

**Northeast Section AIPG  
Spring Meeting and Field Trip  
May 14, 2003  
Gideon Putnam Hotel  
Saratoga Springs, New York**

- I. **Call to Order – 1300 hours:** Attendees: Dan St. Germain, Dennis McGrath, Bob Stewart, Arnie Schiffman, Bob Blauvelt, Sam Gowan, Dean Herrick, Kerry Hanlon and Dick Young. Minutes by W. T. West; Bill Siok, Thomas Van Biersel, Lance Meade, Bob Fakundiny, Bill Prehoda, Jim Rickert, Laurie Scheuing, Gene Fowler, Bill Fetter, Bill Lilley, Joanne Pacheco, Steve Stokowski, John Uruskyj and George Parfumi.
- II. **Secretaries Report** – Approved by e-mail vote of the Executive Committee Section. Final copies of the Secretaries report were provided electronically.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Approved by e-mail vote of the Executive Committee Section. Final copies of the Treasurer’s report were provided electronically.
- IV. **Correspondence** – The Section received a thank you note from the Colorado Section for making a donation for the 2003 Annual Meeting. Also, Dan St. Germain provided copies of correspondence received regarding the New Jersey professional geologist licensing effort.
- V. **Organization of 2004 Annual Meeting**
  - Layout – Dan St. Germain reviewed the meeting rooms that will be used for the 2004 Annual Meeting and indicated that the exhibitors will be able to display in the lobby area adjacent to the meeting rooms to facilitate higher visibility.
  - Discussion of topics – The co-chairs provided an update on the meeting topics including field trips, technical sessions, spouse events, short courses, and the meeting entertainment (dinner cruise, harness racing).
  - Field Trips - Bob Fakundiny put together a package of potential field trips that was distributed during the meeting. Several additional trips were also discussed. Dan St. Germain suggested that the field trip chair assemble a 3 to 5-person group and firm up the possible field trips within the next two weeks. Several questions regarding the field trips that need to be addressed include how many days, how much time – and the field trips need to avoid conflicting with other Annual Meeting agendas. It was recommended that the field trip committee consider two (2) one day field trips (beginning and end), and two half-day field trips (during meeting). Due to the expected high number of people expected to attend field trips, alternative trips including possible self-

guided tours are being considered. Bob Fakundiny indicated that he would have recommendations for the field trips available by the end of month.

- Short Courses – Dan St. Germain reported that HMPGA has had good turnout on the short courses that they recently conducted; the course topics included fractured rock and DNAPL. Laurie Scheuing indicated that the high level of participation in the short courses was likely due to the CEUs and LEP/LSP credits that were offered. Laurie also indicated that they hired professionals that took care of handling the accreditation. According to Laurie, HMPGA is planning on doing a glacial geology short-course next year. Bill Siok recommended that in addition to local accreditation, that we also include the APIG accreditation for the short courses that are offered. Craig Werle, Laurie Scheuing and Tom West were to pick and establish the list of short course topics by the end of the month.
- Bill Siok provided a short discussion on the Top Ten Lessons Learned from hosting annual meetings – According to Bill, the tendency of recent meetings is toward more geology-based emphasis; there have been numerous attempts to include short courses, but the most successful short courses have offered continuing education credits; local Section participation is one of the key factors in determining the financial success of the meeting – the Section should count on approximately 80 people from outside the Section to attend, however, you need at least 100 people from the host Section to ensure a successful meeting. Tom Fails national survey influenced how the Colorado Section set up field trips and short courses. Dan St. Germain asked when should we open registration? Bill Siok responded that we should plan on opening the meeting registration at or after the 2003 Annual Meeting. Regarding the question of attendance during the weekend vs. weekdays – Bill Siok believes that the meeting should be 4 to 5 days in length and one weekend is typical.
- Registration Fee – Dan St. Germain indicated that registration for short-courses would include registration for attendance at the meeting on the day of the course. Bill Siok believes that the Section should start our fund raising/corporate sponsors as early as possible.
- Technical Sessions/Workshops – The technical sessions/workshop chair reported that they were planning on having two (2) technical sessions – mineral resources and site investigation/remediation and four (4) workshops – resumes, ethics, geology of New England (possible papers provided as a welcome gift to acquaint participants with where they are geologically), and water resources of the northeast. The group was hoping to offer cash awards for student poster sessions, since the annual meeting precedes the annual GSA meeting. Bill Siok reported that National has established a President's Award (in honor of Past President Dennis Pennington). The President's Award is offered to both graduate and undergraduate students, and includes both cash

and recognition at the banquet awards dinner. Unfortunately, the President's Award money that was originally donated will be expended at the 2003 Annual meeting (I am not sure what is being said here. Can someone clarify???) The Executive Committee, however, agreed that the student poster session is important and should include a financial award, possibly tied with the Angelo scholarship. The academic co-chair agreed to assist the Section with getting the word out on the poster session/awards. Bob Blauvelt has agreed to assist with selecting and finalizing the technical session/work shop agenda by the end of month.

- Entertainment – Dean Herrick reported on the Lake George dinner cruise. The entertainment chair has obtained the pricing and availability of the cruise and the timing/interest will determine if we have charter/dinner fees separate or go as the general public to avoid the charter fees. Harness racing – The schedule for the 2004 fall racing has not been published, but generally there is only one night of racing during the week.

VI. Adjournment – **1530 hours.**