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April 2020

**NEXT MEETING**

9th Conference on: Innovative Environmental Assessment and Remediation Technology

**When:** Tuesday-Wednesday, September 22-23, 2020  
**Where:** Kennesaw State University, Continuing Education  
3333 Busbee Drive, GA 30144  
Go to the web site at: [http://georgiaaipg.weebly.com/](http://georgiaaipg.weebly.com/)

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

I would like to start off and wish that everyone is safe. It’s been a few rough months and will last for I do not know how long. I was looking forward to GSA in Reston, VA. We had set up a good session on careers for students. We were able to move our two-day conference to September and have contracts with Kennesaw State University. We’ve lost a few exhibitors but we will reach out to other companies. The lecture room is large so people can spread out if necessary. We’ll have to see how things are in the fall.

Usually this time of year I try to visit as many universities as I can to deliver our Georgia Section Scholarships. Below are our winners and I have contacted each of them to get a mailing address to mail the AIPG membership certificate along with the scholarship check.

I am happy to announce that we had two AIPG National $1,000.00 scholarship winners: Jessica Ware from Georgia Southern and John McCue from University of West Georgia. Congratulations!

**Georgia Section Scholarship winners for 2020**

Georgia Southern – Emily Fischer  
Columbus State – Stephanie Thompson  
University of Georgia – Sarah Olmstead  
Georgia State – Megan Rich  
West Georgia – Ryan Dapkus  
University of North Georgia – Elizabeth Murphy  
Berry College – Emily Silver
ON-LINE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

“In order to assist online teachers and learners during closures due to COVID-19, GSA has made all webinars open access through the end of June 2020.” The Geological Society of America (GSA) is a global professional society with a membership of more than 20,000 individuals in more than 100 countries. GSA provides access to elements that are essential to the professional growth of earth scientists at all levels of expertise and from all sectors: academic, government, business, and industry. The Society unites thousands of earth scientists from every corner of the globe in a common purpose to study the mysteries of our planet (and beyond) and share scientific findings. On-line GSA resources can be viewed at: https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/ Go to Education & Careers and click on Webinar Library.

The Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI) by the American Geosciences Institute, started in cooperation with the American Institute of Professional Geologists, provides a platform for on-demand, life-long learning and continuing education opportunities in the geosciences. GOLI live webinar events provide up to date information on technical and applied geoscience topics and are taught by a range of experts from across the geosciences. Attendees can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs). All learners who complete online courses offered through the GOLI platform with a passing grade of 70% or higher are eligible to purchase Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for a nominal charge. A Webinar list can be viewed at: https://www.americangeosciences.org/workforce/goli.

There are other free webinars by many environmental firms that you can receive education hours.

I’m sad to announce that one of our long-time members, Dean McCartney, passed away on April 16, 2020. Dean was one of the first geologists I met when I moved to Atlanta in 1992. He was one of my consultants when I worked for Exxon. He always was one of the first to sign up for our AIPG Georgia Section conferences. I will truly miss him.