above.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I like the annual magazine and all the ads. Kind of brings me back to the good old days like reading “Groundwater” and other pubs.

#246

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional certification, which has been valuable for my work as a geological consultant. Also, for keeping up with industry trends.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not very often. Too far from home (northern VT).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I don’t remember. Don’t think so.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Presence in D.C. and in national press representing our profession.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind, except perhaps meeting of NE AIPG in Vermont or northern New England. Hope you decide to have the meeting in Burlington, VT in 2018.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#247

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To generate professional contacts in the geology field and promote the science of geology.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I did when I was a member of the Virginias Section up until last year. I have not seen announcements for Northeast Section events, so I have not been a regular participant for the past year.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Was a member of the National ExComm for two years.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The promotion of the geologic sciences in the public eye.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Maintaining a steady stream of young applicants.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Unsure.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#248

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Besides the few States with Geo licensing requirements, AIPG was the most relevant professional organization for Geologists and also provided a meaningful Certification program.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not often. The travel from eastern New England to the NYC area is too long to make it worthwhile for a few hour meeting. That said, when I have made the effort to attend a meeting they have been worthwhile.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Only once many years ago when it was in Springfield, Mass. For a small business owner, the time and cost involved is just too much.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Being a national advocacy group representing the profession.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It’s hard to put a value on advocacy.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Obviously with the rise in State Geo licensing the value of the AIPG Certification has much less use or status. There are also many more organizations than decades ago, all vying for your time and money. In my area we have the AIPG-NE, Maine Geological Society, Geological Society of NH, Massachusetts Geological Society-new, License Site Professional Association, AEG-NE, Environmental Business Council-NE, ACEC…..
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Possibly. Heading for semi-retirement, have to cut down on memberships at some point.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It seems better or more effective communication about what the organization and members are doing would be useful. Possible some web streaming of events or meeting, webinars, etc.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#249

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To obtain CPG status (credential) and because several geology associates are long-time CPGs. I am now licensed in my home state of practice so the CPG credential is not critical but is useful for states where there are no licenses. I do not anticipate practicing internationally so CPG is not needed for me.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in Section and National to the extent I can, helping plan Section programs and meetings. I do it for the camaraderie, networking, general information about what’s happening in different states, and most importantly to me - helping promote professionalism and geology in general. I have not attended a workshop due to the lack of direct relevancy to my practice and also logistics (time for travel, cost for registration, room & meals, etc.). There are several other free or lower-cost ways to obtain CEUs and gain specific technical training. I don’t find the webinars or events directly applicable to my work and I have to thoughtfully budget my professional development time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I’ve gone to annual meetings as a member of ExCom. Otherwise, when I can afford it (travel, time off & cost). I very much enjoy the annual meetings but the cost & time is an issue as the meetings are not essential to my practice but provide fun networking. I cannot afford to travel every year and pay all expenses (depending on location). I plan to drive to Nashville in Sept. but may not attend the entire several days due to time & money constraints.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That the organization stands for the profession of geology (not the broad interpretation of “geosciences” but geology specifically).

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not exactly, my professional licenses in 3 states are much less per year ($70 - $90). The discount for AIPG events does not make up for the extra cost; in fact the educational opportunities ended up being more expensive due to travel time & money. There’s a lot available to me locally that is more focused on my practice.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That AIPG is not promoting the profession of geology or educating the public but is focusing on students (and internal membership). It’s very important for AIPG to appeal to students and young professionals but the “Professional Geologist” part of “AIPG” should be the focus. For example, the professional engineers in NYS always support a lot of student activities, competitions and hold special events for STEM, etc. at their events. But they are very focused and active in monitoring developments that affect their profession, communicating with legislators, commenting on bills, providing very low-cost CEUs to members, and advocating publicly for their profession. I do not think the “fly-ins” to Congress were very effective but we can impact state and local activities. We do need to be/have a liaison to Congress and I’d like to see AIPG be the premier geological organization that the public recognizes MUST provide input. I want AIPG to give the science of geology a public voice and credibility. What recently happened in AZ (trying to eliminate licensure) was horrible and we were caught off-guard. I’m not certain the level of involvement (time or money) but it seemed to me that National could have stepped up more. It appeared to be the Section
leadership which is totally appropriate (on the front lines) but maybe I’m not aware of how National supported the Section with time, information, and/or money. But someone should have had our backs and heard something before it came down so quickly. I’d like my dues to pay for that kind of service rather than meeting with like-minded organizations. Other geos. are “friends” already so we really need to join forces with them and reach out to related professions and to the public.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to stay a member for the next 5 years and more but will see... if I become semi-retired I may “downgrade” to member (vs CPG). In contrast, I plan to retain my individual state licenses.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Similar to item 6... I called national last year looking for descriptions or bullet lists of different geologic disciplines to provide to the “public” to educate about the different roles and ways geologists contribute to society and National had NOTHING to provide any talking points about what a geologist is or what we do! I’m working on developing such a “living document” this year to get started but really, how does AIPG stand for the profession with nothing in simple terms to help the public understand our contributions and value? (Challenge accepted!).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I hope AIPG can fill a role such as recognition of national certification by states and legislatures (like a vendor service for licensure or the processing). Other ideas: elevating our stature to becoming the go-to organization for information (where to go, who to contact, where to find) among all the geologic orgs., bringing geologists under the same roof. Or “bridging” academia and the professional practice to better promote sound geologic credentials. I do not want to devolve into such an inclusive group that geology becomes watered down. A strong profession provides public credibility and lifts students and young geologists (a rising tide lifts all boats). We want the students and YPs to have secure futures in geology and be respected and valued, part of our job is to make sure that geologic image and our work is valued. Foster’s student’s told him they preferred taking a test (ASBOG) to become certified because it has teeth - it’s tough to achieve and would mean more to them (& the public including employers, other professions, lawmakers...).

#250

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At the time I became a member, the state did not have a certification for geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, location and expense.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, location and expense.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The current information in the field of geology helps me stay up to date.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see a reciprocity certification. For example; if you are AiPG certified member then states will accept that as practicing certification in their state.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#251

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? **Career advancement, and to be understood as being a professional in my field.**

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? **No. The section meetings are typically not near my location (I think that may be typical to many NJ members). I do have other commitments to another professional group, namely ITRC and organizations dealing with brownfields.**

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? **No. Competing travel requirements.**

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? **Maintaining standing as a professional in the field.**

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? **Yes**

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? **None.**

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? **If not, why?** **Yes**

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? **I’ve wondered if NJ should have its own section or subsection. I would probably be more involved if it did. NJ has atypical environmental regulations and less in common geologically than NY and New England.**

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? **No**

#252

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? **To be part of a national organization, and to stay in touch with issues that affect the industry.**

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? **I do not because of either conflicts or distance to events.**

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? **No, as above.**

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? **Maintaining the “bar” of what defines a CPG. Keeping members apprised of news and issues that arise in the industry.**

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? **Yes, and I appreciate the emails and NE Newsletter.**

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? **Seems I need to request/pay separately to receive the NE newsletter and info?**

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? **If not, why?** **Yes**

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? **Yes**

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#253

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? **Because at the time I became a CPG (1997), being awarded a CPG was still considered an important indicator of professionalism and competency. Unfortunately, the jurisdictions I primarily work in are now much more concerned with state-specific licensure, and so being a CPG is a lot less professionally relevant. You will**
note, for example, that my signature block does not reference that I am a CPG – and it has not for at least 10 years – as my being a CPG is no longer relevant to my clients, regulators I work with, or prospects.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I do not.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I have not.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Now, it is as a gateway to information (technical and professional). I seldom use it as such, though, which is probably a mistake on my part.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It is becoming harder for me to justify the dues, as it is no longer as easy to identify specific benefits (to my practice of my profession) received for the money spent as it once was. Inertia, and the feeling of ‘I’ve paid enough into it over the years that if I leave now I’ll be accepting the loss, whereas if I stay I might in the future find a use for it to justify the expense’, are part of what keeps me paying my dues, for now.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Gradual, albeit unrelenting, erosion of relevance to my field.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? This is a question I’ve asked myself for a number of years now. So far, I’ve continued paying my dues. I cannot predict what the future might hold, nor what the tipping point might be.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like it to be more relevant to my professional practice, but I do not have any ideas or suggestions as to how that might occur. Many of the functions specifically of value to me such as attestation of competency and professionalism, provided by the AIPG in the past, have been subsumed by state licensure. In some jurisdictions, the state doesn’t even care that I am a geologist but rather grants licensure essential to the practice of my profession based on demonstrable knowledge of regulations. In my field, if the regulators don’t care that I’m a CPG, then the people hiring us certainly have no tangible reason to care either.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#254

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Graduating PhD interested in professional CPG certification for employment prospects.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not too often due to family and work obligations.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once about 15 years ago, to present research as a student.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Continued emphasis on professional certification, state geologist registration, ethics.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Sometimes a little too much fossil fuels industry influence against regulatory efforts combating climate change.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Perhaps more interaction/joint events with other local organizations, such as LI Association Professional Geologists.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#255

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? No state license was available and this offered the next best thing.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Not convenient to where I live and work.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not convenient to where I live and work.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification, but that importance is now going away with NY licensure.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Value is limited. The TPG is interesting, but not worth the membership fee. Not sure what AIPG’S role is with more states licensing geologists. More ability to network with other geologists without having to travel to events could be a good benefit.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? See response above.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. I am retiring and do not find the cost worthwhile when I am retired.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See response to 5 above.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#256

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To become certified as a Professional Geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I am a section officer; because I enjoy the networking & friendships, being informed and learning from lectures.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, cost and time off from work.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking, keeping informed about our industry, influencing policy and law making, public service, learning.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Increasing visibility of our science and professional group; increasing membership.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? We need to increase student membership participation and increase CPG members and their participation.

#257

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought that it would advance me professionally.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Usually events are out of state and I can’t afford the time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Usually events are out of state and I can’t afford the time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Probably the certification. Ability to become licensed through reciprocity as a Chartered Geologist or Euro-Geologist is useful.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I’m not sure.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am certified in a number of states plus I’m certified through NGWA and AIH. All of the certifications get expensive!!!!.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes! I will likely retire in five years though and am not sure about the fee costs after that.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I’m not sure.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I’m not sure.

#258
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional network and credentials.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes – I’m a section officer.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional network, I work for a relatively small engineering/consulting firm, network is important.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Growing membership and continuing to provide members with services of value.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More continuing education opportunities?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#259
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG as a career inspirational, practical extracurricular during the early days of my University studies to receive a different perspective on research topics presented that are not necessarily touched upon in earth science classrooms. Also, as a way to learn the news of experienced professionals already in industry as I hope to one day be able to get my "feet wet" while a student and be able to "grow" towards employment one day. Furthermore, having hopes to interact and make new friendships with members far and near, especially in the Northeast region where geology opportunity is minimal.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? As much as I have always wished to be able to participate in AIPG events, unfortunately, I have never been able to do so. This is due to the high costs of each AIPG meeting, high lodging and travel expenses while also having to travel a significant distance as events are far away from Boston, MA. The costs of attendance compounded with the burdensome student expenses prevent me from participating.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As I would love to, I have never been able to attend. As noted above, this is due to the high costs of each AIPG meeting, high lodging and travel expenses while also having to travel great distances as events are far away
from Boston, MA. The costs of attendance compounded with the significant costs of being a student prevent me from participating.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? An important asset that AIPG offers is that it’s an industry specific organization where there's an excellent focus on achievements of industry members and topics. It also appears to have a simple, practical operational structure which permits members to be able to correspond easily with the national main office when needed.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? In theory, yes, AIPG is a valuable organization for all levels of geology. It’s an honor to be a member and it’s as vital that we collaborate to enhance and stimulate growth for years to come, especially in our student/young member community.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As a student, and as someone in a very limited geology opportunity market (Northeast), the high costs as described above prevent myself and likely many others in same position from participating in AIPG activities. Furthermore, given how it is also difficult to find employment and career specific mentoring while compounded with the burden of immense student expenses, these obstacles greatly reduce the effectiveness and strength of AIPG long term as young members are shunned away at time of membership renewal post-graduation due to inability to pay.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? It would be wonderful to remain a member for life. However, given the significant role finances play especially as a student member, and with limited work opportunity available in the Northeast, I’m afraid and saddened that it is very UNLIKELY that I will be able to remain a member at the present future outlook.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Regarding AIPG annual events/activities: It would be wonderful if the AIPG developed a way to give students and young members in financial hardship, an opportunity to participate in some of the organized events without students being discouraged to attend due to the high costs of attendance/travel/lodging. Not all students have research grant funding that would cover any associated expenses. Regarding membership: Can the AIPG offer an extended complimentary membership to recent graduates who are unemployed? Is there a way for the AIPG to coordinate a volunteer program regionally/nationally in which those who are unable to afford annual membership dues/event fees, can volunteer time and efforts towards AIPG chores, in exchange of having their membership fee waived/reduced? Would it be possible for the AIPG to offer an option to those who can no longer afford membership, or are unemployed, to still be kept on email lists given that any event requires significant costs anyway to participate?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Yes. Here in the Northeast, it would be splendid if the AIPG through its regional divisions could organize career mentoring, or “geology buddy” pairings in which students/recent graduates/young members can communicate regularly with an experienced professional to provide insight on how to grow in our field. More regional activities especially involving students/young members will ultimately strengthen the region and allow the AIPG/geology in general to expand in an already difficult regional market.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I became a State Geologist, my State Geologist colleagues urged me to join, because they felt it was the most important institution for working with State Geological Surveys.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? As often as I can.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Of course. Most since I joined in 1982.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG represents the highest standards for professionalism and ethics.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Certainly, in many ways: professional support, business support, information about professionals in other parts of the country, workshops and courses, etc.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That it continues to grow and include more geologists at all stages of their careers.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Having worked closely with Bill Siok during his time as Executive Director and knowing the inside workings of the Institution, and seeing that the Institute is continuing in those same directions, I see no need for major changes.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I knew I was on a career path in the geosciences and thought it would be prudent to join for networking and educational opportunities.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I've been to one career mixer at GSA and one AIPG workshop on hydro. To be honest I found the career workshop to not be very useful--it was more about well installation than about practical things that could help me in my day to day job. I do a lot of hydro work but most of the speakers seemed to be speaking on domestic well installation, a niche that really isn't relevant to the consulting world. I wish there were more workshops that were field-focused and taught methodologies for pump testing and other common tasks that consultants are engaged in.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I can't justify it given my previous experience at an AIPG event...it's such a mixed bag of professionals that really don't have much overlap.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? At its core AIPG is about gathering geoscientists of all types for discussion--the problem is there's so much variety that it's not really that useful.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? More than GSA in terms of its relevance to my career, but not enough to feel great about it.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack of focus into discipline/career areas--if AIPG had sections like GSA did and put on workshops tailored to those it would be way more useful.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? As long as my office continues to pay for it there's no reason to cancel, but unless AIPG steps up their offerings in terms of workshops etc., I don't know that there will be much point in remaining a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More environmental consulting/hydro consulting focus.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#262

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be a member.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No time and they are not close to where I live.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No time and they are not close to where I live.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I enjoy reading the articles in the magazine; they are very informative.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing comes to mind.

