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President's Message

The theme for the past two months has been outreach and education. Although the Regents postponed review of the educational and experience guidelines until their April meeting (tentatively), the Council has been moving ahead with numerous outreach events to educate the general public and the geoscience community about the licensure law. In addition to the usual and exceptional efforts of the Outreach Committee, members of the Council have given presentations to the regional geologic groups, at the Northeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America, and webinars to existing and potential business sponsors. Although it will be nice to be able to speak in more detail about requirements once the Regents approve them, it has been exciting to share this information with so many interested and enthusiastic audiences. We hope to continue the expanded outreach effort through next fall and winter with a combination of talks, webinars, and conference calls. If your organization is interested in one of these presentations, please feel free to contact me ... I will do my very best to schedule something.

As you will read in the Legislative Committee report, we are waiting for two very significant things to happen: 1) the Regents to act on the draft requirements for licensure, and 2) the legislature to act on our proposed solutions to ease the transition for businesses. The Council has done everything that we can to move these items ahead; we must now wait for the Regents and Legislature to act. Given the keen interest in both of these topics, we will be sure to send out an email update as soon as we have an update. Once we have some closure on these matters, we will also be sure to send out information to our membership about how to move ahead with applying for a license and what steps businesses must take to be in compliance with the law.

As always, thank you for your patience and support.

Best Wishes,

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Statement of Purpose

The NYSCPG strives to strengthen and advance the geologic sciences as a profession, promote the protection of public health and welfare and the environment through the professional practice of geologic sciences, and create high standards of ethical conduct among its members and within the profession of geology, as well as the legal standing of geologists and their ability to practice geology in New York State by promoting the licensing of geologists in New York State through statutory regulation.

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NYSCPG at Northeastern GSA – March 2016

NYSCPG Directors (past and present) proposed, organized and presented a half-day session on licensing of geologists in New York State during the annual meeting of the Northeast Region of the Geological Society of America, which was held in Albany in March. Despite the fact that this session was scheduled early in the morning on the last day of the conference, it was quite well-attended. In fact, people began assembling before our 8 a.m. start time. The audience was quite a bit larger than in most of the concurrent sessions that day and compared favorably to many held earlier in the week. Attendees included individual geologists, geology students, and those affiliated with large and small firms from throughout the state. It was heartening to see such a fine show of interest from those we are seeking to inform about navigating the licensure process as it comes into being. This also confirmed that the Council Directors' efforts to take advantage of this unique opportunity were both justified and fruitful.

The audience was courteous, attentive and engaged with the speakers' presentations. The presenters and their topics were:

Mark Williams – History of the licensure of geologists – where we've been

John Nadeau – Licensing geologists in New York State – what it means to you

Mike Rygel – Licensure of professional geologists in New York State: challenges and opportunities for academic geoscience departments

John Nadeau - Licensing geologists in New York State – what it means to your company

Bill Kelly – Preparing for geology licensure in New York – a progress report

NYSCPG intends to offer presentations of a similar scope and format through the auspices of the regional geology organizations across the state. Inquiries can be forwarded to the Board of Directors via the Council website at www.nyscp.org.

As might be expected, several people inquired about the still-unresolved corporate entities issues, and the speakers provided as much current information on that aspect as is available at present. Others were interested

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in information about the likely timetable for implementation of the licensure process, and what to expect in terms of the structure and content of the application itself. Some also asked about the process during and after the grandfathering period (during which licensure may be secured without having to take a test similar to the ASBOG exam). The process for individual licensees envisioned under both frameworks was thoroughly described and helpful advice on how to keep abreast of late-breaking developments was also provided. It is hoped that this information will help people to file applications for licensure in the most timely manner possible.

Kudos and heartfelt thanks are due the speakers. All were well-informed, well-prepared and well-spoken. The style of their interactions with individual audience members further demonstrated that all involved were motivated to serve the information needs of geologists as they seek to prepare for professional practice in New York State in the licensure era. The conference organizers also voiced special appreciation for the participation of NYSCPG in the “Map and Career Networking Blast” on Monday evening.

