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Comments from your President: Kevin Wentz

A belated Happy Holidays!

Yes, it's that time of year, winter is upon us and Santa is thankful for missing this frigid weather. This has been a tremendous year for our Society. We have broken new ground in providing a wider variety of activities for our members and I am very encouraged by your renewed interest in the GSK. Serving as your President, and having the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people that have served as your Executive Committee, has truly been a highlight of my career. I wish to thank those that have volunteered much of their time to serve this Society as an Executive officer.

1996 in Review:

Over the past year the GSK has maintained an active schedule. Activities which I hope will continue to strengthen and grow with time. The GSK sponsored its first *Kentucky Geoscience Symposium*, which was tremendously successful and will continue as an annual event. Communication with the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists and the American Institute for Professional Geologists was established. As the saying goes, "There is strength in numbers," and maintaining an open exchange of ideas and information among these and other geoscientific organizations is vital to the future of our Society.

Initial preparations have been made for the September 1997 joint meeting between the AAPG - Eastern Section and the Society for Organic Petrology. We are very excited to be co-hosting this event with the Kentucky Geological Survey and the Center for Applied Energy Research. A "Call For Papers," for the '97 Conference, was sent to the members of GSK in early December. If you have not received the information and would like to, please contact Kevin Wentz at (606) 257-5500.

On November 6, the GSK held its first membership drive and we were fortunate to receive approximately 30 new members to our Society. WELCOME ABOARD! Jesse Kincheloe has agreed to represent the GSK as delegate to the AAPG. Mr. Kincheloe is a Petroleum Geologist by trade and I am confident he will do an excellent job in representing the Geological Society of Kentucky.

Finally, I would once again like to credit Ken Kuehn for the time and effort he has dedicated to drafting the Constitution and Bylaws for the proposed KSPG (*Kentucky Society for Professional Geologists*). By this time everyone should have had an opportunity to review the document and voice his or her suggestions or comments. The time is now upon us to decide whether to adopt this document, or continue with the current Constitution that governs our Society. With the ballot enclosed in this newsletter, please place your vote and return it with your 1997 dues payment. We are on the right track, and with your continued interest and support, the GSK / KSPG will continue to provide you a variety of activities that promote both the profession and practice of geology.

Dues:

Here I go again! This year things are going to be a little different with respect to dues collection. Enclosed within this newsletter is a ballot enabling you to elect your 1997 Executive Committee and vote for or against the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws for the **Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists**. Here's the catch! If dues are not received within the allotted time frame (February 20, 1997), your ballot will not be considered in the election, and individuals failing to pay their **\$10.00** will not receive future mailings until dues are received. So, let your vote be heard and return your 1997 dues payment with your ballot and maintain your status as an active member of the Society.

1997 Events (Dates to Remember):

February 12: The Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Kentucky.

February 22-23: The Kentucky Geological Survey will host its 1997 Distinguished Lecture Series. This year's featured guest is Marcus Milling, President of the AGI. Friday, Feb. 23,

March 27-28: The Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America will meet at Auburn, Alabama.

May 22-24: The Geological Society of Kentucky / Kentucky Society for Professional Geologists will host its annual Kentucky Geosciences Symposium in conjunction with the Kentucky Geological Survey's Annual Meeting. This events will be held at the Kentucky Geological Survey in Lexington.

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Proposed KSPG Constitution and Bylaws
January 1997 Update
by
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Greetings! As you know, many positive things are happening to our Society and as we enter 1997, I'm optimistic we can make our transition to the KSPG a smooth one. On August 30, 1996 I mailed a copy of the proposed KSPG Constitution and Bylaws to all members and invited your comments. I received many valuable and positive remarks from you and most of these were discussed at our banquet during the Annual Field Conference in Paducah on September 20, 1996. For everyone's benefit, I have summarized the minor changes that resulted from your written comments and our discussion. Please review these and make the appropriate emendations to your copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws before you cast your confirmatory ballot included in this Newsletter.