#263

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was in consulting. Others were CPGs. New York had no PG program. Seemed like the right thing for a consulting geologist/hydrogeologist to have. The firm paid for it.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I participate in the local geology group meetings (monthly during the academic year). I go to conferences, short courses, etc. within my area (investigation/remediation).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, see response to #2 above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Promotes the importance of geology and the geosciences at the national level. Certification that is broader than state to state.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, the annual fee is not an issue for me.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, unless I retire before then. I'm getting close.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing comes to mind.
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1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My supervisor at work encouraged me to become a member and he pushed me onto the NE Section Executive Committee. I now do the same for our staff.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not been able in the last two years. Business was down in 2015 and 2016, so required a lot more of my time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes and will again in the future.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Student support (such as scholarships and information about the practicing professional), professional and public educational programs on critical issues (such as hydrofraking), and support to the licensed PG community.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? We are not doing enough in the areas mentioned in the 4th bullet.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? We will become irrelevant if we don’t increase our reach in the aforementioned areas, in my opinion.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? The only way to consistently support and increase AIPG programs is to have more, qualified, full time staff. This takes money that cannot be derived from an increase in dues. We must reach big donors. The Foundation is probably the best avenue to get that accomplished.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing at this point. Have a great year and have fun.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I’ve been a member for decades and will do so into the future. I retired as an environmental geologist in 2006 and my first professional job in 1980 was as a petroleum geologist.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not?

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I consider it extremely important that the AIPG follow our new president and the apparent direction that he may take concerning scientific matters, and respond to what could be mis-information or lack of effective response to scientific matters in general, and about sustainable resources and the environment specifically.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I’ve been a member for decades and will do so into the future.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I strongly believe that the AIPG needs to further develop a basic strategy to respond to any political or news source that incorrectly or inappropriately comments or responds to politicizing such matters. It is up to us and others in the scientific community to correct wrong information and to help educate the public on the
scientific process in general. Additionally the scientific community must respond when political players inappropriately use science to further their political or financial gain.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#266

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional credentials.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Too busy - though was on the Board of NE Section at one time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never - too far.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Represents geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG Represent Mining and Pipelines interests more than Environmental.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. Retiring.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG Represent Mining and Pipelines interests more than Environmental.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#267

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My supervisor suggested I get involved in a professional organization.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. With membership comes a responsibility to serve.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Work schedule dependent, of course. The meetings and sessions are fun, interesting, and quite varied.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG credential... working in a state that had no geology licensure, the CPG was a universal credential that was respected and well known.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Continued relevance in light of increased state licensure.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I realize our membership is quite varied (professions), and I wonder if our annual meetings could be more technical.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing further here.

#268

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member to be involved in the geologic community in Maryland and to help with the state registration. I was a consultant at the time but after about 5 years I went back to the federal government. Shortly after that many
of the long time AIPG members retired. We still had several field trips a year and speaker dinners but it soon became very hard to attract members to come out and play/dine and talk. Nothing much seems to happen locally recently.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I used to go to meetings in the MD/DC/VA area, field trips and speaker meetings. I was a section officer.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I went to 2 annual meetings but have not been since 2005. I spent the last 6 years in and out of the country, so my time has been limited state side.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Knowledge and meeting up with fellow scientists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely. I have gone to 2 classes here in NE since moving back to the area.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Will AIPG support the need for yearly credits? I love the idea but being new to the area I do not have the contacts.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Absolutely!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Local meetings/gatherings/talks and field trips in the Massachusetts/Boston area.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#269

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Thought it would improve networking and add to my professional creditability.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, not anymore. Too far away and typically not relevant to my field of interest (mining).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As No. 2, above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? As No. 1, above. Not so much now that I am retired. It is perhaps a better value for students and recent graduates.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too “academic”.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. There is no basic justification for my AIPG membership. Internet and other professional memberships offer much better networking, information and communication.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? n/a

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Best wishes and thanks for the opportunity for input.

#270

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was new and green and needed the credential.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, too far away or too expensive.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, same reason.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I’m glad there are a few geo that invest enough time and energy into AIPG to keep it rolling along.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not much to me.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No, retiring, I hope, and dues are too expensive.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think it’s doing fine.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at the moment.

#271

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional certification to serve as a Qualified Person for a Canadian mining company on projects outside of Canada.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Few if any in NM and recent annual meeting conflicted with business.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, as per above and the fact that the meetings are light technically and poorly attended.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Promoting the profession and its professionalism.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Good question. Yes in the sense of the CPG and no in the sense of being a part of the organization.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Absent a unique brand, it runs the risk of obscurity.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably. I am 59 and still working part-time.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A lot, but I will need to give it more thoughtful consideration before detailing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

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1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Certification as PG, network with other professionals.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? When I was living in GA and FL (1975-2012), I participated frequently. Not much while in Carlsbad. Soon will relocate to North Carolina.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, Orlando Meeting, participated in preparation committees.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking with other professionals, fieldtrips, business opportunities.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not much recently.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? How to prepare new geologists with skill building and employment opportunities.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably will take retirement soon, we’ll see.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Emphasize opportunities for young geologists.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#273

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Can’t remember
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Don’t travel much unless it pays.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Requires travel but no pay.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? ???
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? ???
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? ???
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? ???
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Yes. I am a registered geologist in 8 states and 32 do not require registration. Only 10 left to go. In 50 years of consulting practice, I am unaware of any malpractice in the profession. There must be some but I do not know of any. The state by state registration practice is onerous and costly. Keeping up with renewal dates is a problem. Requesting three certified transcripts from my universities for all certifications is onerous. At my age I can’t find references. They are either dead, retired, unlocatable, or suffer dementia. There should be a central uniform registration form and requirements and a repository of transcripts and records and one renewal fee. Registration in California is virtually impossible as only 3 percent of their state test deals with geology. The Maine state tests asks nonsense questions such as the state fossil. The state fossil has nothing to do with any consulting project. I personally do not mind the ASBOG test. At 72 when I took the test for registration in Maine, I was the only one who passed it. Let registration be through AIPG and keep the ASBOG tests. Let registration be federally mandated or let federal registration recognize AIPG as a valid registration body in the same way that EPA regulations recognizes ASTM standards when it comes to Phase I ESA inspectors. This past year Arizona legislature made Arizona registration almost a thing of the past.

#274

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG in 1986, because, as a young geologist I saw the eventual need in my career to be a part of a highly respected, professional geological society that stressed professional ethics, integrity and just professionalism in the profession, as a whole.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Due to the economy and the rapid swings in commodity prices, I have had to move a great deal. As a result, it has been difficult for me to stay involved. Having said this though, I did serve as the President of the Nevada Section; I am getting involved in the New Mexico Section’s activities and I am currently trying to establish a Student Chapter at a university.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, because the timing often conflicted with my career activities. Additionally, the topics presented at the annual meetings
and the field trip offerings really are not of my primary interest. Unfortunately, AIPG's focus is becoming more like GSA in which I am also a member. Personally, I consider GSA to be leaning too far toward the academic community.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG must maintain its standards in professional ethics, professional integrity, as well as professional expertise in geology and related subjects. If it does not do so, it will just become another geological society. I use my AIPG registration heavily, since it is recognized in Canada and by companies reporting their activities in Canada.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, so far!

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Although I understand the need to get new "members" to keep the organization healthy. I am concerned that the organization's prestige will eventually be diluted by the number of members that are not registered/certified. I am also concerned that non-registered members will be tempted to "pawn" themselves off as a professional geologist to the ill-informed. To me, the importance of registration must not be lost, and for new members, the eventual goal should be obtaining their registration/certification. I think that this must be emphasized!

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see a better differentiation made between ordinary members and registered/certified members. I would also like to see the certification process be by specialty rather than just a general certification. I am an economic geologist/exploration geologist and certainly do not have the expertise to be a hydrogeologist or environmental geologist, but then these individuals do not have the expertise to practice my specialty either. This distinction does not have to be complex. I suggest initially something along the lines of oil & gas, economic geology, hydrogeology & environmental geology.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I suppose that I am "hard line", but in the state sections to maintain professional prestige the office of president should be reserved for a person that is a CPG not just a member and certainly not a student member. I think that a person applying for membership should have at least one CPG as a reference.

#275

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I worked in my field of expertise for federal, tribal and private firms for 30 years and went into business for myself. I found that certification provided me a credential that equaled, if not exceeded those of academics, that is MS and PHD. In addition I was able to establish professional contacts wherein we share experiences and encouragements.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I attended an Executive Committee meeting in Denver a couple of years ago, as an observer and interested member in AIPG. I also attended this year’s conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. As an attendee, I became more familiar with the inner working of the organization.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Our section had been inactive for some time and a few years ago I attended a hastily called section meeting. Perhaps five members gathered and three of us volunteered to serve in the roles of president, vice president,
treasurer. Our first annual meeting is scheduled for December 10 and our agenda is posted on the National web site.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I suppose the help I’ve received from the National HQ for posting meeting notices, helping with membership listings and a trusted confidant in critical thinking...

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as we begin to become more active as a section, we are focusing on those priorities established by the AIPG Executive Committee in promoting student membership at state universities. Also we hope to promote communication within our profession by meeting quarterly and establishing regular annual meeting.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Keeping the organization active in our part of the country.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I will bring up this question at our December meeting and let you know their responses.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time. Thank you for your interest and time. If I can be of assistance, please call or email me.

#276

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I moved from a state with registration of geologists, to a state without registration of geologists. I wanted to have something other than out-of-state credentials.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I have made some very good friends through time. Many of these friends are active in mentoring geology students and young professionals, and I support their efforts.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not since we started having them with programs. Because I worked in states without professional registration of geologists, attending such meetings wasn’t a priority for my employer, and being a parent—I preferred to use my annual leave for family time. In addition, many governmental employers do not allow attendance at meetings even if you request to do so using annual leave.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is very supportive of geologists in non-academic fields, and gives them a place to gather, especially when between employment gigs.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, because they have a progressive dues structure that allows participation as a non-practicing retiree, as well as student membership.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? In some states, it is too supportive of the extractive industries, to the point of being against environmental fields where geology is a contributing discipline.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I think it is important as a woman and a member of an underrepresented group in geology, to show that retirees have diversity, too.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think AIPG shouldn’t always be "changing". A lot of times the organization's units are seen as failing to thrive, and the immediate response is "to change"; when support for those who volunteer as officers is rather tepid by the national
organization. The sacrifices required to be an officer are substantial, but often not appreciated by the national organization.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thank you again for agreeing to be a leader in AIPG. I wish you the best.

#277

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Credentials in the consulting world.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Seem to be of marginal interest or utility and too far away.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Expensive and of marginal interest.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Credentials.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No meaningful answer.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No suggestions.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Fully retired and, therefore, not participating in the field.

#278

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To get the certification as a consulting Economic Geologist for making money.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No - Cost, time and distance.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No - Cost, time and distance.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The professional oath and liability consequence incorporated into the CPG status of the "Qualified Person" that carries weight in public companies, government organizations for permitting projects and filing reports on the Stock Exchange. Without that, I would not have joined.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes but expensive.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Many topics are not of interest.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably, as long as I am making money using my CPG.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I like reading about the ethical violations, being that I do lots of reporting and QA/QC for selling projects and filings for startup public companies.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? There is too much student dribble. They will become members when they are ready. The TPG magazine should have as many articles as possible on situations where CPGs are involved in public filings, government filings, expert witnesses in law suits and violation cases.

#279

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Networking and prestige. Other geologists recommended it.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not really. I used to participate more, but for the last few years, I have had no support from my employers. I would like to participate more, now that I am in Albuquerque.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, lack of employer support. They wouldn't give me the time off.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ethics, and support for geology professionals.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as a voice for geologists in government and the magazine and e-news.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am concerned that many employers are moving away from support for AIPG membership of their geologists.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably as a retiree, at least after another year or two. I would be only active in local meetings.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Does AIPG connect with AAPG? I see some connection but not a lot.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#280

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? As I left academia and entered full-time consulting, I found that AIPG was really about the only professional geologist society that was supporting consulting geologists. Other societies are mostly academic-oriented (GSA, AGU) or are industry-specific (AAPG, etc). I also was very grateful to find another path to earning my CPG that did not depend on expensive exams.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to, but there are not very many events in the American Southwest and travel to other events is just too expensive.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have attended the two that were near New Mexico in the last four years. I have not been to any others because of expensive travel costs coupled with a fairly hefty registration fee (about 3 to 4 times higher than other annual meetings).

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I appreciate having a society that offers a network for consultants. I feel very odd man out at GSA and AGU conferences.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. Having a CPG and noting that I am a member of AIPG has been helpful for us in providing confidence to our clients. And it's given us a bit of oomph in the bidding processes for some RFPs.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I hope that AIPG can continue to grow! We're very small compared to the other societies.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will remain with AIPG for the duration of my career.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? So far, I have no changes I might suggest. I am looking forward to helping get the NM Chapter back in motion.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am self-nominating for a position on a GSA committee for Academic and Applied Geoscience Relations. Several members of this committee represent other professional
societies, such as AAPG, SEPM, etc. As far as I could tell, there was no AIPG representative. I'd be happy to serve for AIPG and help work on relations between academia and consulting/industry, if this is something AIPG feels could be of use for the membership at large.

Thanks for asking for our thoughts. I hope my responses are of some use to you!

#281

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I did so in order to become a Certified Professional Geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I work for the state and there is limited funds.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I work for the state and there is limited funds.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG seems to be more interested in water regulation and concerns, I am more of an oil and gas person.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Unknown. I may be retiring.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#282

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became an AIPG member in 1971 MAINLY because becoming a CPG filled a special need in my professional-career that no other geological organization satisfied (then and now).
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? AIPG activity has primarily been at a state section level.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? National meeting attendance has been rare (since 2001-Reno and Flagstaff), primarily due to work conflicts; and I had to miss the 2016 Santa Fe meeting because of an unforeseen medical condition.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Its exemplary professional standards, code of ethics, and networking implementation.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Definitely. This is simply because AIPG meets the needs of a group of applied geologists who would not otherwise have an effective means of professional representation.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Its ability to function as viable organization in today’s America.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Definitely
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Trying to attract as many young professionals as possible (recognizing the daunting nature of this task!).
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I started my career in 1953 as an undergrad AEC-USGS summer field assistant in uranium
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exploration in the Southern Rocky Mountains. Sixty-three years later I’m still working full time as a private consultant, primarily in hydrogeology. Only serious health concerns and family obligations will force me to fully retire.