One final note: before the mandated license requirements take effect in November of this year, draft regulations need to be published, with a 45-day public comment period. These will be posted on the website of the State Education Department, Office of the Professions (www.op.nysed.gov). The availability of the public comment draft regulations will also be announced on the NYSCPG website.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By now, you will all have seen that the New York State Budget has passed both houses of the Legislature and been signed by the Governor. The draft regulations were completed by the legal staff of the State Education Department (SED) and are waiting to be presented to the Regents at their April meeting. The current timetable is such that these draft regulations will be submitted for a 45-day public comment period after the initial review by the Regents. If there are no comments that require significant revisions to the draft language, the Regents and SED will finalize the regulations in June. Any significant revisions to the draft may require an additional comment period once the changes are incorporated.

After the regulations are approved, SED will prepare the application forms and upload the regulations and documentation to the web portal (<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/geo/>). It is the Council's hope that the application documents will be available by the end of this summer. The Regents do not normally meet to discuss topics during the summer months. If the timetable for the review is pushed back any further, the documents may not be available until mid to late fall.

I had the opportunity to make a presentation to the CNYAPG group in March and participated with several other members presenting at the Geological Society of America Northeastern Section meeting in Albany. There was a good showing at both meetings, and a lot of good questions were presented. It is good to see how informed people are becoming regarding the impending changes to our profession and I am always pleased to provide information to the membership. I am hoping that as we move towards the fall, we can have a few workshops across the state to provide people details before the effective date is reached.

Members of the Legislative Committee and our lobbyist, Peter O'Connell, have continued to work with SED and Department of State (DOS) representatives to work on the issue of corporate restructuring. Revised language for a proposed Chapter Amendment is intended to provide a clear pathway for this restructuring. The proposed language will

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allow a general business corporation to transition to a professional corporation (PC or DPC) or a limited liability company (LLC) to become a professional limited liability company (PLLC). The proposed amendment would establish an enforcement date of March 1, 2018 for persons and companies wishing to provide professional geological services in New York State to have their licenses and articles of incorporation complete. After that date, no one can legally offer geologic services without the proper credentials. The language has been shared with SED and DOS and it is our intent to move forward with the language in the Legislature in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience and continued support. As always, you are welcome to contact me at jnadeau@alphageoscience.com with any questions regarding the process of the Law's establishment and implementation.



Handwritten signature of John M. Nadeau.

John M. Nadeau, CPG
2015-2016
Legislative/Transition Chairman
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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach Committee Report: Cheryl Neary - Chairperson

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to advocate on behalf of the Council with other professional and regulatory organizations within the State of New York.

We are always looking forward to having more volunteers join our efforts, Please consider donating your time to the committee. You can contact any of the leads listed below for more information or you can contact me.

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In an effort to raise more funds and awareness, Region I and Region II Outreach Committee members sponsored a raffle at the LIAPG meeting. Wine bottles were donated by members of the Outreach Committee, allowing for several bottles to be won!

In addition, at the Annual Gem & Mineral Show held by the Island Rock Hounds in Old Bethpage (Long Island), representatives of the Outreach Committee were available to raffle an Italian Dinner basket, which included a variety of pasta, sauces, cheese, breadsticks, Italian cookies and two different wines. This too was successful! I would like to thank Ken Wenz, Nick Canonico and Victoria Whelan for each donating several hours to the cause.

I am a firm believer that we must include the general public in our endeavors. After all, isn't it important that they know why it is important to have licensed geologists?

Perhaps you can do some research in your area and see what gem and mineral clubs are having a show. Ask if you can have a table and request if you can raffle items- such as a garden basket, or any type of basket which would not conflict with the dealers at their show, but will be appealing to the audience of the show. See if your organization or the personnel in your organization would be willing to help fund the basket! More importantly – have the paperwork with you about our organization and request their support.

The Region I & II members will be at Stony Brook University representing NYSCPG on April 16, 2016 at the 23rd Conference on the Geology of LI and Metropolitan New York. This is a program where teachers and professional geologists can receive in-service credit for participation in the event. Are there similar events in your Region? If not – talk to your local SUNY to see if there is an event held for the Geology Department in which you can participate.

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Members of the 2016 NYSCPG Fundraising Committee include Michael Rygel, Cheryl Neary, Gene Florentino, Lenny Rexrode, Matt Dupee, Pete Smith and myself.

New members are always welcome to join the Fundraising Committee!

