President’s Notes – Jackie E. Stephens

We are now all too familiar with the covid-19 virus, and of ongoing socializing conditions but fortunately we were able to attend the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show (TGMS) on Saturday, February 8, 2020 before widespread of the virus and development of the pandemic.

We gathered at the Travel Lodge Motel and toured several tents and open air dealers as a portion of the TGMS. We broke into several groups led by guides Jackie Stephens and Dr. Chris Osterman who answered questions about the show and exhibits. It was great that the Arizona Section was able to have some financial support from GLOBEXPLORE DRILL’s (of Hermosillo, Mexico) toward the luncheon for our members and guests at the Kettle Restaurant after exploring several rock, mineral, gem, and fossil exhibitors. We enjoyed the buffet lunch and talking about some of the amazing items on display and for sale in the tents. Fun was had by all.

We had planned a field trip on April 25th with Dr. John Bezy for a geologic tour of the west end of the Catalina Mountains, based on his book about the area. However, that trip, and other outings, had to be cancelled for 2020 because of covid-19.

My tenure as AIPG Arizona Section President was greatly enjoyed, although short. I look forward to future opportunities to serve the Arizona Section of AIPG.

We are sad to share the news from the Arizona Geological Survey that Dr. John Bezy of Tucson died suddenly in September 2020. Our sympathies to his friends and family.

Treasurer’s Report - Bill Greenslade

Bank Account Statement as of August 31, 2020

Checking Account $5,999.38
Savings Account $10,001.40
Total $16,000.78

Global Exploration provided $400.00 to the Arizona Section to offset the cost of lunch ($354.00) for our group to meet at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. Additional money to the section was from dues payment ($2775.60) from AIPG headquarters. Needless to say, there was very little activity this year due to covid-19.
AIPG Arizona Section
Members in AIPG News

Taylor Murray, ECP-0407, has been elected to AIPG’s National Executive Committee as 2021 National Early Career Professional representative. Taylor Murray, of Clear Creek Associates in Scottsdale, Arizona remarked “The ever increasing need for professional geologists emphasizes the importance of student and early career membership and the value that AIPG can provide in shaping and supporting new careers, and in offering a strong professional community…..I would like to see Student and Early Career Professional members become aware of and use the many resources that AIPG has to offer like the GOLI on-line learning courses offered in affiliation with the American Geosciences Institute.”

Congratulations to Taylor! We know you will do a wonderful job.

Richard Brose, CPG-07549, of Flagstaff, Arizona was honored by AIPGs Section Leadership Award. Richard has been exemplary in leading and guiding the Northern Arizona University (NAU) student chapter since about 2017. Through his unselfish guidance, Richard has energized the students in the chapter to be active with field trips, regular meetings, and a significant water quality project that benefits the local community. Without his leadership, the NAU chapter would likely struggle, so this leadership award is very well deserved.

Citation by Doug Bartlett, CPG-08433

Thank you and Congratulations to Richard!!!

AIPG Student Chapter at Northern Arizona University

Richard Brose

The student chapter continues to attract students that are within the geoscience studies at the university. Although some students matriculate, others arrive. It is a wonderful experience to work with so many young people and help them discover how the science of groundwater has evolved, show them old field techniques that are rapidly disappearing, and watch their confidence and passion when presenting the information to the general public.

One meeting focused on numerous opportunities to work in other aspects of the science. We identified several potential speakers for the upcoming semester and talked about one day field trips to places such as the Museum of Northern Arizona to work with Dave Gillette on paleontology work in progress to multiple day field trips to look at the unique geology of the Permo-Triassic boundary on the Colorado Plateau.

We have completed an outreach to Coconino Community College for the Community College participation. This is a continuing work in progress.

---- Reported in 2019 by Richard J. Brose, RG, AIPG CPG 7549

We wish the students another successful year! If you have interest in helping with the NAU Student Chapter, please let us know. We can use more volunteers.
AIPG Membership Milestones
September 2020

We would like to recognize the following membership milestones for Arizona Section members:

50 Years
Arthur Tipton, CPG Emeritus Member

40 Years
Clive Bailey, CPG

35 Years
Richard Allen, CPG Emeritus Member
Grant Buma, CPG
David Wahl Jr., CPG
John Ward, CPG

30 Years
Daniel Eyde, CPG
Marilyn Plitnik, CPG Emeritus Member
Eric Windesheim, CPG

25 Years
Julie Hamilton, CPG
Michael Krokosz, CPG Emeritus Member
James Norris, CPG
Ann Pattison, CPG
Frank Skocypec, CPG