#283
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To receive a professional certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not really. The NM Section doesn’t really have events to attend.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. My first was Flagstaff, AZ, where I presented a paper and the second was Santa Fe because it was close.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The certification is important to me in NM since NM doesn’t have a PG registration and also the networking is very important.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That the certification is made relevant to people. For example, my office manager does not hold my CPG registration with the same esteem as colleagues who hold PGs from other states.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I’d like more local section activity.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I can’t think of anything at the moment.

#284
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the QP and CPG certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, none have been near where I live, and subject focus is largely irrelevant to my interests.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, see #2.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The global professional certification and recognition as a professional society.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, the CPG certification is very valuable to me, and the publication is outstanding.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I see the focus becoming too skewed toward environmental issues and away from other geoscience professions.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, even if I retire. I like to support the AIPG when I can.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See # 6. I'd like to see more emphasis on mining, petroleum and exploration activities and papers.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I'm not aware of any activity within Nevada for AIPG with local or regional interests.

#285
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be a QP for reports.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not. I am not aware of many of the local events. Perhaps I am not on a mailing list. Out of town events are either too far away or do not have a venue I am interested in.

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3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, for the same reason as above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The acceptance of the organization’s stamp of approval for practicing geologists in foreign jurisdictions.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Recently, I have noted some individuals with AIPG certifications making unqualified statements in reports. These statements have put a bad light on the AIPG and on several other PG registering groups. Reporting agencies have even gone so far as to question the ethics and standards of all members of AIPG and other States and registering groups.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am not particularly active in the groups as you might note above. I go to one or two meetings a year of the various groups I belong to. These are nearly all nearby where I live and have talks specifically of interest to me. I have never been to a local meeting as I usually hear about them after the fact. Most recently I have become a board member of the Arizona Mining Association and a member of several other groups. These groups are active in policy decisions and lobbying efforts on mineral exploration and mining issues. I am concerned about the increasing difficulty in permitting exploration efforts and mining operations, withdrawals of large areas from the public domain for mineral extraction, and continued attacks on the mining industry. Having said the above, I am keen to maintain the integrity of the group. I am not sure what part the AIPG should play, if any, as an activist group. However, support of scientific information in policy decisions seems wise. Also, a reasoned policy to weed out or reprimand individuals that undermine the AIPG standards of conduct would be helpful. If these already exist, then I apologize for my ignorance in advance.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I believe I covered it all above.

#286

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was working for a junior Canadian exploration company and I needed to be able to "QP" documents.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not participated in events regularly, except the Nevada Section events. Generally they have competed with other professional events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, but only 1. As mentioned above, because they usually compete with other professional events. I attended the 2016 meeting primarily because of the location and field trips offered.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, the QP status with the TSX has been the most important aspect of my membership.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Perception of the organization. That the CPG status is too easy to acquire.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More value for the other membership levels. I understand the value for CPG, but not so much for the other levels.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Answer to #8.

#287

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? ~ 1998 to get the CPG certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? In Reno go to December Dinner/Exploration Round-Up if in town. Nothing else these days in Reno. Have been to a few talks/meetings in Tucson a few years ago when working down there.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never- not much interest and often working.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Required to do NI43-101 in Canada and partially to run projects in Minnesota.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Maybe
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Might like more local events. Get invites from CA Section in Davis, CA but have only been over once- a student section. AIPG needs to police a few rogue/unethical members. Process is long & complicated. Several local long-time members of AIPG have quit because of this.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Am 69. May stick around for 5 years but partially retired. Mining industry in in the pits right now.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See #6. Keep up the work with students.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nope.

#288

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The organization provides clear benefits in terms of certification and advocacy on behalf of the profession.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. We have only one regular Nevada Section meeting annually. We had had more several years ago, but few young people have stepped up to take leadership roles.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, although not lately, because AIPG annual meeting come at a time of year near when the Geological Society of America usually meets. I would attend more AIPG meetings if they we scheduled immediately prior to or immediately after GSA annual meetings.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Maintaining QP status for the Toronto Stock Exchange is most important for many Nevada AIPG members.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Membership should be growing, but it’s not clear that this is the case.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, but I’m now retired.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See #3.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No. Thanks for asking.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became an AIPG member because state requirements dictated a professional association to sign off on supervised work.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not participated in AIPG events because I live and work in Mexico nearly full time and have not had the opportunity to do so.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Same as the above reason; no opportunity to do so.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG strikes me as a good organization concerned with the standards and quality of its members’ work.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I read and enjoy the monthly magazine and can see the wide ranging articles you include, many of them outside my own experience.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I would have to attend meetings to have a better idea of that.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan on remaining an AIPG member well beyond my working days. I'm 78 now and continue working because I enjoy the life of a field geologist.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Again, I would have to attend meetings to have an informed opinion on that.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The GSN has a good format for monthly meetings - a social hour with contractor paid drinks, dinner, a talk by a member of a project within the state or invited speaker on a topic of outside interest. But I haven't attended GSN meetings in a long time either because I seldom get to Reno.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For consulting geologists in the mining/mineral exploration sector in the western US, much of our business is with Canadian companies. I became a member of AIPG in order to become a Qualified Person under Canadian National Instrument 43-101.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I live in a remote part of Nevada and there are no AIPG events in this area.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I rarely have time to attend national meetings unless they are held in Reno or some other venue which is relatively close by. This applies to all of the professional societies I belong to, not just AIPG.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Besides professional certification, I have found networking with other AIPG members to be helpful.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG needs to be cognizant of the fact that the professional practice of geology in the 21st century takes place in a globalized world. The reason that Canadian securities regulators no longer recognize ASBOG licensing for the purpose of establishing QP status under NI-43-101 is that a state board refused to discipline an American geologist for unethical conduct related to a mining project located outside of the US. This kind of
short sightedness undercuts the credibility of all American geologists who work with international clients and it would be catastrophic if AIPG made the same mistake.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see AIPG become more proactive in making it easier for geologists to obtain licensing reciprocity across state lines. Even making it easier to obtain temporary reciprocal licensing would be a major improvement.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#291

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined to become a part of a nationally recognized organization that would provide professional acceptance of me in the geosciences as I progressed in my career. Not being a test taker, although I succeeded in obtaining my Master's Degree in Geology, I did not become a licensed PG or RG. Rather, I did the field work and wrote the thesis.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I work from home, am only part-time and very close to retirement.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I am usually far too busy with work projects or out of town and unable to attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For those who are younger and just starting out, AIPG is a wonderful resource for technical updates and networking with other professionals in order to engage in meaningful dialogue about our industry and its future, especially given uncertain federal support for science or environmental issues.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? In a sense, yes. By virtue of the technical articles that come with regular newsletters.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Being a CPG does not carry the same weight as being a registered PG that requires licensure.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. I'm planning on retiring within the next year.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No suggestions. I do not participate enough to offer any valid ideas.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have always considered AIPG a wonderful organization for geoscience professionals and if I were younger, would gladly continue my membership and be more involved. Good luck to the group and to you.

#292

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became an AIPG member and CPG in 1993 to provide nationally-recognized credentials for work as a geologist and geoscientist in environmental consulting prior to the availability of the ASBOG test and in lieu of professional registration in Oklahoma.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have attended local meetings when possible, as allowed by my schedule and financial constraints.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not attended a national meeting due to financial constraints.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG certification is valuable when I work as an environmental geoscientist. The organization provides professional contacts.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The CPG certification is valuable when I work as an environmental geoscientist.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Lack of recognition and appreciation by management of environmental consulting firms and the oil and gas industry.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I do not plan to renew for 2017 due to financial concerns and lack of income.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Need wider recognition/appreciation/validity by management, the geology profession, age groups and industry.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Consider adjusting the dues structure for the unemployed/under employed.

#293

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the CPG certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly, there was no AIPG chapter in Elko, Nevada when I first joined. I do now attend the once-per-year “Exploration Roundup” AIPG meeting in December organized by Kel Buchanan.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I attend mining and minerals-related annual meetings such as AEMA, GSN, MineExpo already.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG certification. The student chapters are important too, my daughter was a member of one.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Neutral on this. Not sure. AIPG has to compete with a number of other natural resources and geology-related organizations that have either monthly, or annual meetings in the Reno area: These are: Geological Society of Nevada (GSN)-monthly, SME (Society of Mining, Met and Exploration)-monthly, Nevada Geothermal and Petroleum Society (NPGS)-monthly, Assn of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) -monthly meetings.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Although I have not had direct experience in this, a number of members in the minerals industry I have talked to have expressed concern that AIPG does not “police”, or have a mechanism for investigating a CPG that has potentially violated an ethics provision. If this is true, it cheapens the value of the CPG classification. It is my understanding that some of the CPG’s have now moved to being registered members of SME, which now registers geologists and has committed to investigating ethics or professional violations.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Not sure, depends on outcome of #6 above. I am a 35-year member of SME, so it is more economic for me to move my professional geologist certification to SME, but I have not yet discussed or investigated this. I am paid up for this year with AIPG, so will make a decision next year.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Investigate ethics and professional violations of members. Kick them out if they are found guilty. This increases the value of the CPG. AIPG formerly required some continuing ed units to maintain certification, but no longer do this. Go
back to it, but make the Continuing Ed units very flexible. Also, split the CPG classification into specialties, and require passing of a test to get the specialty sub-classification.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thank you for asking these questions, and for serving as an officer.

#294

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I believe that being a member of AIPG was important for my carrier and work.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Local, making the national meetings seems to conflict with company requirements.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, see above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The registration of geologist, minimum qualifications and ethics.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I believe the AIPG does not do enough to weed out the bad/ questionable ethical geologists. I am familiar with one case in which a geologist uses his CPG to write questionable reports. I have worked with him and know that complaints by other geologists to AIPG have gone nowhere.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See question 6. Continue to work for universally recognized mineral report standards.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#295

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional membership and to become a CPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Annual Christmas dinner in Reno to maintain professional contacts.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not attended an annual meeting due to time constraints for the most part and relevance to my job also.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Great to have a national professional organization for recognition of geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#296

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To get my PG license.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, don’t see or understand the value.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, don’t see or understand the value.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, it is the PG license.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I enjoy the regular emails with current stories. It helps me stay abreast of current advancements within the geoscience discipline.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#297

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professional networking.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Travel Cost.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? CPG program.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Adequate, maintains QP status, professional network.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#298

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be a CPG and be able to write Canadian Instrument 43-101 reports.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, not particularly interested.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, not particularly interested.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The qualifications to be a CPG and enforcement of members’ code of conduct.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I suppose. I have not used my CPG for 43-101 reports, and due to the slump in the Minerals Industry, membership has not conferred any employment opportunities.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not have any concerns about the organization.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably not because I am age 68 and do not plan to actively work beyond age 70, especially since I have not worked the last 5 years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don't have an opinion on changes to the organization. I have not been a member very long, and, as my answer to Q7 indicates, I don't have long term interest in the organization.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No, not at this time.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I felt that I needed official licensing to help my career as a consulting geologist, even pseudo-official licensing like that through AIPG.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, not really regular. I'm not much of a clubby guy. I used to go to the annual Christmas meeting for the local chapter about every other year, but haven't been for the last two years.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. AIPG is oriented towards engineering and environmental geology. I'm a mineral exploration and mining geologist. Hence, the annual meetings don't have much to offer me.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, the fact that it certifies me as a "qualified person" for Canadian NI-43-101 purposes.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The annual fee is too high.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No. Actually, I'm letting my membership lapse. It is too expensive for just that little membership card. I haven't worked in the past year, and I am 61 years of age, so I considered a non-practicing designation, but really, even the reduced rate of $60 for that is too much.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would have liked to see the annual fees decreased, but I don't care what they do now.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The monthly magazine or newsletter is pretty worthless. Also, I used to have problems with malware installing on my computer when I clicked on some of the info links that were on the online newsletters. It is pretty crappy that AIPG allows that sort of advertising in their online newsletter.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was switching careers from the oil patch to environmental consulting and my boss encouraged me to join so I could include “PG” after my name. My state, Nevada, has no geologist registration program, but has a professional geologist definition in its regulations, so I maintain my membership, which meets the Nevada definition.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. There are no local events or meetings.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once. It was held in the city I lived in, Reno.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I really don’t have any involvement with AIPG.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I really don’t have any involvement with AIPG.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Only through 2018, when I retire.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To enhance my professional development for work.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I am in Nevada and I regularly participate in the annual December ‘Mineral Exploration Outlook’ meeting. Note: the Nevada section is not as active as some, in part because we have the local Geologic Society of Nevada, (a non-profit supporting earth science education K-12 and supporting Nevada University undergraduates and graduates). Probably the majority of the Nevada AIPG members are members and active in GSN which holds monthly meetings, field trips and a Symposium every 5 years, in conjunction with the universities and USGS.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, not that relevant to my end of the business.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG certification process, which is very useful especially working abroad or in states with no geology registration, such as Nevada.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not active enough to have an opinion.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Again not active enough to have an opinion. That said though, anything that helps support geology, hydrology, geo-engineering students, graduated students and ‘newly to the work place geologists’. Is good, especially with info on rk to figure out how to survive in this crazy business.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

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#302

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the internationally recognized CP certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Sadly, no, only locally, I have been working 6 days a week and have had only 5 days of vacation in the previous 6 years.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, I have not taken the time, the meetings are not usually exploration focused and others are.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That it maintains a good international image and can take disciplinary action or probation against questionable or unethical practices.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I read the publications and appreciate the discussions.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I think we should be leaders supporting quality geologic work as a top priority and be more involved in discussing technical standards. Should we establish some general guidelines or an outline of what constitutes quality work, with a check list of fatal flaws in various fields of geology? Should we network with other groups?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, at least until I retire.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Be a little more proactive to support industry leaders and help regulators. Industry standard practice is usually minimal and often inadequate. I often hear statements like: yes, but “it satisfies 43-101 requirements”. It would be good to hear these discussions without creating legal or political liability or hurt feelings. I think this is a good organization and certainly has some of the most talented geos in the world. There is old school and new school but we are all continually adapting to future school.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I don’t see any significant membership issues. I think the question should be how the membership can become more valuable with minimal effort.

#303

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To get P.G. status.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I just joined and am not sure what events, if any, I would wish to participate.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, just joined.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Honestly, at this time I've become a consulting geologist and it appears that P.G. credentials might possibly be in my favor. So AIPG's seeming importance is strongly related to that.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Ask me next year...
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#304

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It provided credentials that were more relevant than specific state registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Only Nevada section events. The national meetings do not hold much interest to me as an Economic Geologist.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, see above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The national certification.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as a Qualified Person it is widely accepted certification.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I enjoyed the printed newsletter but do not receive emails that updates are available and I forget to check the website.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More direct communication to remind me of what is new and to check the website.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because it was recognized as a prestigious geological association that provides a valuable credential. (This was years before there was a QP requirement).

