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Comments from your President: Kevin Wentz

Greetings,
Spring has sprung, and I'm sure many of you are happy to see the change in season as we move to a more moderate climate. This looks to be an exciting year for our Society, and I am very enthusiastic to be serving the GSK as President for 1996. I would like to thank both the officers and committee members for their services in 1995. Much time and hard work was dedicated by these folks in maintaining the integrity of the Society. I would like to extend a special "thank you" to Ken Kuehn who, as many of you know, has dedicated much time in preparing a document that, if implemented, will allow our Society to provide a wider array of services for both our members and the more than 2000 professional geologists registered in Kentucky. Times are changing, and in order to keep pace with the changes that effect the profession and the study of geology, we, the members of the Geological Society of Kentucky, must develop new and innovative ways of maintaining our integrity. What do you think? The success of this Society depends on the support of you, the members. Please give us your input!

1996 Events (Dates to Remember):

May 31, is the date scheduled for the GSK's **First Annual Kentucky Geoscience Symposium** followed by our **Annual Spring Banquet**. Hopefully, all of you received the advertisement for the Symposium. Please complete the information, conveniently located at the bottom of the advertisement, and return it to me, Kevin Wentz, at the specified address. If you have not received information regarding the Symposium, please contact me at (606) 257-5500. This year our Symposium and Spring Banquet follow the **Kentucky Geological Survey's Annual Meeting, May 30**. All of the activities mentioned above will be held at the Kentucky Geological Survey located at the Mining and Mineral Resources Bldg., Room 102, on the University of Kentucky campus. With the exception of the Annual Banquet, all activities are **FREE!** So plan on having a short work week and attend the events. I can provide a list of hotels for those interested.

September 20 - 21, are the dates scheduled for the **Annual Fall Field Conference**. This year our trip is scheduled for Western Kentucky. The trip will be

based out of Paducah, and will incorporate the topics of environmental and engineering geology. Our trip will include stops to the D.O.E.'s Gaseous Diffusion Plant located in Paducah, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Olmsted Dam site. A newly constructed solid waste landfill located in Wickcliffe, KY, as well as some recently mapped grabens, just North of Paducah in Illinois, will also be highlights on our trip. Please try to keep these dates open and I will pass on more information, regarding the trip, as time grows near.

Dues:

Folks, I've never been in a position to solicit funds, nor have I had a burning desire to do so, until now. In speaking with our Secretary, Ken Kuehn, I have been informed that approximately one third of those reading this newsletter have paid their 1996 dues. We need your continued support, so please take note of your Secretary's address and send in your (inexpensive) dues payment.

Items of Interest:

The first Executive Committee meeting was held in Elizabethtown on March 8. Please note the names and addresses of your 1996 Executive Committee within this newsletter. We had a full agenda of items to discuss regarding the immediate and forthcoming future of the Society. The focus of our discussions however, centered on the projected needs of both the membership and the 2000 (+) professional geologists that are registered within Kentucky. Items such as educational workshops and symposiums, legislative interaction, more frequent newsletters and meetings, and other ideas were discussed. Members of the Executive Committee also met with Dr. Don Haney, State Geologist for Kentucky, to further discuss and exchange ideas on what services the Geological Society of Kentucky can provide based on the perceived interests of those involved in the practice and profession of geology within Kentucky. Our efforts are producing results. We have organized our first Symposium, and communication with the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is developing. I encourage you to respond and give us your thoughts and ideas of how the GSK can better serve you. I hope to see many of you at the Symposium.

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AAPG Delegate Report from James Drahovzal

There are two issues to come before the **American Association of Petroleum Geologists House of Delegates** meeting in San Diego, May 19 that will require change to the bylaws if passed. The first is to

assure that a Delegate elected to a House office during the final year of his or her three-year term can serve in such office the following year. The second is to remove from the bylaws the minimum number of non-affiliated Association members residing outside the U.S. that must form a group to qualify to elect AtLarge members to the House and permit the minimum number to be established in the Rules and Procedures of the House. You can read the details of these two issues in the March "AAPG Explorer" on page 43. A proposed amendment would require a minimum of 10 Members residing in the same country to form a group and elect a Delegate from the group. Based on what I currently know of these two initiatives and the amendment, I will vote for them. I would, however, appreciate hearing from anyone who has an opinion to express before I attend the meeting in May. Incidentally, this is my last meeting as GSK's delegate to the **House of Delegates**, as my term will end June 30. I have been pleased and proud to represent you.

Jim Drahovzal

WWW Sites of Geological Interest

GSK members with access to the **World Wide Web** may find it advantageous to have a list of various on-line sites to geological information (since some are not that easy to find without the correct spelling). Please pay particular attention to usage of upper case letters in some of the addresses - they are significant! TNS

<http://www.uky.edu/KGS/home.htm>

Kentucky Geological Survey home page

<http://www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/KMNH/welcome.htm>

Kentucky Museum of Natural History home page

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

United States Geological Survey home page

<http://www-nmd.usgs.gov/>

USGS National Mapping Information page

<http://crude2.kgs.ukans.edu/AASG/AASG.html>

American Association of State Geologists
(Has interactive map to other state surveys.)

<http://gldfs.cr.usgs.gov/>

The National Earthquake Information Center

<http://volcano.und.nodak.edu>

Volcano World (by Univ. of North Dakota)

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/>

National Geophysical Data Center

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