

KENTUCKY GEOLOGIST

Newsletter of the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (Formerly the Geological Society of Kentucky)

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Comments from your President:

James C. Cobb

I am extremely pleased at the overwhelming support of the membership for the change from GSK to the **Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists**. The new agenda for KSPG is to continue the traditional activities of the old society and to add new workshops and seminars with topics of interest to the membership. These new activities will help create opportunities for all geologists and develop a stronger geological network within the state. To keep communications with members as simple as possible please send written correspondence to:

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I invited all members with suggestions for future activities to contact any of the KSPG officers or me. We will be doing more with other geological organizations in the state to coordinate our activities. It is my objective to focus on the interests and fun in geology along with professional growth and involvement in social issues.

This year's KSPG field trip will be led by Steve Greb and is in conjunction with the AAPG Eastern Section meeting to be held in Lexington. The KSPG field trip will be on Saturday, September 27, 1997, and will focus on geology of the Blue Grass. The trip expects to visit a limestone mine, karst springs, fossil sites, and other points of interest. Of special interest this trip is being advertised for Kentucky science teachers to promote closer relationships between teachers and geologists. There will also be a KSPG fall banquet and business meeting in conjunction with the fall field trip.

New Harmony, Indiana, is the home of David Dale Owen, James Maclure, and a number of other historic figures of great importance to geology in America. A foundation has been organized to raise money to restore one of the most historic original buildings for geology; the Rapp Granary-David Owen Laboratory. The Rapp Granary was built around 1815 and served as David Dale Owen's laboratory starting in 1827. A suggestion has been presented to KSPG to organize a trip to New Harmony to see these sites, hear lectures about the earliest geologic surveys in America, and current plans for restorations. Please contact me if anyone has an interest in this or any other activities.

Again, thank you for supporting KSPG as the society for the future of geologists in Kentucky. I warmly invite all of you to get involved and help make this a great future.

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Kenneth W. Kuehn

KSPG Update

I am pleased to report the results of our March 1st election (conducted by mail ballot) concerning adoption of the

revised Constitution and Bylaws and a change in the name of our Society to the KSPG. Candidates for the 1997 Executive Committee were also on the ballot for membership approval. Eighty (80) properly marked ballots were received by the deadline and were counted. All Candidates were approved by a plurality of votes and their names and contact information appear in this Newsletter. The vote to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as our change in name was 72 - 8 'in favor of'. According to Article VII of the existing GSK Constitution and Bylaws, a 3/4 vote of the responding members is sufficient to amend. This portion was exceeded so, on March 1, 1997 we became the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists! Thank you for your continued support and input during our transition period.

Member Update

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 1997 Member Information form. To date, I have received 100 such forms and as a result, I have some interesting data to share with you! Of the 100 respondents, 81 of us are registered professional geologists as follows: 59 are registered in Kentucky only; 19 are registered in Kentucky and at least one other state; and 3 are registered in other states, but not in Kentucky. Nineteen (19) people hold no professional registrations. Also, 22 of us are members of the AIPG, our national organization for certifying geologists. This is the first time such information has been collected and it clearly shows that our Society is evolving in the proper direction! We now have the necessary foundation in place to develop into an organization that is capable of effectively serving ALL Kentucky geologists.

1997 Dues Reminder

Our member database presently contains about 340 names; 290 of which comprise our 'active' membership, including 23 student members. The database will be undergoing considerable refinement over the next few months and I hope to receive complete information from everyone for this process. **If you have not yet done so, will you please complete the Member Information form enclosed in this Newsletter and mail it along with your \$10 dues check for 1997?** Your continued support is much needed and appreciated! An important point here is that all of our 'active' GSK (non-student) members will be granted 'Full' membership status in the KSPG upon receipt of your 1997 dues. The Executive Committee has agreed that this 'grandfathering' period shall extend through December 31, 1997, after which time it will be necessary to make a new application for membership in the Society.

The Future: More is Better!

Our Society has made great strides during the past two years, and many Members have contributed their time and effort to make this possible...but, we must continue to look ahead. There are approximately 2,000 geologists registered in Kentucky today. Most, of course, live out-of-state and wish only to practice here professionally. As a Society, we need to reach out and offer them appropriate services and activities. We need all geologists who live in, or practice in, our state to join the KSPG! Do you have friends and colleagues who are not yet members? Please encourage them to participate in our Society, and if appropriate, to support Kentucky's registration program by becoming a registered professional geologist. Please contact me for membership information, or send me the names and addresses of potential members. We need to bolster our membership with active, involved geologists. We've gotten off to a good start, but we're far from the

finish! Be involved...this is YOUR Society! Our new solidarity and our continued professional activities will serve us well by increasing both the renown of geologists and their practice throughout the Commonwealth.

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1997 Calender of Upcoming Events

April 26-27, Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club 34th annual show, Senior Citizen's Center, Lexington, Ky.

May 3-4, Cincinnati Mineral Society annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil-Jewelry-Lapidary Arts Show, Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Avenue.

May 22, Kentucky Geological Survey 37th Annual Meeting, Lexington, Ky.

May 23-24, KSPG Kentucky Geosciences Seminar, Lexington, Ky. (Held in conjunction with KGS Annual Meeting).

June 1-5, Society of Sedimentary Geology meeting, Calgary.

June 11-13, Kentucky Oil & Gas Association (KOGA) 61th Annual Meeting and Trade Show, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Lexington, Ky.

September 11, KOGA third-quarter meeting, Somerset.

September 27-30, *Technology to Win, Beating the Odds*, a joint meeting of the AAPG-Eastern Section (26th Annual Meeting) and The Society of Organic Petrology (14th Annual Meeting), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Lexington, Ky. Contact Dr. Jim Drahovzal (606) 257-5500 or Dr. Jim Hower (606) 257-0261, for details.

October 5-8, SPE annual meeting, San Antonio, Tx.

October 20-23, Geological Society of America annual meeting, Salt Lake City.

November 14-17, IPAA annual meeting, San Antonio.

December 11, KOGA fourth-quarter meeting, Lexington.

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