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I’ve only attended local meetings — mostly the annual exploration roundup held in December.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Lack of time and not directly relevant to what I do which is mainly dealing with regulatory and legislative issues affecting the mining industry, environmental permitting, and land issues. I might be more inclined to attend if the meeting included sessions with a policy (rather than a technical) focus.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It’s a recognized and respected credential — especially in light of the relatively new QP requirement.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing I can think of.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing I can think of.

#306

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? National license.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, the only events I would consider are Ohio and they really are not relevant and rarely happen outside of the Columbus area (I reside near Cleveland).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, does not seem relevant to my business.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I don’t actually think AIPG is very relevant, I just maintain my license.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes in terms of having a license, but no in terms of any other purpose.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Does is really represent my professional interests.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, to maintain license.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Support the consulting industry more directly.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#307

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To further enhance my professional credibility to clients.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Most are at least 2 hours away from where I live. My work and family schedule both stay very busy (including elder care of my dad), such that I truly don’t have the time to participate except on rare occasions.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Primarily cost and not seeing direct applicability of the topics to my field of practice.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Professional organizational recognition matters to clients.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Relevant training appears to rarely be available through AIPG for my area of expertise (environmental).
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Relevant training appears to rarely be available through AIPG for my area of expertise (environmental).
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For professional status.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Relatively few in my part of the state (Cincinnati).
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Convenience and time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Standard for professional conduct.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It needs the support of busy people.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? NA
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time. Thanks.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted to achieve the highest possible level of certification for Ohio as a geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not- not because of not wanting to, but just got married within the last year, and things have just been crazy.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not, yet.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Just that you gain professional recognition, support, and ethical practices in the field of geology.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Absolutely.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? For now, nothing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time; but I appreciate you reaching out!
Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? In order to become part of an organization to meet new peers, learn more about the professional outside of consulting, and to add a CPG to my title.

Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I have been a member of the Ohio Section Executive Committee for several years and have attended approximately 80% of the Section events in the time frame.

Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not National. Cost issue as I have children.

What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It’s an outlet and proponent for the profession, and for professional development.

Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I have learned and experienced a lot since I joined.

What concerns do you have about AIPG? Honestly, lack of participation. It seems that many professionals only join to get the CPG. We’ve focused on increased events for members and membership drives but have not seen an increase in event attendance.

Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Assistance to get Geologists defined in the State of Ohio.

Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I’m hearing a lot of angst about the recent bylaw revisions requiring CPG’s to have not only geology experience, but professional management experience. A colleague of mine with 9+ years of direct experience as a field geologist and project geologist did not get his CPG because he could not represent management experience. I understand the change, but it was not relayed well to membership and may be viewed as a hindrance in getting CPG status.

Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? High ranking officials at the time came to my college and asked me if I wanted to join. They also talked about the organization and why it would be a good idea to join.

Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I would if I could. Most of them are far away, and I have a hard time traveling because of school, and I lack a car.

Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not been to a meeting, transportation issues.

What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Standing up for geologists and promoting geology to those that wish to expand their knowledge and experience. Like I wish I could go to those field camps and conventions, but I lack transportation usually.

Does AIPG provide you good value? I would say it does.

What concerns do you have about AIPG? Honestly none as of now.

Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, for I like the work that you all do, and how you help geologists.

What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More events on the eastern part of the US.

Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I wish my college would start a student chapter, but finding an academic advisor and
gathering the student members is hard for scheduling is always an hard to plan with so many people.

#312

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Networking and communications within geoscience community.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I presented.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Student education.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG needs to have a stronger voice in state and federal government.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Stronger state and regional interaction.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#313

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Wanted a Professional Geologist Certification, but New Mexico did not offer a license. Have since moved to Ohio, and same thing applies here. There is no P.G. license for Ohio.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Have not yet, but will be attending the annual meeting this year.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? See #2.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG offers a CPG, which I am in the process of applying for. Also, they offered a free resume review through an outside agency, which was very helpful during my job search.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? If I can get my CPG application wrapped up, it will definitely be worth it. Looking forward to networking in Santa Fe also.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It's been tough to get some follow up from previous employers for my CPG. I wish I didn't have to go tracking down supervisors from the beginning of my career for experience verification.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Networking events within Ohio would be cool, even if just social events. If there are ongoing Ohio events and networking sessions, I've missed the boat.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#314

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Increase standing as a professional geologist in a state without registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Have done so in the past at the Ohio Section meetings. Usually too busy these days to attend as often as I would like.
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3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Cost and time. I usually attend conferences as an exhibitor and usually don’t have time to attend the AIPG Annual meetings.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking with other colleagues in the state.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Dwindling membership/aging population/relevance. Most Geology Departments are turning into Earth Science Departments. As such, many of the key courses we currently require for membership may no longer be offered. In addition, the student may not understand this as a point of concern while taking classes. We will then screen them out when they get the requisite years of experience.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I am a lifer at this point.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Try to become more inclusive. If we don’t, we will perish as an organization. Offer additional benefits in the form of training. Encourage more to write articles for TPG.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#315

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Interest in certification, business networking.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Active in Utica shale events; important to my business and keeping in touch with shale energy active members.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Ohio section meetings only.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification and professional best practices.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Professional Geologist certification is not equivalent to ASBOG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Greater visibility, develop stronger certification standards to compete with ASBOG and Professional Engineers.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#316

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I wanted a certification related to my background in geology.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. The section meetings are always in Columbus and I am in Cleveland. Difficult to make them due to distance.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Too costly to travel to faraway places. Plus, I don’t see how they will pay back in my job as a consultant.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? My CPG certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I am not sure.

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6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Why never any chapter meetings in Cleveland?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I think so.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No additional suggestions.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#317

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member of AIPG for the professional recognition and CPG. I wanted to be on a par with PE’s.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I regularly participate. I have been a section officer for years. I get far more out of setting up meetings, conferences and short courses than I give. I enjoy working with other geologists.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I have been to several National meetings. The meetings are great fun. I get to explore different parts of the country.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The most important relevant aspect of being an AIPG member is the professional recognition and CPG credential. Also, it helps me to see the profession through the eyes of others. It gets me out of myself into a broader world. It is a great way to network.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, AIPG provides a great value for the time and effort expended. I wish more geologists would see AIPG for the value it represents.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My greatest concern is the lack of coordination between national and the state sections. Each section works independently of the other sections. In other words, the “right hand does not know the left hand is doing”.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I would like to see more participation by the AIPG director and National president in the state section activity. It helps when the state section are well supported. United we stand divided we fall. In other word there needs to be more unity within AIPG.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see the director and national leadership work more with the state sections on a regular continuous basis.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The best part about AIPG is that it is a smaller more grassroots organization with local representation. Other organizations (i.e. AAPG and NGWA only provide representation on a national or regional level. AIPG’s strength is that it has local representation. I personally think that we would be stronger organization if we could have more communication between sections and national. The unity would help to coordinate and expand the membership across the country. I think many people see AIPG as fragmented and weak with local pockets of strength. I know I do.

#318

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To obtain a CPG. The State of Ohio does not have a PG license.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Based on my busy schedule I don’t have time to participate in events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not since college when more time was available.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The ability to attain a CPG with a very thorough review process. Being able to stay current on recent findings in the field of Geology through reading eNews articles and section articles.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think AIPG is doing a great job. Continue to stay current and provide trends in Geology and new research results.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I don’t have any issues. I am proud to be a member of AIPG. Keep up the great work!

#319

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To network and have another membership bullet on my resume.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, I try to attend the quarterly dinners. I cannot always attend events due to family priorities.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, I attended the meeting in AZ & AK. I was presenting at both. It’s a good way to showcase what we are doing in the academic world in association with Earth Science.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For my students, I encourage them to network and mentor-pair with professionals. This is one of the best avenues to see what the person does in their day-to-day job. Having an open line of communication between members is a great resource.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I do feel the membership dues and annual convention fees are high. Especially for someone just starting their career.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Student members will drop off once they have a job, they may not see the value of renewing their membership.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I believe so...if my faculty account pays for it.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? In the meetings I have attended the same people seem to participate. I'm not sure how to encourage others to attend; however, we need to see more young professionals. A move away from straight geologist to more earth & environmental professionals. We need to advertise this is not an organizations just for the "old traditional geologist". I realize we don't want to lose sight of the importance of geology; however, I see where the name "AIPGeologists" throws people off.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I have really enjoyed the members I have met and worked with over the last few years. There are some great folks from different areas of Ohio I would not have met had it not been for AIPG.

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2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I’ve done a few section meetings but not in the past few years. Typically they meet in Columbus, which is a long drive so it was a full-day commitment. I haven’t received notice of an event in several years. I have been on the National Screening Committee. This has been my main involvement with AIPG National.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. They require travel and I cannot justify the time away or the travel budget when I have other continuing ed. needs for my job. Relevance to my job is minimal. Perhaps when I retire!

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? In order of importance: Establishing ethical boundaries and taking disciplinary measures when necessary to protect the institution and its ethical standards. Setting a standard for our profession. Ensuring professional geologists have a collective voice.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Like everything else, you get out of it what you put into it so not considering it a good value is partially my fault.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Staying on mission. Establishing standards for our profession and adhering to those standards. Continuing to have a voice in state registration matters.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably for as long as I remain employed full time. I will re-evaluate when I retire.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? From my perspective, I think we can modernize our processes. Right now we mail applications for review around and I think this could probably be done online to save time and money.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#321

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? As a working geologist, I sought professional certification. Ohio has no P.G. certification, and I had several colleagues who had their CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Most of the Ohio Chapter meetings are in Columbus. I work in the Akron Area and do not attend the events regularly, but do attend on occasion.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Unfortunately, no. I have not been able to justify the relevance of these meetings to my management in my current role. I am a manager for an electric utility in an Engineering Department.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG offers a professional forum for industry and academic geoscience professionals. I do find great value in my monthly Journal and on-line updates.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I’d like to see some emphasis on more universal issues facing professionals. Personnel management and communications tools, for instance. I would also like to see Journal articles and editorials; or meeting agenda cover more regulatory issues and topics. I also think a requirement for continuing education credits annually is worth consideration.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time, but thank you for the outreach. I will contact you with future considerations, and please feel free to do the same.

#322

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the professional accreditation.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. The time and locations are not convenient.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended the Annual Ohio meeting in Worthington last year. I thought it would be a good networking opportunity.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The professional accreditation is most relevant to me. Ohio does not have a licensing requirement for Geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More events in Western Ohio, preferably during the day such as for lunch.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? None at this time.

#323

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined because AIPG is an organization with ties to the oil industry and primarily because there are several states that continue to adhere to AIPG for geologist certification rather than the more standardized ASBOG administered exam. This is, by the way, a frustration for me that I cannot apply for reciprocity to verify competency from my ASBOG certification in the states that use the AIPG certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. When I have to choose and be selective, I travel to AAPG. Also, having just graduated there was a greater AAPG presence than AIPG, which was rarely discussed.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. See above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The need for geology certification in select states.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I'm not sure. Obviously with dues waived as a student there is no reason not to maintain my membership. I will need to re-evaluate that this year as a new graduate.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have not been involved enough to answer this question. However, it does bother me that you can obtain a professional geologist certification with an organization just by proving graduation and years of experience. That does not necessary indicate a level of competency.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably since I am living in a state that uses the AIPG geologist certification.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Same as above - I have not been involved at a level to provide valuable feedback to this question.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

**#324**

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined AIPG for professional development.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not. I live 120 miles away from Columbus and the meetings are in the evening, which means a long dark return home or an overnight somewhere...expensive.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Career development and knowledge exchange are most important to me.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, nationally.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The lack of diversity i.e. across the spectrum participation, environmental, mining, petroleum, public and educational participation.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I know that you have tried to be all inclusive and I appreciate your efforts, but there are other issues facing me that you cannot influence. Time my correct this.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No.

**#325**

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Needed it in lieu of state registration / certification for work on Government facilities.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – not in the environmental business any more.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once in St Louis. No relevant talks/no need for networking in this convention setting.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Nothing professionally any more really.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No – I keep it as a fail-safe.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It isn’t relative to all geo. professions – somewhat duplicative and heavily environmental focus.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I really have considered dropping it because I my age I really do not want to return to the environmental biz but I may have to.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I have said for many years that AIPG should merge with another society/organization – I always thought AAPG would be a good fit – they really struggle with their environmental relevancy.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? This is off the wall – I do not read the material sent out by email (stopped getting the mag because it wasn’t relevant really) because a lot of it seems “stridently” politically leaning left (and that’s just from reading the headlines of late). But I do not read a lot of published materials from other organizations I belong to either.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I joined in 1974 it was the leading certifying agency.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not regularly participate in AIPG events because to my knowledge there are none being held in the state of Oklahoma.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Several years ago I attended an annual meeting in Glenwood Springs Colorado. I was an officer of my section which was active at that time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It provides a forum for the environmental geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The organization seems to have abandoned the profession of petroleum geology. I believe it was the petroleum geologists who founded the institute back in the 60s.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes in a retired status even though I join in a drilling prospect from time to time.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More emphasis on becoming a CPG rather than remaining just as a member.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? My perception is that here in Oklahoma geologists seeking certification will apply to the DPA of AAPG or SIPES both of which I belong to also. I currently serve as the treasurer of the Oklahoma City Geological Society and I am the immediate past chair of the Oklahoma City Chapter of SIPES. I think I have a pretty good handle on the local geological community.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To network with geologists that had significant experience.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, but we have become an age challenged section, and we only meet a couple of times each year.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Albany and Louisville.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? To keep in touch with the local geologist community.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Right now the value is in the certification.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It is one of many fine organizations that represent the geologist community.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More lobbying on geologist related issues at the national level in Washington DC. (i.e. global climate change).
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing comes to mind.
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? My undergraduate Professor was very big on professionalism, he encouraged us to join professional groups to get their publications and keep up with the profession. AIPG was promoted as the way to set yourself apart professionally, a full member status, was said to equivalent to a Professional Engineers Certificate if I was going into the Engineering profession. California was the only state that had Licensing at the time. Some states had Certification but it was not highly promoted or accepted at the time.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have been much more active in the past when meetings were regularly held and attended. There has been little to no interest in the Oklahoma Geological profession over the last 10-15 years as there are very few Non-Petroleum Geologists in Oklahoma and the many that are doing something other than oil would be doing oil if they could. None of the companies pay for organization dues or licensing fees which has had a big impact. Only the old salts keep paying their dues but they don't come to meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to a couple of annual meetings in the last 10 years. I was an officer of the Section and they helped subsidize the one trip. I went to another one just as a member, but before the last few years I was not financially able to pay for the trip costs, as Environmental/Engineering Geologic projects in Oklahoma are seen only as cost mandated by people from outside the state and as such don't get big budgets...

