



## AIPG GEORGIA SECTION

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## A NEW AND DIFFERENT SEMESTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. It has been a very difficult summer and now going into the fall. I've told everyone that I have spoken to that it feels like the movie "Groundhog Day". We did cancel our conference and almost everyone has been reimbursed. We have not set a new date but we are looking towards the fall of 2021. We hope to get most of the speakers and exhibitors back and I think everyone will look forward to a great conference and seeing everyone.

We still plan to give out our eight \$500.00 scholarships for the spring of 2021. We are going into our savings to pay for them because of no conference revenue. I recently sent an email to all our chapter presidents and at least one faculty member to update us on chapter officers for 2020-2021. I have heard from a few chapters and would like to get all chapter officers current.

During this time there are many opportunities for everyone to stay current with multiple webinars online many free and others where you have to pay a minimal amount. When it comes to jobs I receive from LinkedIn many job announcements in the Atlanta area. Also, AIPG National emails list job openings. I checked on the Georgia DNR web site and there are Environmental Specialists positions that are perfect for new graduates. It's easy to set up an account where you will receive job announcements. For all our graduates that plan to start working or looking for a job, please remember that AIPG has a membership category called Early Career Professional Member that gives you a membership at a reduced cost for five years.

In October I've been invited to teach a lab at Berry College where I give the students data and they construct groundwater flow maps and benzene iso-concentration maps. I've presented this class for the last five years at the University of Kansas where I received my masters. If our universities are interested, please contact me. I also have a few talks on environmental cleanup of UST sites.

I have not heard from many members but I know of a few that have either been laid off or reduction in work hours. Hopefully the work environment will continue to improve and we can see an increase in employment. For all our professional members if you are hiring a new geologist for employment, please let us know. We need to help all our members as much as possible.

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**THIS IS YOUR PRESIDENT WORKING**



I've done some repairs to the deck