Proposed KSPG Constitution:

Article VI: Meetings. (replace existing #1. and #2. with the following:)

1. The Society shall hold a minimum of one meeting per year for the presentation of scientific papers, field conferences, discussion of geological problems, and/or Society business. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee at any time. Items of business for information, recommendation, discussion, or vote may be presented to the Membership by the Executive Committee at any meeting.
2. Arrangements for all meetings shall be made by the Executive Committee or its designates.

Proposed KSPG Bylaws:

Article I: Membership Classes and Eligibility. (add words to #1D as follows:)

1D. "Student - persons who do not already hold a degree in geology, **geophysics, geochemistry, or geological/geotechnical engineering** and who are full-time students in geology or a related discipline at an institution of higher learning."

Article II: Procedures for Election to Membership. (new wording in bold print.)

2. "All other persons and Institutions desiring membership in KSPG must petition the Executive Committee on an approved application form. Individuals must be sponsored by two **Full members (as defined in Article III, #1)**. The applicant's name and the name of his sponsors shall be mailed to the members of the Society for consideration. If no objection is raised within sixty (60) days of the mailing, the application will be acted upon by the Executive Committee. **Any objections to a membership petition will be resolved by action of the Executive Committee and, if appropriate, referred to the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists before a final decision is made.** The Secretary shall notify applicants of the Executive Committee's acceptance or rejection as soon as practicable."

Article V: Executive Committee. In #1, delete the word "annual" from this sentence: "Duties include planning for **annual** meetings, elections, annual budget, administering funds...."

Article VI: Officers

1D. Secretary/Treasurer. (add the words "membership applications" to the description of duties:) "...shall serve for three years and is responsible for recording the actions of the Executive Committee, shall supervise the receipt of all funds, **membership applications** and, under the direction of the Executive Committee, be responsible for all disbursements of Society funds."

1F. Councilors. (replace the existing description with the following:)

The two (2) Councilors shall perform specific duties as directed by the Executive Committee and shall serve a term of two years. One Councilor shall be elected each year.

Article VII: Election of Officers (new wording for #1 as follows:)

1. The officers of KSPG, with the exception of the Editor shall be elected by Full members who are in good standing.

(NOTE: Due to a typographical error, there are two Article VI's in the Bylaws. '**Election of Officers**' should be **Article VII**, and the numeral for each subsequent Article should be increased by one, so the final article entitled 'Amendments' is XIII, and not XII as written.)

Article X (new Article XI): Professional Ethics. (add the following sentence (bold) to the end of the existing description:)

"Members of the Society are expected to maintain the highest level of professional ethics. Members shall be bound by any Code of Professional Ethics, or like document, as may be developed by the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. **All ethics matters including removal from the Society shall be resolved by action of the Executive Committee and shall be referred to the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists if appropriate.**"

Clarification: I received several inquiries concerning the status of Graduate Students in the KSPG. More than likely, graduate students will have completed the education component required for professional registration by virtue of having earned a degree in geology, geophysics, geochemistry, or geological/geotechnical engineering from an accredited college or university as specified by KRS 322A.040. These students will properly be **Associate Members** of KSPG. If a full-time graduate student has earned an undergraduate degree in another discipline, then **Student Member** status is appropriate.

I hope this update is useful to you. It addresses all the concerns raised by the membership from the original proposal. You may obtain a complete, updated copy of the KSPG Proposed Constitution and Bylaws by contacting me. Further concerns of course can be raised at any time and will be resolved by membership vote as specified in the document. I urge your acceptance of the KSPG Proposed Constitution and Bylaws as revised above.

An important final note: The primary objective of the new KSPG is to provide a unified professional organization capable of serving the needs of all Kentucky geologists. Your 1996 GSK Executive Committee has decided that all the Society's non-student members who are in good standing shall be 'grandfathered' into the KSPG as 'Full' members, and shall maintain all rights and privileges thereof. For this changeover to occur smoothly, you must indicate your wishes by returning the enclosed Confirmatory Ballot together with your 1997 dues to me by the March 1 deadline.