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is relevant to provide a distinction of expertise. As more states require licensing how does a younger professional separate themselves from the herd of test takers. I have known many individuals that do well on tests and become card carrying Licensed Geologists and Engineers. Some of the carded "Professionals" cannot elevate themselves above the minimal knowledge required to be licensed. AIPG certification provides a superior measure for those that have more than the minimum expertise. This should be promoted more by AIPG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, just the news of the overall profession is worth the membership dues, but then I like to aware of a broad spectrum of the Earth Sciences.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I think that AIPG needs to understand that many the people in the Geologic profession are not visionaries, they want to know more about the specific areas they work in, but seem to care less about other areas of study. AIPG membership and Certification is a hard sell when the individual does not see that it is needed to do their job. I may be a little jaundiced by my 25+ years in Oklahoma, there may be those that take a broader view, but when the "Environmental Crowd" in our profession seems to believe that the "Oilies" are destroying the planet and are not valuable members of the profession it is tough to promote AIPG in Oklahoma.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I will remain an AIPG, especially now that I am "Non-practicing" member. The lower dues make it easier to justify the dues to my wife.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Promote the Certification as something above the state Licenses. I think there is an old holdover attitude in the Profession that AIPG Certification is "equivalent" to the exams. It is not. I had to work a lot harder to get my CPG than I would have had to study for the exam had I taken it right out of school. Saying that AIPG
Certification is equivalent to a State License lowers its perceived value. It needs to have a higher perceived value, think of it as the Eagle or Gold Awards in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, something that is the pinnacle of the profession, and promote it strongly as a pinnacle achievement that only the best earn.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? 1) I think the last Presidential election is a good example of the power of promotion. It is yet to be seen if President Trump will achieve any lasting success, outside of his mind, but his strong promotional style was a big piece of putting him at the pinnacle of US Politics. AIPG has a better product and more to offer than Pres. Trump but it needs to be promoted more. 2) AIPG is not necessarily in the "earth science knowledge development" business that is done these days by organizations more focused on smaller segments of the profession. AIPG can help unify the Profession and keep it from splintering into factions that only promote their porthole view. Get more Board members from the Petroleum Industry, the Mineral Production Industry and the Coal Industry. Seek to broaden the input into the profession and not exclude any one segment. Wasn't AIPG started in Oklahoma or at least there were many Oily Oklahoman's that were very instrumental in the founding of AIPG, now we can hardly get 10 people to show up once every couple of years to a Section Meeting, pretty sad really.

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1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally joined because my company was bidding on a job in Alaska and I needed to become licensed in Alaska - at the time that required I become an AIPG member.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No because there is not a chapter close to where I live.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? When I lived in Virginia I was able to go on some of the meetings and field trips arranged by AIPG (to help me get familiar with the geology of the area).
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I really enjoyed the field trips - but none are close to me now.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The cost keeping up my membership. Also do not know how the science will be heard in the next administration.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes because the challenges to get in as a member of AIPG was so great. But once my finances limit me from paying I will have to leave.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Need more chapters.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? My career has changed to a lower paying smaller company that I do not need membership as much for work. I would like to keep the membership to help keep up on the knowledge of today when I am limited to my access of what is new and improved.

#330

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Encouraged by a National Hydro-geologist who was a friend.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Health and don't know the current folks.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Was too busy when working. Have been tempted, but never pulled the trigger. A lot of the places we had been before.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Membership networking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Losing membership.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I enjoy some of the articles and the professional status it evokes.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Support papers for problem areas in our realm........like a stand on Climate Change....now more than ever.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Unified State Geo testing, Climate Change and real world practical articles on how our profession has helped understand and solve a multitude of today's issues.

#331

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At the time I registered, it was a means of attaining a nationally recognized certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. They are not of value to me.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not valuable to me.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think continued recognition at the National level is important.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will remain in AIPG.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#332

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Becoming a member of AIPG seemed like the best option for me (as opposed to multiple state licensures) as a government employee, as I work in multiple states. I have worked as a hydrogeologist, geophysicist, engineering geologist and surface water hydrologist in several states. I did not learn of AIPG until this year, and it seemed to serve a greater purpose for me due to the nature and locations of my present work. I also believe AIPG will serve me well in the consulting field after my federal career has ended, particularly if I pursue geophysical exploration employment in the oil fields of Alaska.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not at this point, primarily due to increased workloads, and not being able to justify the government to send me to such events. I am a relatively new member. I hope that will change in the future, as I retire, and pursue other employment interests.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Much of the same reason provided in (2) above, as well as my being new to the organization. If and when my current application for CPG is approved, I hope to become more involved.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Its national certification, state certification for the state of Alaska, and reciprocity with certain international locations.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Thus far, yes, but the real benefit will be the benefit of having professional certification, something that has not been required, and only until recently recommended, for Fed Government geoscience work. As part of my collateral duties, when I am not modeling groundwater and surface water basins, I write and manage work plans and contracts/grants for the state of Oregon Water Resources Division, USGS and other local governments and entities to perform hydrologic and hydrogeologic work. Becoming a certified member of AIPG will provide a certain professional respect with my associates.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have no real concerns at this point.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, if I am awarded a CPG, I plan to be a lifetime member. If not, I will likely not renew in 2018 as my only real objective in joining was for obtaining some form of certification.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? With limited experience as a member of AIPG, I have no comment other than the CPG licensure process. It has been nearly 9 months and I still have not heard anything regarding my application.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No.
AIPG could be, or be stronger in, is the business end of geology. AIPG should fight hard to carve out and hold fields of practice for geologists, and keep those pesky engineers from usurping our fields of practice.

#334

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? CPG registration for Alaska.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. None in my area and most local association time is spend with AEG.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Limited professional benefit to visit with potential clients.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? CPG membership.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Its annual cost is similar to state registration, so it’s comparable.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, to maintain AK registration.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? N/A with my level of involvement.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#335

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Alaska registration.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. There are no local meetings, and I don't have time to travel to national meetings.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? See above.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Information through email or journals.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? National presence. AIPG is not well known in the Pacific NW.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More interaction and defense of licensure. The CPG is ok, but it doesn’t have regulatory recognition.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#336

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To add an extra level of credibility when I opened my own consulting practice.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not really. I live near the center of Oregon. Most of the chapter events are in Portland, a 3+ hour drive that usually requires overnight expenses.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Maybe once, in Portland. Mostly don’t attend because of the travel expense.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I like the fact that it is a nationwide organization that represents all geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. Please keep printing the paper version publication, I really enjoy reading it.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at the moment.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing, really, but am hoping continuing education does not become a requirement to keep the CPG.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Here’s something, sort of related. I’m a sole proprietor. My husband, another RG/CPG, is a sole proprietor – different firm. We are both past 60, and are having tremendous difficulties with purchasing reasonably priced health insurance in our location. I had hoped that the insurance associated with AIPG would be an affordable option for us this coming year, but could not find health insurance coverage on that website for our location. (as a test, to make sure the website was working, put in a Portland, OR zip code, and found affordable coverage, and put in a Connecticut zip code where my family is and found affordable coverage). We have opted for Bronze level coverage for 2017 (which means not much coverage at all, really), that is costing us more than $1,500 per month – which is more than our monthly mortgage payment. As you might imagine, this is a huge problem! Not sure what, if anything, AIPG can do about this, but I’m willing to bet we are not the only members in rural areas of the country that are having trouble finding affordable coverage! Might be worth bringing to the attention of AIPG’s insurance carriers?

#337

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally, geologic interest and then became CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, attend a lot of events, mostly industry (mining) specific.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Advances geologic studies, provides an opportunity for networking, certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As with all of geology in the U.S., my concern is that the focus is narrowing to environmental geology, particularly at our universities. Economic geology and basic geologic studies are not emphasized or taught.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More balanced, include economic geology.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#338

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was good friends with the president of AIPG and he invited me; I was president of AEG at the time and we had a combined meeting.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I go to annual meetings about every 2-3 years and enjoy them.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Been to two annual meetings.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Most important - unites applied geologists and is a place where applied geologists can get together and talk.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Good value - love the magazine.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns - AIPG is doing a good job.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I plan to remain a member for the next 5 years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Changed - nothing in particular.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? You are doing a good job!

#339

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I was a young hydrogeologist it was a great way to increase my qualifications.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No I don’t. Most events and meetings are either too far from me or I don’t have the time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, see above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The most relevant/important thing AIPG does is keep all of us Geologists together and aware of what is happening in our field.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None, as long as in addition to the hard geological practices you report on, the group also acknowledges the Environmental discipline as well.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing at this time.

#340

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Interested in certification as many states including my home state did not have licensing at the time.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not participate primarily due to schedule and distance to travel to events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not been to an annual meeting primarily due to budgeting funds for other trade show venues.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me it is being aware of licensing changes in other states and reading articles in the journal.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not sure about the value proposition for me.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have no concerns at the present time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It would be good to see AIPG take a more active role in education. Perhaps training webinars that fulfill CEU requirements for licensing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing at this time.

#341

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was recommended through my university, and was necessary for the submission of a scholarship opportunity. Also, I may go into the oil and gas industry.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I am more actively involved in PGS, AEG, and GSA, just because of what is more encouraged through my university and what my professor’s role is in each academic affiliation.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Cost and time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?
5. Does AIPG provide you good value?
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I may, it depends on what industry I go to work in or if I decide to continue pursuing my education (in graduate or maybe even doctoral work) and if my research is petroleum relevant.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No. I’m honestly not incredibly aware or up to date on the happenings of AIPG, hence the blank responses on my questionnaire. I will probably look more into AIPG because of my application for the scholarship and this questionnaire though.

#342

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? First professional group for which, at the time, I had credentials to apply. CPG credential then supported my applications for various state PG licenses.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Not – extremely busy.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provides venues for publication and professional networking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think it could if I had time to utilize it fully.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It will lose credibility if it is portrayed or becomes perceived as an entity thinking it holds the same professional weight as a state PG license. Several decades ago that might have been the case – not now.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It should be developed as an organization geared toward not only enhancing our profession as earth scientists, but supporting state-licensed PGs’ battle for recognition as industry professionals (e.g. viewed in same light as PEs).
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing I can think of...
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I have been a member for a long time – I am guessing since the late 1980s when there were few states that had licensed professional geologist requirements. In 1988 I was working in California and preparing to take the RG and also the EIT preparing for the PE as I was doing geotechnical work. I moved to Pennsylvania in the summer of 1989; PA did not have a RG or PG registration, so I maintained my membership in AIPG. Even though I eventually attained a PG in several states, I have maintained my membership in AIPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I have not participated. At this stage of my career, I should, particularly as a benefit to maintain the CEU requirements.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes – I attended one annual meeting I believe in the early 1980s while an undergraduate in Denver.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Important – I guess I enjoy reading the articles in the magazine as they are geology related. I am a consultant in the environmental field and do not have that much opportunity to practice actual geology as at this point I am reviewing reports and field notes more than actual practicing of geology.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Certainly the annual fee is reasonable – particularly when compared to ASCE or some other organizations.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Is there a true value in the CPG? Do states accept or recognize this or even industry acceptance. My example is a Certified Industrial Hygienist has industry acceptance and a standard of practice.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Likely

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Regional organization that reaches out to PGs by state. I am a member and former board member of the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) that has regional chapters that are very active. This organization is very active in the industry with members from State DOTs, Federal Highway Administration, and consultants. There are monthly dinner meetings with technical talks (several years ago, I stated a Technical Session feature that starts 2 hours before a general meeting that presents topics (2x per year) in much greater detail and enables our members to obtain CEU (PE, PG, and LS). This has been very effective in raising our membership (members attend these for free, charge to non-members) and the speakers are typically members in our organization or neighboring sections.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I appreciate you reaching out and I do not recall this happening in the past. It shows that there are interested members within the governing board that have interest in maintaining this organization and recognize that change is necessary. Perhaps consider starting student chapters at colleges/universities that offer a geology degree? Perhaps initiating smaller regional chapters that can facilitates members meeting with regularity - say Sept-May. Maybe even quarterly.

#344

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It seemed to be a logical step in my professional development as a geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to participate in AIPG events when the travel distance and the cost to participate are reasonable.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not attended an annual AIPG meeting, but I have attended a PA Section Meeting of the AIPG. Again, the cost, event timing, and meeting location typically control where and when I can attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Keeping up-to-date on relevant regulatory developments is important and understanding the changing state-specific professional geologist registration requirements is another relevant item from AIPG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, although the costs to maintain membership have been increasing.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I am concerned about the AIPG being able to maintain viable levels of membership. Now that the AIPG has extended different levels of membership to participants it has helped to sustain members. However, there may be a time in the not too distant future where paid memberships drop to unsustainable levels to support the AIPG organization. At that time, the AIPG may be unable to continue to support annual meetings, provide technical and educational information/opportunities to the membership, or continue to support their national agenda with regulators and lawmakers.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? My membership will likely continue for another few years. I will be starting a new job in the next six months and may decide to discontinue my AIPG membership based on the new scope and responsibilities of that job, or maybe later based on my professional retirement (I am 58 and looking forward to retirement one day soon).

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? For me, I would like to see more regional and local (low-cost) events for the AIPG membership in western Pennsylvania. One easy method could involve co-sponsoring meeting, technical events, or functions with other organizations the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG), the Pittsburgh Geological Society (PGS), the ASCE Geo-Institute Pittsburgh Chapter, or other relevant technical geological organizations.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I think I have already shared my opinions on relevant issues and membership concerns.

#345

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I thought the organization focused on real, practical issues.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I very much enjoy attending the annual meetings. I have been to 4 or 5. I find them to be very informative. I learn a lot.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Annual Meetings

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The Pennsylvania section does not seem very active. I have never seen anything advertised.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Pennsylvania Section becoming more active.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#346

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? New Jersey is one of those states where the P. Eng machine continues to block certification for PG. AIPG offered professional distinction.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I travel frequently and it has been difficult to find time to travel to AIPG events (time and travel commitments).
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, for the last several years the meetings have not been at locations I can justify the time and costs to travel.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is a forum for a diverse geology profession to interact as geologists and allows me professional distinction.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? For me, yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG may compete with state certifications and their annual CEU requirements, annual fees (especially if the employer only reimburses just one). I have spoken to younger geological staff at many of the engineering consultancies I retain and there is either limited awareness of AIPG or the awareness is “I have a state PG so why is it relevant to me?” I note that in states without a PG the P. Eng are effective at marginalizing what we do and membership in AIPG suffers from a perceived lack of relevancy to potential members. I also note many of us in the oil and gas industry (I used to be) associate more readily with AAPG rather than AIPG. I think AAPG tried to start an environmental arm a few years back (to try and bring other geologists other than pure petroleum types), and I’m not sure it went anywhere. Maybe our two organizations should merge (half joking)?
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Lower dues.