10 Years
William Berridge, MEM

5 Years
Chloe Fandel, SA
Allan Schappert, CPG
Richard Zimmerman, MEM
Lydia Jennings, SA

AIPG National News
Dawn Garcia, AIPG National Vice President

First, a reminder that this year there will be a virtual business meeting for all AIPG members in lieu of the traditional in-person business meeting at the Annual Meeting. Arizona has the opportunity to nominate a member to run for the 2021 advisory board. Please let your section president, Jackie Stephens, know ASAP if you would like to run. Being on the advisory board is not as time-consuming as being an officer, but you still have plenty of opportunity to be involved on a national level and make a difference. Arizona has had a long history of its members serving at the national level, and it would be great to have an Arizona member run for the 2021 advisory board. The nominations are to be presented at the upcoming board meeting on October 17, 2020, and elections are held that same day.
Much of my time as national VP has been devoted to chairing two ad hoc committees created this year. One committee is to identify current needs of our members and to provide guidance to AIPG leadership regarding what changes will improve our organization (that is, “What is the Value of AIPG?”). The second committee is a Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) committee.

As part of the activities within the committees, all members should have received an email with a link to a survey. The survey was sent in September with a response due date of October 9. The survey is longer than most surveys and requires a bit of patience to get through it, but the importance of the topics justified a longer survey. **Please log into the AIPG website and fill out your survey!**

Small group virtual meetings will be offered later in the year to allow for deeper discussion of topics, based on the survey results. It is anticipated that these small group meetings will help flesh out not only problem areas, but also some strategies for improvement. Your survey includes a place to indicate your interest in participating in one of these small group meetings.

Our speaker list is still quite small, and I’m looking for additional volunteers. If you have a talk that you’d be willing to give for a section, please let me know. I gave a talk recently for the Kentucky section, and it was fun to get to know some of their membership during the Q&A session.

**AIPG NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING ON OCTOBER 17 – OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

The AIPG NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING will be a hybrid meeting held from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. Two Advisory Board meetings will be held that afternoon. Some of the AIPG National Executive Committee will be attending the meetings at the AIPG National Headquarters office building conference room in Westminster, Colorado but due to social distancing, we are unable to have anyone else attend in person. The meetings will be held virtually via Webex.

**FIRST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: SECTION REPORTS**

The first meeting, of the 2020 Advisory Board with representatives of all Sections in attendance will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2020. The meeting will be chaired by the 2020 President-Elect, Nancy Wolverson. Each Section should be represented at this meeting by the current Section President. In the event that the Section President cannot attend the Annual meeting, then the Section President should designate, in writing, one Delegate to speak and vote on behalf of the Section.

**SECOND ADVISORY MEETING: DELEGATE NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

The second Advisory Board meeting is primarily for the election of the 2021 Advisory Board Delegates to the National Executive Committee. Elections of the four incoming Advisory Board representatives will occur during the virtual meeting on Saturday, October 17 from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm. This meeting will be chaired by the President-Elect 2021, Matt Rhoades. Each Section should be represented at this meeting by the current Section President, or designee.

AIPG will send out in an email the login instructions for the meeting. If you haven’t received or can’t find your instructions, please contact the national office.
Call for Nominees
Election of Arizona Section Officers for 2021

We are looking for nominees and/or volunteers to run for executive board offices for the AIPG Arizona Section. This is a great opportunity to get involved, to get to know more about our section members and AIPG. It typically does not involve too much of a time commitment. If you are interested and need additional information, please contact any one of us on the current Arizona Section executive board. Contact information is on the first page of this newsletter and on the AIPG web site. Alan Schappert will serve as AZ Section president in 2021.

The current executive board of the AIPG Arizona Section in 2020 is:

- Jackie Stephens, CPG, 2020 President of the Arizona Section,
- Dawn Garcia, RG, CPG, Past-President,
- Alan Schappert RG, CPG, President-Elect (to be 2021 President),
- William (Bill) Greenslade, RG, CPG, Treasurer, and
- Barbara H. Murphy, RG, CPG, Secretary (newsletter editor and email notices).
- Doug Bartlett serves as an advisor and the regulatory affairs chair, and
- Steve Maslansky is chair of the CPG applicants screening committee for our section.

The executive board looks forward to another successful year for the Arizona Section.

Nominations are due by November 15, 2020. For nominations, please contact Barbara Murphy at 480-659-7131 and leave a message or by email at bmurphy@geo-logic.com.

The election for Arizona Section officers for 2021 will be conducted by electronic ballot in early December.

Building the Future of Geology - Support the Foundation of the AIPG

As you review your dues statement for 2021, please consider a donation to the Foundation of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Every donation helps the Foundation to contribute toward building the future of geology. The Foundation supports a variety of programs of the AIPG that includes student scholarships, student and young professional workshops, educational programs aimed at practitioners, the public, and policy makers, and some special needs requested by AIPG or other professional organizations. The Foundation is proud to be able to serve AIPG and the geosciences by providing financial support for these programs. If you have any questions or comments about the Foundation, please contact me or any of the other Trustees of the Foundation for additional information. Information is on the AIPG web site. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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