



KENTUCKY GEOLOGIST

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Comments from your President: Kevin Wentz

Hello again,
I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer. Much has happened since our last newsletter. The Kentucky Geoscience Symposium, held on May 31, was a tremendous success! Many thanks to those who attended and participated in the days events, and to the Administration of the Kentucky Geological Survey for their support in accomodating our Society. The Session began with a lively "Round Table" discussion where the proposed changes for our Society were outlined and discussed. Our aim was to address the issues that effect the geologists of this State and provide a blueprint for how we might proceed with the decisions ahead. Soon, each of us will have the opportunity to participate in deciding which road will be better for our Society. You will be receiving a copy of the revised Constitution and Bylaws within the next few weeks. It is our hope that the readers of the document will find it a spur to the dialogue and an aid to the decisions that will follow. After the Fall Field Conference, you will receive a ballot allowing you to vote for or against these proposed revisions. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome and I hope that each of you will take the time to review the forthcoming information and express your opinions.

1996 Events (Dates to Remember):

Reminder: **September 20 - 21**, are the dates scheduled for the **1996 Fall Field Conference**. Ken Kuehn has blocked 40 rooms at the **Executive Inn** in Paducah, which will be held until September 5th.. When calling to reserve a room, mention your affiliation with the GSK to receive the group discount. The trip will incorporate the topics of environmental and engineering geology and will include stops to the D.O.E.'s Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Olmsted Dam site. In addition, neo-tectonic features in Southern Illinois, recently mapped by members of the Illinois Geological Survey, will also be highlighted on our trip. I hope to see you in Paducah.

Dues:

I would like to thank those of you who responded to our request for dues. At present the Society has approximately \$7100.00 in its coffers which will be used to provide scholarships to students attending the Fall Field Conference, and to assist in the preparations for the joint meeting of the AAPG Eastern Section, and The Society of Organic Petrologists (TSOP) next year in Lexington.

Items of Interest:

A Joint committee of the American Institute for Professional Geologists and the Geological Society of Kentucky has nominated Henry Morgan for a

second term on the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. In addition to Mr. Morgan, the committee also nominated Robert Fox, a long time investor in the industry of petroleum exploration, and Dr. Peter Whaley, professor of geology at the Murray State University. The nominations have been forwarded to Governor Patton who will make the appointment.

Help Develop a Kentucky Earth Science Network!

Want to help a local school and promote earth science? Many of you already give talks to school groups and judge local science fairs. Those who volunteer in this capacity know that it is very rewarding. At the KGS and university earth-science departments, we receive many requests to visit schools, judge science fairs, and answer questions from teachers about Kentucky geology. Unfortunately, the farther the request is from one of our institutions the harder it is to fulfill. Other disciplines have begun "networks" to put teachers in contact with local scientific experts when they have a special need for information in that discipline.

The KGS and GSK propose to create a network of earth-science contacts across the state. Network scientists could help with local science fairs, or give presentations on career or science days, but would not necessarily have to visit schools if their own time was limited. The real need is for volunteers who act as a contact to answer earth-science questions and direct educators to sources of information. Educators across the state have expressed the need for access to earth scientists, and by making yourself available to their questions you will not only be helping the educators, but also promoting earth science.

If you would like to be part of the network please fill out this form and mail it to **Earth Science Network** c/o Stephen Greb, Kentucky Geological Survey, 228 MMRB, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0107; or e-mail the information on the phone to greb@kgs.mm.uky.edu; or fax the form to Steve Greb at the KGS **(606) 257-1147**. I will call all volunteers to check how they would like to be listed and in what capacity they feel they can reasonably help the network. As the network grows, information packets and educational materials may also be forwarded to all volunteers to aid them in their efforts. Thank you.

Name _____
Address _____

Area or county in which you could help _____

Contact phone _____ home
or _____ work

e-mail _____
fax _____

Dr. Wallace Hagan Honored

The Kentucky Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists recently awarded the section's Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Wallace Hagan. Dr. Hagan (CPG-4866) was the State Geologist and Director of the Kentucky Geological Survey from 1958 to 1978, and also a past President of the Kentucky Section of AIPG. He received his Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois in 1935, 1936 and 1942, respectively. Wally has been the recipient of numerous awards over the years, some of which include: the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Public Service Award; the United States Geological Survey's John Wesley Powell Award; and the Kentucky Academy of Science Distinguished Science Award.

Information provided by Stephen B. Sullivan, President - Ky. Section AIPG

Upcoming Calendar Events

In addition to next month's **GSK Annual Fall Field Conference** on September 20 - 21 (see attached announcements) there are several upcoming meetings and conferences that should be noted.

The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP), 13th Annual Meeting, September 15 - 19, 1996, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.
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1996 Kentucky Nonpoint Source Conference, **Division of Water, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet** and **Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute (KWRI)**, September 17 - 18, 1996, Holiday Inn North, Lexington, KY.
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1996 Eastern Section Meeting*, **American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)**, **Appalachian Geological Society**, and **WV Geological & Economic Survey**, October 12 - 16, 1996, Charleston Marriott and Charleston Civic Center.

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Of special note:* Next year's Eastern Section AAPG Meeting will be held in **Lexington, KY and will be locally co-hosted by **TSOP** and the **GSK**.

Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, October 28 - 31, 1996.
info: (918) 584-2555.

Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Frankfort, KY. November 14 -16, 1996.

Notice

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Fellowship Announced. Under a cooperative agreement established with FEMA, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute is offering a **1997 Professional Fellowship**. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$30,000, commencing in January 1997, to cover tuition and fees for a six month period. The fellowship is aimed at the career professional and is *not* intended to fund work towards a degree. The deadline for receipt of all application materials at EERI is September 6, 1996. Application materials may be obtained by contacting Kevin Wentz at (606) 257-5500. Announcement of the award will be made October 18, 1996.

Don't forget to send in your registration for the upcoming 1996 Fall Field Conference!!