#347

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? It used to not relate to my current line of work.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? If you’re practicing geology you should be a member.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Too expensive for the benefits.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Too expensive for the benefits.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No, Too expensive for the benefits.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Lower dues.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#348

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I am married to someone who now resides in Australia with me and I intend on relocating back to PA at some point when I am finished my Doctorate and being a member for this amount of time keeps me in the loop of what’s happening Stateside and familiarity with names and opportunity to network. I feel like I have ties to PA so I will feel comfortable relocating and hopefully be able to get involved and learn a lot about how to become a professional Geologist in America. As long as the current President Trump doesn’t continue to change immigration laws to the point that they end up affecting me!!

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I’m in Australia so it is a tad difficult.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended the 50th Annual Meeting in Denver CO in 2013. The university that I attend in South Australia funded the trip. I won an award for my student poster and I had a really good time learning about some of the local Geology around Golden and Morrison CO.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Relevant to me are all the emails with up to date information about geology in the USA. That provides me with knowledge so when I do relocate it won’t be so overwhelming to learn or catch up.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Can’t really comment on this but I do enjoy receiving emails regularly.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Unsure.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Unsure.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I don’t usually get PA AIPG chapter specific emails which I would like. I get updated PA geology maps and some emails from the PA’s Geological Department and I get the occasional email from other private companies.

#349

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I am already a registered geologist in PA, I thought it would be a good idea to join a national professional organization.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not participated in AIPG events or the annual meeting because I am so heavily involved in work at my University, work as a consulting hydrogeologist, and, simply put, being now 71 years old, have gotten a little tired.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not?

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG?

5. Does AIPG provide you good value?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? As a professional member I had hoped to meet other professional members and
eventually seek your certification but find myself in a bit of a catch 22 situation. One of your certification requirements is that I have letters of recommendation from certified members but I don't know any certified members, certainly not in NE Pennsylvania. I certainly do associate with other regional geologists, many of them registered geologists in PA, but none with your certification. Within the next five years I will retire and will then have the time and energy to attend some of your events and may then be able to pursue certification. I have lived and worked for more than six years in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Venezuela in groundwater supply and may undertake some more, pro bono, work in Latin America which would make a very late certification still relevant.

#350

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To become more involved with colleagues and stay in touch with classic geology.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I participate in some events. Distance and cost are prohibiting factors for participating in some events.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. To present a talk shale gas water sampling.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Keeping current on initiatives and research in our industry.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? N/A
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing comes to mind.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? N/A

#351

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined the AIPG back when I was working for Consolidation Coal Company (1980-1989) as their regional geologist. The AIPG credentials were a great asset when dealing with the DER (DEP), Office of Surface Mining and other environmental regulators on pollution issues, environmental regulations, etc.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Unfortunately, I do not participate in the AIPG issues at this time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have never been to an annual meeting. When I was working as a geologist, I was also a pilot in the Air Force Reserve flying several nights/week and weekends. Between these two jobs, I was working 12-15 hour/days and three weeks straight. I had little to no time available.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I would like to see the AIPG hold conferences closer to PA to allow us to drive to their events. Also, I consider the entrance fee way too high. I had asked several times why such a high entrance fee. The answer I received was rather vague.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No, not really (see # 4 above). I do enjoy the AIPG newsletter.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Same as #4 above.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I would like to remain as a member. I now am a professor at our local Community College.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Please try and lower the AIPG entrance fee to their meetings/seminars. Way too high.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Keep us here in PA members updated on local events/outing, tours. If you are able, it would be a welcome opportunity to tour an actual (gas well) “fracking” site.

#352

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. I belong to a number of geological organizations and have limited time. I have never looked at AIPG as anything other than a certifying body-kind of like my State certifications.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same answer as above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? It seems expensive for what I get but like the State certifications, I pay whatever is necessary. I have never had a reason to use my certification but maintain it just in case.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? No, I plan to retire in a few years and won’t maintain my membership once that happens.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing in particular.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No. Good luck, I think you are going to need it.

#353

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? AIPG was the only “certifying” entity in PA.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Busy with the EEGS, ASCE and AEG.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Limited funds...

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I have been asking myself about that since PA passed the PG licensing law...

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Fair value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? In PA, the AIPG failed to evolve. PCPG seems to have taken over the AIPG advocacy role.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably retiring in that window...

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? AIPG needs to build bridges with the Pittsburg Geological Society, Harrisburg area Geologic Society and PCPG. Need to re-establish a relevancy.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
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#354

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? *Needed certification for consulting practice.*
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? *No. Not enough time & too much distance (most AIPG presence in PA is in eastern part of the state).*
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? *No. Same as above.*
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? *Perspectives on ethics issues, particularly for consulting.*
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? *Has in the past, currently neutral.*
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? *Long-term viability in the face of increasing state registration requirements for geologists.*
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? *Maybe. With likely transition to less-active status, I may be trimming costs.*
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? *Offer continuing education to members via internet & without high cost.*
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? *Focus on distinguishing AIPG from state registration/certification.*

#355

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? *Helpful (While Active) in Resume used in RFP’s for new projects & obtaining license in other states.*
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? *No. Location not Convenient, Trips not of interest, too expensive.*
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? *Keeping up on Current events.*
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? *Good value for retired CPG.*
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? *None.*
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? *Yes*
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? *Nothing.*
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? *No*

#356

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? *I became an AIPG member back in 1990 when there were no State LPG’s or other credible entities for Geologists. AIPG was the one for Geologist because of its long established history that catered to the Geologist.*
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? *I have been a NSC member since 2000 and have chimed in from time to time regarding Bylaws etc. in participation with others. Unfortunately, because of limited travel & training fund availability I never got the opportunity to attend Annual events. However, I have routinely and regularly participated in training and other continuing education course.*
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? *Refer my response in (2) above.*
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? *It's national & international recognition and presence.*
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? With the increasing annual membership on the rise and many companies and organizations are shying from either reimbursing or encouraging employees, individuals and professionals to become a member it will be an uphill battle for AIPG to continue to hold and retain members year after year.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I retired in 2016 and continue to be an AIPG member at a lower retired membership cost.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Refer to my answers, suggestion to encourage and retain members by either lowering the annual membership or change it into a tier system such as: 1-5 yrs regular annual membership fee (continual membership required); 5-10 yrs 10% discount annual membership fees (continual membership req); 10-15 yrs 20% discount annual membership fees (continual membership req); 15-20 yrs 30% discount annual membership fees (continual membership req); 20-25 yrs 40% discount annual membership fees (continual membership req); 25-30 yrs 50% discount annual membership fees (continual membership req); 30+ yrs free honorary membership.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I hope I have provided sufficient response and input to enable AIPG take this into consideration and table it for discussion with others at AIPG.

#357
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because a lawyer for whom I did some consulting thought it would enhance my vita.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I try to.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That we have SD people getting together.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I like the TPG.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That only about 5% of geologists belong.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If I live 5 years.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like any degree in geology that is given in the US require membership AIPG.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I’m on the ethics committee.

#358
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? USGS colleagues encouraged me to join; certification.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not regularly participated. Had to take time off from work. Now I am retired. I have the time but not the money.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Had to take time off from work and employer would not cover the costs.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Association with other geology professionals and certification.
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5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None. I need to become active in the South Dakota Section.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Can't think of any right now.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time.

#359

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Originally I was asked to apply by my supervisor - I quickly grew to appreciate all it offers.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Generally I participate in our state meetings and events/fieldtrips.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended an annual meeting when it was hosted in my state. In the past I have not attended other national meetings, because of time, money and family obligations. (It is not an expense covered by my employment.)
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification. An emphasis on ethics. Local (state-level) interaction opportunities. I do very much appreciate all the news outreach/information.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Currently none that pop to mind.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It seems that things are fine. I do wonder how to increase membership to include more people in industry and academics in my state.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I truly appreciate all the efforts of the people who are in a position to volunteer with this organization – my thanks to them.

#360

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To strengthen my professional accreditation by becoming a Certified Professional Geologist.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do since I have been a national officer. I also think it is good to support the profession by participating in AIPG events, and the field trips (both local and national) are enjoyable and educational.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, several of them. Good technical sessions. Excellent field trips. Fun to see friends and colleagues.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The fact that it is the main national organization that supports the profession of geology.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, I think so.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The fact that our membership is aging; the fact that the CPG is not typically required or recognized by most governmental entities.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would like to see AIPG sponsor a national
geologic licensure program.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to
know? Best wishes in dealing with these important issues!

#361

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I have attended the Ground Water Quality
conference hosted by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
since spring 1993. When the AIPG South Dakota section started having their annual meetings
during this conference, I attended because I am a geologist. I also participated in some of the
SD section of AIPG’s field trips. Because of my interest in geology and the comradery with AIPG
members, I joined as an Associate Member.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I regularly attend the annual
luncheons. However, I have not been able to participate in all of the AIPG field trips that are
planned for areas outside of the Black Hills. At first this is because I am also a mother and my
boys played in soccer. I did not get a chance to participate in the past summer trip to the
Niobrara River due to financial constraints and other events scheduled at the same time.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? As previously mentioned above, I
have been attending the annual meetings for our South Dakota section. I have not attended a
national meeting except for the one held in Rapid City. My job does not pay for out of state
cost prohibitive.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The most important
consideration about our South Dakota section is that we try to schedule an annual field trip.
Secondly getting students involved.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I’m not sure. Being a member of AIPG does not benefit me
in my job, even though I am an employee of the South Dakota Geological Survey.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The cost of being a member of a number of different
organizations that relate to my interest in geology and hydrology becomes cost prohibitive.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I would
like to, though I have not renewed my Associate Membership yet due to financial constraints.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Unsure

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to
know? Not at this time

#362

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally became a member as a recent
graduate for the networking opportunities. We still have groups of students visit at our
meetings from time to time. It’s a great opportunity for them to speak with geologists “in the
real world”.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I probably make about half of the
chapter meetings and I’ve never participated in any other events. The main reason being time
constraints. I am often performing field work out of town when meetings take place.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, because of time constraints between work and family. That being said, the meeting is in Nashville this year so I will probably be attending (assuming I’m not out of town working).

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I really enjoy the presentations that we have at our chapter meetings as well as talking with the other members about their experiences in their specific fields. “Geology” is such a broad study. As professionals, we tend to get centered on a very small portion of it in our work so it’s great to hear from people that work in other areas.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. I wish I could take greater advantage of it, but, again – time constraints.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? There are many folks like me in our local chapter that can only make it to a few meetings every now and then.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. For the learning opportunities and the benefit of networking with other professionals.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Off the top of my head.... Nothing.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nope.

#363

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I joined AIPG in 1981 Tennessee did not have a geologist registration or licensing requirement. I felt that certification by a national organization such as AIPG would give me more professional clout and give me the opportunity to meet with others working in the profession, both in Tennessee on a regular basis, and the nation occasionally.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, primarily quarterly Tennessee Section meetings. I believe it is important to keep in touch with geologist working outside of state government, as well as the increasing number of students who regularly attend our meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, when I was an advisory board representative of the Institute for Tennessee, as well as when Tennessee hosted AIPG’s annual meeting in 1991.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Networking opportunities.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Although I have been a member of AIPG for many years, only one other member of my staff has been interested in joining; and he retired last year. All of our advanced level geologists are required to be licensed by Tennessee, and as state employees doing primarily geologic mapping, I suspect that they simply do not see a need to be certified, or even just members of AIPG, since it probably does not offer any tangible or useful benefits as far as they can tell, since such things as health and life insurance and retirement benefits are already available through their employer, and most of them anticipate long-term job security in their employment with the state.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Nothing in particular that I can think of.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#364

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Worked in environmental for short period of time, but mainly oil and gas.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, retired.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, my focus was oil and gas.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Provides me with some interesting environmental info.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? If it works for the majority of members don't fix it.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#365

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I joined at the suggestion (urging) of other geologists who were involved with local meetings and employed with the state survey.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. As much as I can because I feel some responsibility to do so and to assist younger members.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. As you know- many of them.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Someone had to focus on professionalism. As professionals we are both scientists and business persons.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes on the personal basis but it has not directly led to profits for the companies that have employed me. I trust that there have been indirect benefits that may be harder for some to visualize.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Up the investment in leadership development and business focused programs that will attract employer's interests.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? If something comes up, I'll call you.

#366

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The AIPG allowed me to be an active member in my home state with meetings and activities in Tennessee.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have been an active member as an officer of the Tennessee Chapter. I have led field trips, conducted meetings at colleges, and attended college geology functions representing the AIPG.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have attended and presented in 5 annual meetings. I enjoyed going to interesting areas and participating in the field trips, and meeting with other geologists from around the country.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Working with young geologist and geology students.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? My enthusiasm is beginning to wane. I have not paid my annual dues.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The Tennessee section is losing momentum. The attendance and participation in the Tennessee section is very poor. I do not think it will be able to pull off the annual conference this year.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am not sure.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Assistance getting speakers to the local meetings.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#367

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member of AIPG because it is the professional society for geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not participate regularly in AIPG events. I would like to but I am specialized more in the groundwater environmental side (hydrogeology, aqueous geochemistry, bioremediation, etc.), have 30 years of experience, with multiple professional certifications, with limited time and attend conferences and/or training that meet multiple CEUs, are required if I am giving a talk or presentation etc., and keeping up with the state of the science in my field.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not been to an annual meeting. See Questions # 2 above. I would like to attend one.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It is the professional society for geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. See response to above questions.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Maybe more subsections for specializations.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#368

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It is important to join a society that advocates for your profession. Also the CPG registration and the opportunity to connect with geologist in different disciplines across the US.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, continuing education and networking.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, networking, the opportunity to present, and the opportunity to interact with everyone from students to retired geologists to get the pulse of the industry.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Advocating for the profession. Geologists are not commodities. We provide critical information in a variety of areas and that should continue.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Need to capture that student membership and lock them before they get in to their career. Our older members can offer so much to aid in the careers of students and young professionals.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Maybe increasing continuing education opportunities through member webinars? We have some options, but maybe more diverse topics. Many members likely need it for other licenses. Thoughts would be in addition to ethics, which I think we need yearly, could be environmental law and policy, updates to regulations (e.g., environmental, mining, or water), and new technologies. If these are put on by members in that specific field, it could be tailored to those types of members while also offering more general topics for all members (i.e., ethics).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Trying to increase involvement in our sections, but we just can’t even compare to some of the more active sections (northeast, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana/Illinois). Not sure how to change that as it seems to be a recurring issues.

#369

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I am new to the Nashville area so I joined to meet other local geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes I participate in the few local events that have occurred.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I will be at the 2017 meeting this year, otherwise as a free-lance consultant the cost is too high for me to attend meetings in other cities.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Organization focused on geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? What is the mission of AIPG? And is that mission being met?

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More environmental and water focus.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not yet.

#370

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I initially became a member for the certification as a CPG as my state had no licensing. My state has since instituted a licensing
program. I have maintained my membership because it means I have been accepted as a professional geologist by my peers. It is one of my professional accomplishments that means the most to me.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes, if convenient. I am in a mostly rural area and have to travel to events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes – for the field trips.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? At this stage of my career (I am 65) the opportunity for interesting continued education is very appealing to me. So this type of opportunity is most relevant. The peer recognition and maintaining professional standards is probably the most important thing AIPG offers.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Diminishing participation because of state licensing. The role of AIPG in maintaining professional standards should be emphasized over test results.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See number 6.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#371

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be certified.


3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not convenient and cost plus time away from work.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification and industry news and how others make their living as geoscientist.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Too expensive annual dues for value I receive vs State Registrations.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Annual cost.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Maybe

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Lower dues.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Focus on getting people jobs, understanding hot portions of the industry.

#372

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? National Professional Organization with rigorous membership criteria.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No support at place of employment.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. No support at place of employment. All costs, and potentially even the time, out of pocket.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Since I am mostly retired, AIPG has less relevance to me than it did in my younger days when my membership showed I met strict criteria for membership.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Less so now than it did when I was building a career and a reputation.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I still do some work that requires expert testimony, so I will keep my membership while I am doing that.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I have nothing in mind.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Again, I have nothing in mind.

#373

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Working it was important to be registered.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? No comment
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? As a retired member, the only reason I stay is for the news and updates in geology.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No comment
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If my health is good.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? No comment
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? This organization gave me credibility during my working years as a geologist. Thank you.

#374

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For certification as aid in being able to present before NMOC and Tx RRC for Petroleum related issues for the companies I have worked for.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. None I know of anywhere near where I live.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Not really petroleum related. Seems more oriented to helping students and environmental geologists.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Don't Know. Probably mentoring young geologists.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really for me except for certification.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The direction it seems to be going. Doesn't really serve but a very small group of geologists.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Retirement is pretty close and I really don't go to hearings any more.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Y'all pretty much do your own thing.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?
1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To become certified as soon as possible in case I got laid off from an oil company.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. The technical focus of AAPG is more in line with my interests.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I am deeply engaged in AAPG.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? The certification is of limited value but I am glad to have it.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? AIPG is too small to make a difference and should merge with AAPG.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I might drop out because I have Texas certification and AAPG certification.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I don’t think it is possible to match the technical quality of the AAPG Bulletin and conferences.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I appreciate what AIPG is trying to do. I truly think AAPG and AIPG should merge and create critical mass.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member of AIPG many years ago before Texas had a PG law. Back then I was often out of work and had many PE's asking me why I didn't have a PG. I got tired of having to tell them that there was no PG in Texas. I got my CPG to satisfy PE's questions about the lack of initials after my name. They never asked me after that.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, I don't usually participate in AIPG events, primarily because my company doesn't support my going. I'd need to pay for, and take vacation time to participate.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, for the same reason as in #2.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG is important, as is helping geologists find work and providing continuing education opportunities.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I'd like to see AIPG National have more backbone when it comes to ethics problems, especially their lack of one when dealing with a local individual. This was a problem that National should have taken the lead on but didn’t.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See #6
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? 1982
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Not regularly. Usually, timing is not good for me personally. I’ve also spent much time overseas and have missed numerous
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AIPG opportunities. Another reason is my companies participate in oil/gas conventions, etc., and usually budgets are limited to conventions closely related to business.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. I was invited by another geologist who provided me a chance to go was his guest. I enjoyed it.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Diversity. It deals with many every day issues, and the magazine is great reading.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think so.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? At this point, no concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I think certification membership could be made more attractive to gain new members.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not at this time. Thank you.

#378

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? A member invited /sponsored me. He was our section leader and recommended it. My company paid for it so it was an easy decision.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Our section has been inactive but we are in the process of reinvigorating. I have gone to a national meeting as a section rep and once to give a paper when it was in Houston where I work.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? See above. Technically annual meetings were too broad to compete with other technical venues such as Battelle and other major conferences. From attending an annual meeting recently I realize they have more networking and nontechnical things to offer.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification standards and the publication.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? For a geologist there is no other option so hard to price. Is probably a similar price/value to AAPG for explorationists.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The various business lines it serves are so cyclical it weakens the whole structure.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes but I am 61 and won't work longer than 5 years.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Need to get more young people and new people involved somehow.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No other concerns about membership except that everyone should try to sponsor good candidates. Would be easier if business was better.

#379

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Texas did not have a PG program at the time, and I was a former student and former employee of a CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. AIPG events require me to travel. On a couple of occasions, I planned to attend field trips, but unforeseen events resulted in my inability to attend.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. Years ago.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, it allowed me to have a professional certification when I was starting my business.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I don’t participate or utilize the services that are available, so probably not.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? With PG Licensing, the relevance of PG certification from AIPG is reduced.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I can’t promise that I will, but I have no intention of dropping.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Not anything in particular.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Maybe more direct coordination with local geological societies.

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because I was working for a consultancy and felt that I needed certification as a means of authenticating my work. I also wanted to be part of a body of professional people.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? There don’t seem to be any local AIPG events in Austin. I’m active with SIPES and Aus Geol Soc. I haven’t gone to the National Meetings of any of my Societies since I retired, as I feel I can’t afford to: they are usually held in places that are great if you are on an expense account, but not if it’s after-tax personal money it’s costing you. I also don’t like crowds.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. See above (I went to the Board meeting in Taos, but had to be home that night).
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I could give you an earful, but it boils down to the fact that I get a lot from David Abbott’s ethics columns and from articles in the TPG that helped me run my business when I was more active. There’s a political dimension: I think the State should get out of the business of franchising every Tom Dick and Harriet who claims to be a professional (cosmetologists????), but I do think that there should be strong self-governing professional bodies governing the standards and behavior of professionals (therefore I’m against the AIPG trying to run the Florida board). I’m open to argument on this, but to me State licensure smacks of rent-seeking.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No, not really in the past. Maybe it will now that I’m more active. None of my national/international professional organizations have provided good value since about 1970, when they all decided to move to Denver and move into fancy buildings. Remember when the GSA was about $25/year and operated out of a moldy brownstone on the edge of the Columbia campus? Those were the days! Local geological societies such as the HGS, the WGS (DC) and the AGS still provide excellent value for money.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? (1) That the membership is shrinking (2) That TPG might go away (3) that the membership BASE is shrinking, and will continue to do so. AIPG, SIPES and AAPG-DPA should all be in talks about how we share our Certifications, share costs, pool meetings, etc., etc.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, of course.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I would definitely like to see an active chapter in Austin (Texas is too big for one Chapter - I’m NEVER going to drive to Dallas for anything short of a coronation). I would like to see more attention paid to running a business, negotiating skill, contracts, balance sheets - all that practical stuff that they didn't used to teach us in school.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#381

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Because I wanted to be licensed by a broader body besides AAPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I read about them, but thus far have not.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? In the past it wasn’t convenient with my work schedule.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I like being exposed to other fields of geology besides petroleum geology which I practice.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I particularly like the AIPG online newsletter. Some of the articles I wouldn’t ordinarily be exposed to. In the past I have purchased AIPG pubs to update my knowledge on subjects other than petroleum.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I hope it continues the newsletter and continues to provide geological pubs of interest to the general public versus political science nonsense.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. I get information of use to me in explaining geological things outside my specialty.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Use membership expertise to inform decision makers at all levels of government.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The membership fee for folks over 65 (I’m 71) is too high!

#382

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? It was suggested by my employer at the time w/support from three other co-workers (geo-professionals) that I apply for the CPG. My acceptance by AIPG occurred during the late 90’s. I have held my CPG some 18-years + now. I can say having the CPG has been very good for my career and has opened opportunities for applying for licensure in ASBOG states like Alaska and Arizona, of which I am a registered geoscientist. Also, states that do not have a geologist licensure program like Colorado and Oklahoma do accept the CPG stamp on documents as being "in-responsible charge and qualified" to do geological work.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I usually do not attend AIPG events rather attend NGWA short courses at various locations around the country when "training budgets" allow for time to be paid for training, travel, and those other expenses as necessary. I have been an NGWA full-member since 1992. Over the years I have attend many short courses which have been a huge resource to and for my professional development.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? This past annual meeting in Santa Fe, NM was the 1st for me.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The CPG is invaluable in a couple instances for me... when working in states that do not have a geologist licensure program due to budget issues and inability to hire staff to manage a state oversight program, my CPG is accepted which allows not only myself but my employer to develop business opportunities and to provide professional consulting services (i.e., geology, environmental) to clients. Additionally, the CPG provides further professional development and opportunities outside of the United States, for instance Canada, where no individual ASBOG state license is accepted to seal documents. The exception to this of course is the CPG which would need to be cleared prior to use internationally.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value?

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My personal opinion is that having the CPG for a minimum of 10-years, those years being consecutively and w/o any issues, meaning being in good standing, should be accepted OR at the very least, strongly considered as appropriate experience when applying for ASBOG licensure. Furthermore, by having the CPG for those minimum 10-years all the while in good standing, taking the ASBOG exam should be waived for those geoscience professionals applying for licensure in ASBOG states. I say this based upon the application process the AIPG uses which I think is very sound and correct. Three (3) levels.... local, state, and national reviews are done during the application process which frankly, I think is better than the effort that is put forth by some ASBOG states when those states are reviewing applicants for a geo-license.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Since you asked............I would like to see AIPG approach the ASBOG and explore any possibilities of what I have said in the previous paragraph. I believe the coming together of both the AIPG and ASBOG can only add to the geoscience profession and perhaps lead to some type of national standard for geoscience professionals regarding licensure and acceptance of PG and CPG as one standard much like the engineering profession has.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#383

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To get recognition as a professional geologist and show potential employers I adhere to professional ethics and standards.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I just joined so I have not had the opportunity to do any events.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I just joined.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Recognizing need for ethical behavior and peer certification of credentials.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I think it might be a little pricey, but I'm new and have not explored all the benefits.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. Plan to be here for life.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? See more energy- oil and gas membership.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Not right now.

#384

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I originally had becoming a CPG as a professional goal. I thought it worthwhile pursuit to be recognized by my peers as a professional and because AIPG had an outstanding reputation in promoting the profession as a whole and assisting those States that chose licensure. That was when AIPG was a professional certification group.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I go when I can. I was heavily involved in the New Mexico Section when we lived there. I'm glad to see Texas AIPG starting back up.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have been to a number of National Meetings when I had the time and could afford to do so. Especially when I was a national officer, but years before and after I held that position. They were small but quite enjoyable and you ran into many of the "usual suspects" every time I would attend.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I consider the professional standards and being an umbrella organization covering professional affairs AIPG's most relevant especially in today's culture of moral and ethical relativism.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as far as I am concerned.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? My biggest beef with AIPG is that it has, over the last 25 years, become largely populated with practitioners in the environmental and groundwater industries. Now, I don't have anything against that per se, but the members from the extractive industries (base and precious-metal mining, coal, and petroleum) have fallen by the wayside. Quite frankly, they largely see AIPG as having become an environmental "chowder and marching society", and largely irrelevant. I have challenged my colleagues on this but they remain adamant that AIPG has outlived its usefulness. I see an opportunity as some States question the need for licensure of Geologists for AIPG to step up. AIPG has an image problem.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. AIPG has a future.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It needs to broaden its base. I don't know how that can be accomplished, though with the well being poisoned. Perhaps environmental remediation? :-).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I think you have enough to chew on for now.

#385

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Recognition of our profession and its contribution by society and government agencies. Respect of our profession and its contribution, and sometimes need, by competing professions esp. engineers and surveyors.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Conflict in schedule and location.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Conflict in schedule and location.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Promotion of the profession and esp. need for geologic input in many societal matters.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Certainly yes.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Decreasing membership. Sometimes promotion of the profession is not as aggressive as should be.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Possibly. Final retirement and/or health.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Have to think more about that. I know money is tight and decreasing membership with few that can really volunteer their time, but maybe reassess money allocations to emphasize the profession's value to society and promote the science and its value (possibly with AGI primarily, but also AAPG, GSA, etc.) to society. The science and profession of geology is still not understood by society or recognized and its knowledge used fully by regulators and those formulating policy.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Let me think about that.

#386

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To be able to be a qualified person for the writing of 43-101 technical reports and have the capability of having my licensure recognized internationally.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No (though I’d like to), because I either don’t have the time, money, or availability to do so. It is usually a combination of these three.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, mainly because they have been too far away and therefore too costly from both a monetary and availability standpoint.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? That the CPG licensure still has value and notoriety.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, as I appreciate The Professional Geologist publication, the email article links, and the ability to have the title of CPG.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Nothing at the moment.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? It would be nice to see some events offered closer to my area (the Salt Lake Valley), which would provide me the opportunity to participate.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thanks for your service to the organization!

#387

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was encouraged by my faculty advisor, who was one of the original founding members of AIPG; also, I believed in supporting my profession.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Our local Section is not very active, and work commitments have made annual meetings hard to attend.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. It was in Lexington KY, where I lived at the time, and our KY section was (is) very active. I was an officer of the section.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? It’s important to have a national geological profession with strong ethics.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not sure. It’s expensive for what I receive, but it may provide services in the bigger picture that help the profession, in ways that I don’t see. If it does that, it is providing value.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As an organization, it seems to be treading water. I would like it to be THE organization for professional geologists but the organization seems to struggle to gain full traction. The VAs section is an example. One section covering two states doesn’t work – the distances are too great.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, though I will retire at the end of the year. I am moving back to KY and intend to get involved again in the KY section.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? A) continue to focus on student chapters, student articles in TPG, and involving geologists early in their careers; B) make PDH mandatory; C) keep offering and sponsoring relevant topics at local and national meetings, be they AIPG or GSA or other organizations.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? See #8

#388

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Education, field trips, learn about issues in Virginia.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I attend each meeting but we have not had one for over a year.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not attended an annual meeting because it has not been convenient.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Education.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Nationally yes.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? It would be nice for the state organization to be more active.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I do not know enough to answer.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I do not know enough to answer.

#390

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I became a member in 1984. At that time, AIPG was the only organization that certified, and recognized, professional competence, and I recognized it as a necessity to my career.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I regularly attended all (then) Virginia Section meetings within reasonable travel distance, served in all positions within the Section. Not long after my tenure, and the amalgamation of the Va-WVa sections, leadership collapsed and virtually no activity has occurred.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I attended three annual meetings (Alaska, Arizona, Massachusetts). Financially, I would not have been able to without support from the Section and my employer. I have not attended any other annual meetings due to cost, which is a continuing problem for the "working" geologist, i.e., no support.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I seriously question, given the number of state certification programs, whether AIPG is relevant. I have considered letting my membership lapse a number of times, and am still doing so, but now that I am retired I may continue in that status.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? There is little value in the organization to me now.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The Professional Geologist publication is repetitive and I doubt I will attend any more Annual Meetings, and as I have stated the Virginias section appears finished.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why?
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG?
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I applaud AIPG's support of students.

#391

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? I was appointed to an advisory committee to the Va Commissioner of Health- the criteria was that this seat was to be filled by a representative of the AIPG- figured I better join.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Our president (and Secretary & Treasurer) does not hold meetings- even after I have urged him to do so- Believe me, I would organize the meetings if I had the membership emails!
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Too far to travel and lack of enthusiasm.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? AIPG has the potential to affect public policy and to strengthen the geologists' industry and market share- I see potential as a
strength; however, Virginia is flat-lining from lack of communication, lack of participation and do nothing administration that has not held elections in 6 or 7 years.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? No

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That it will continue to be irrelevant in Virginia.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? If we hold elections, start having regular meetings and get involved in the general assembly by representing the interests of our industry.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? To get not only working geologists involved but the younger generations - the people in their 20's 30's, 40's - it is not happening in Virginia

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Because we are not united, we have no clout- A perfect example is that recently the Virginia Health Department has given a certain professional group (AOSE's) and Well Drillers the authority to write and issue Well Construction Permits. I lobbied (in my own weak and unsupported way) to include professional geologists but....it didn't make it into the regulations (I learned this recently). If VA AIPG had a united presence with an active lobby, we would be included. But here we are- college educated, professionally certified and experienced professionals that are losing out to Well Drillers-- who, by the way, submit geologic logs to the state on every well they drill. The difference is they are united, strong and well entrenched in the state general assembly with lobbyists and sponsors of their bills to the VA General Assembly.

#392

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For Work in the state of Alaska. Back in the “day” they didn’t have a PG and rather recognized the CPG.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Mostly based on time. I work 50 hours/week on average. One comment though; I did participate in presentations under Association of Engineering Geologists in the 90’s. Back then I was young and impressionable. I wanted to get involved. However, at both national presentations I presented papers/talks, the turnout was very low and therefore got disappointed. Since then (1993-95), haven’t put much effort into national presentation/papers/meetings.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Meaning an AIPG annual meeting, no. See above, yes to AEG.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Because I am not heavily involved, I find it hard to provide an answer to this question. I would say for an environmental consultant like me, it might be technology advancements whether it be related to environmental, mining, etc. For Example, we do a fair amount of UXO remediation. On a recent proposal for the Navy we presented an option to utilize remote operated large (Komatsu 360) excavators to clear the ranges. This is not a technology in wide use. RCT supports underground mining operations in Australia and our approach for the Navy used similar technologies.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not really. I have never used my accreditation to stamp an Alaska science document. However, I maintain my accreditation for responding to proposals.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Becoming “stale”. Not being at the forefront of the geologic sciences. Not being a driving force. Resulting in losing membership and atrophy.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes. As the state of Alaska now has reciprocity with other states for PG, I don’t have to, but I will to support the organization.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Exactly what you have done here in this email. Pointed reach-out to members to improve the quality of the organization. Get senior members more involved to maintain a focus on the current technologies.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No. I think here in the Northwest there was a push recently to get members more involved. Although I haven’t had time to participate, just being in the email chain of meetings the local group is having promotes potential involvement from me down the road.

#393

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? At the time it was the only thing close to registration.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No. Most often cost, location or other obligations.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same as above.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Not real sure now that there’s state registration.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? At times to a few reviewers.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Not really sure. Perhaps how it will fit into long termed registration issues and/or the local /state concerns.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Unknown, I’m considering retirement.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I guess that overall I’m content and don’t really have any pressing gripes that aren’t of my own making.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know?

#394

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? The certification was necessary to provide hydrogeologic services in Alaska.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have not participated due to time constraints (I belong to several organizations and cannot be active in all).

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? I have not – the AIPG is a geology group with much broader focus than is pertinent to my profession. I am interested as a scientist and a geologist and may attend once I retire.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? As a professional, the certification as a CPG is important. I also get great joy in reading the geologic articles in TPG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I believe so, yes.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I do not have any concerns with the AIPG but my activity with the organization is limited so I probably would not be the one to ask.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, I enjoy the information AIPG provides, I appreciate the fact that AIPG has my back as a geologist (political and social presence).

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? I am not the one to suggest changes.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#395

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? For the professional certification. As a consulting geologist, the CPG certification allows me to practice in a wider area.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, but mainly because until this year, there were no local or regional AIPG events. The section is becoming much more organized in 2016.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. I am a relatively new member of AIPG (about 3 years), and I haven’t had the spare time to attend. Also, I don’t believe that the meeting is a good place to find new clients.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? For me, the CPG.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? That it is going to become irrelevant and that the CPG will be of less and less value.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Probably. I am probably within 5 years of retirement, so that might be the reason why I don’t continue as a member for that long.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Become larger and more respected.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I like the connections to getting professional insurance and other types of insurance. I wish there was greater variety to choose from and very good options regarding health insurance, professional liability insurance, etc.

#396

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Years ago, working in multiple states I was looking for a means to have a single professional registration option which AIPG provided. I continue to remain a member today because it is one of the few professional organizations recognized in Canadian jurisdictions for one of the requirements for "qualified person" status for compliance with Canadian mineral resource reporting requirements.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not regularly participate in AIPG events because they are typically focused on environmental or engineering aspects of the profession, not the economic geology end of things. And, with no local chapter it is difficult to maintain contacts, etc.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Never been to an annual meeting. No real reason other than time constraints.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The ethics part of the organization is probably the most important part of the organization from my end.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The organization is in competition for membership with a host of other professional organizations that are larger and better funded such as GSA, SEG, SME and others. Two of those are focused on economic geology (SME and SEG) and tap into the available membership pool. One, SME has started a "registered member" style of membership complying with and recognized by Canadian exchanges as providing one of the needed requirements for Canadian reporting. This has no doubt tapped into possible members who now will and have migrated over to SME registered member status versus maintaining an AIPG membership as a CPG.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes, will continue to maintain membership provided the organization maintains its status as acceptable to Canadian reporting authorities.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? An effort and emphasis on recruiting economic geologists.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? The organization is poorly known outside of the consulting industry and a few academic institutions and AGU and the Association of State Geologists. Better outreach at industry events is probably warranted. Finding a niche amongst the larger organizations of some sort.

#397

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Professor suggestion about 20 years ago.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No – no time.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No – no time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I keep it out of tradition.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I really don’t use it.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? You seem to be getting smaller.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes I will remain.
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More traditional geology- everything is “climate change” & semi-political issues these days. I love Geology not politics!
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I keep this and my WA State license current because I like them- don’t need them but I don’t want to let them go. I am still 100% professionally employed in the subsurface investigation industry.

#398

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Necessary to become licensed in AK.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Never. Low priority versus other associations.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Same as 2.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? See 1.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Meh. I get more professionally from GSA or NGWA. If not for 1 above, I’d skip AIPG membership all together.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Relevance and costs. I don’t see a huge professional benefit from the Association that isn’t offered somewhere else as well and because of 1 above, it’s just another money sink.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? So long as 1 is true and my company says to keep the license, then yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Dunno. Since I don’t have the time/inclination to get involved with association events, I can’t say.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? See 8.

#399

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Member since 2009.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Typically no. For some reason there always seems to be a conflict.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No. Just seems to be bad timing. I usually go to 3 conferences a year that are more business focused (i.e. RoundUp and PDAC).
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Be a registered geologist through AIPG is very important to me.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? None at this time.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More exposure to the mining industry.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? No

#400

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? There was no State registration at the time in the early 80s, so it was the next best thing to licensing.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, not any more...the people I used to attend with are no longer around, and I am now retired.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, back in the 80s; I think the WI section partially funded my trip, as I was a section officer at the time.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? In the 80s, it was Answer #1...now, it’s a source of professional organization and professional connection that you don’t get with State licensing.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Even as my career has ended, I still enjoy reading the TPG and staying current with professional issues.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Only that the younger generations maintain the interest to keep it going.
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Since I have not participated in a long time, I am not in a position to recommend any changes.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Is there only one UW system campus that has an AIPG chapter?...perhaps there is a way
to approach the geology clubs of each university that has a geology program to promote student memberships (in essence, make the geology club an AIPG chapter). Geo-alumni would be the appropriate connections to each campus...maybe this has already been done.

#401

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Suggested by employer at the time (1994?) because Michigan recognized the CPG (no PG licensing at that time) and I had active projects in that state.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Sometimes, when time permits.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes, in 2000 in Milwaukee when our Section hosted. I was on the committee.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Certification of professional, ability to communicate with peers.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Not at this time, I am not a practicing geologist, I work in waterways protection for state government.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Recruiting new geologists, education of the public, need to be working hard to be relevant.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes!

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Lobbying to US congress about climate change and science in general.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Coordinate with licensing states so that CPG is as important as PG.

#402

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? One of my professors was a member and he recommended me after I started teaching.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I have participated in most of the Wisconsin section meetings/activities, served on a Wisconsin section Ad hoc committee trying to get geologists in Wisconsin certified (finally was successful), organized and led two field trips for the Wisconsin section of AIPG and attended

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes - Columbus; Houston; Alaska; Milwaukee; and St. Paul; and Traverse City.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? I think the fact that (1) Richard Berg established a student chapter of AIPG at an Ohio university campus in 1997 and (2) the Wisconsin section introduced, for the first time, a geology student poster session at the Annual Meeting in 2000 because these two events better opened the road for geology students to become professional geologists.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? As far as I am concerned the best value of AIPG is the Ethics Standard. I used this standard to get a geologist decertified for using unethical tactics to better his finances with company clients shortly after being certified as a professional geologist in the state of Wisconsin. This individual listed a MS degree at a given college on the state certification application form and was charging clients accordingly; but later record checks showed the individual did not attend said college.
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? I have one concern that has been bugging me since the 2000 AIPG Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. At least since the 1997 AIPG Annual Meeting to the present, somebody in the Section that hosted an Annual Meeting was recognized with an award at the next Annual Meeting, even though money was lost on the 1998 and 1999 meetings. But nobody on the Wisconsin section organizing committee for the 2000 AIPG ever received any type of award for producing a profitable annual meeting and introduced a student poster session for the first time.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I am 79 years old and will remain a member as long as I am healthy enough to do some occasional consulting work.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Get the Executive Director and members of the Executive Committee to pay more attention to concerns and suggestion to sections and see my comments on question 6 (I made this concern at the St. Paul meeting, but nothing was done about it).

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Nothing

#403

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? Ability to review and approve drilling reports in Wisconsin.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? Yes. I have been on the WI AIPG board for several years.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Yes. As a Section Representative.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Allows me to network with many different types of geoscientists for job and personal interest related topics.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes. If you participate you grow tremendously.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? Transitioning from past leadership to future leadership.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? Establishment of 5 and 10 year growth plans.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? We look forward to having a joint field trip with MI in August 2017.

#404

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? When I first began my career in consulting in 1988, Wisconsin did not have a P.G. certification. The CPG from AIPG was the only way a geologist working in Wisconsin could have some sort of certification.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I didn’t when I was working for a larger consulting firm. There just wasn’t enough time. I have my own business now, and can take the time for such things.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? Once (Traverse City, 2007). Time/cost constraints were always an issue. I didn’t even make the one in Wisconsin!
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? The organization is not tied to a special interest, for example groundwater or mining, so then it can speak for all geologists on topics that may affect them.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? I must admit, I am starting to question the value. I am a PG in four states, and my AIPG dues, which are annual, are certainly higher than the biannual registrations I pay in those states. All but one of the states I work in require PGs, whereas the CPG is not required.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? As so many states have requirements for PGs, I think AIPG is struggling to be relevant to the geologic community at large.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? I will, because I do work in a state (Michigan) which does not have a PG certification, but requires some sort of certification as a professional geologist.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? More bang for the buck. Perhaps more continuing education opportunities? Three of the four states where I have PGs require continuing education, and I am always scrambling to make sure I have enough credits.

9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am a member of the WI AIPG board. I know there has been more than once when we have had questions, it can be tough to get a timely response.

#405

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To belong to a community of earth science professionals and perceived professional benefits. The “community” aspect is, or should be, important to all geologists.

2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? I do not at this time, simply because there are no events close to my location here in Wyoming. I used to participate in section meetings and other available events when living in Tennessee. With industry downturn, it is harder and harder to attend events that require travel and expenses.

3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, due mainly to lack of time and travel resources. I do plan on attending the upcoming meeting in Nashville.

4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? At this time I think it would be the professional “community” aspect AIPG provides for its members, allowing like-minded (is that possible with geologist??) professionals to mix and mingle. I would like to see national AIPG CPG certification become much more important and relevant.

5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes, but I would like to see that value increase in the future.

6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? The typical industry booms and busts that so affect the number of folks pursuing a degree in geology and corresponding AIPG membership numbers. Also, AIPG CPG status needs much more recognition from those who receive geological services from professional geologists.

7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Been a member since 1990 and will remain a member.

8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? As previously mentioned, the value and recognition of AIPG CPG status needs to be elevated substantially. More states than ever require state registration or certification to practice geology, and the value and status of national certification needs to increased and enhanced.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? I am 62 years old and heading for retirement, but plan on maintaining AIPG membership for the long run. We must continue recruiting at the student level (and I think we have done a good job of that), but AIPG must make continued membership past college and into the workplace more valuable. I think AIPG should become more visible to the public, and “market” the importance of national CPG status to the end-users, or customers, who receive services from professional geologists. Great organization, and keep up the good work.

#406

1. Why did you originally become a member of AIPG? To have the membership on my CV.
2. Do you regularly participate in AIPG events? Why or why not? No, already participate in too many volunteer organizations.
3. Have you ever been to an annual meeting? Why or why not? No, already attend too many professional meetings.
4. What do you consider most important or relevant about AIPG? Ethics column.
5. Does AIPG provide you good value? Yes
6. What concerns do you have about AIPG? No
7. Do you plan to remain an AIPG member for at least the next five years? If not, why? Yes
8. What would you like to see changed about AIPG? All seems good.
9. Is there anything else you would consider sharing about membership issues or would like me to know? Thanks for reaching out.