Best Regards,

Todd G. Bown, P.G.

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JOINT MEETING - NORTHEAST SECTION of AIPG and LIAPG



1:00 to 2:00 PM
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The Northeast Section of AIPG (NE-AIPG) and the Long Island Association of Professional Geologists (LIAPG) invites all members and their guests to attend the 2016 Spring Meeting in Nanuet, NY.

A highlight of this meeting is a guided tour of Tilcon’s West Nyack Quarry, where we will view the process of producing construction materials from outcrop to trucking. Following the tour, please join us for a joint dinner meeting with the LIAPG at Banchetto Feast, Nanuet, New York. Come and network with your fellow geologists over a cold beverage during the social hour, followed by the presentation of the Slayback Award (page 2) to a NE-AIPG honored member. We’ll enjoy an Italian buffet dinner followed by a presentation by John Conrad (PV Scheffler) focused on investigating the potential for carbon sequestration in the Newark Basin. Please see page 2 for the presentation abstract.

The day's agenda includes:

- 1:00 – 2:00 PM: Tour of West Nyack Quarry,**
Meet in the main parking lot (link on page 4, scroll down to view map)
- 2:30 - 4:30 PM: NE-AIPG Executive Committee Meeting** (general membership is welcome),
to be held at Banchetto Feast, Nanuet, NY (link to directions on page 3).
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Joint networking and cocktails with LIAPG** (Banchetto Feast)
- 6:00 - 6:15 PM: NE-AIPG Presentation of the Slayback Award** – Please read more on page 2
- 6:15 PM: Joint Dinner Meeting with LIAPG** at Banchetto Feast (**\$45/person**)
- 7:00 PM: Presentation by John Conrad** (program ending at approximately 8:00 PM).

About the Field Trip: West Nyack Quarry

We will tour the West Nyack Quarry to see production of stone and construction products from outcrop through processing and distribution. The tour is free and Tilcon will provide “goodie” bags to attendees.

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Evening Presentation Abstract

Drilling for Carbon-Storing Rocks in Suburban New York: Characterizing the Triassic Newark Basin for Potential Geologic Storage of CO₂

In 2009, Conrad Geoscience Corp. (now PVE Sheffler LLC) partnered with Sandia Technologies LLC to form the TriCarb Consortium for Carbon Sequestration. TriCarb’s goal was to design and complete a geologic characterization study of the Triassic-aged Newark Basin, which extends from Rockland County, NY through northern New Jersey and into Pennsylvania. The work was funded by grants from the U.S. Dept. of Energy and NYSERDA as part of a national strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. TriCarb’s primary question: Is there potential for commercial-scale carbon dioxide storage within the Newark Basin?

TriCarb was assisted by a technical advisory team that included Dr. David Goldberg (Lamont-Doherty), Dr. Paul Olsen, an expert on Newark Basin geology; Dr. Dennis Kent (Rutgers University), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Schlumberger Carbon Services; and the New York State Museum. The TriCarb project built upon Columbia University’s *Newark Basin Coring Project (NBCP)*, which in the early 1990s established Basin stratigraphy and depositional environments.

Basin characterization consisted of field and laboratory efforts, photographing and analyzing approximately 3,700 feet of rock core, preparation and analysis of thin sections for mineral composition, porosity and pore type; and lab analysis of porosity and permeability. In March 2011, TriCarb completed a seismic survey, which consisted of two perpendicular seismic lines traversing parts of Rockland County, NY and northern New Jersey along the shoulders of the New York State Thruway and Garden State Parkway. Seismic data were used to evaluate thickness, depth, geometry, orientation and structural features of different rock layers within the Basin.

The centerpiece of the field effort was a stratigraphic borehole, which was situated on State-owned land on the highway interchange at Exit 14 of the NY State Thruway in Rockland County, NY. The borehole extended to a depth of 6,885 feet, and penetrated thick lacustrine sequences and the Palisades Sill diabase, and terminated in the Passaic Formation. Vertical and horizontal cores were collected from selected intervals, followed by a comprehensive program of geophysical borehole logging. Fluid and core samples underwent geochemical experiments and modeling at Lawrence-Berkeley National Lab to estimate CO₂ dissolution rates and mineralization of injected CO₂.

The TriCarb team will present an overview of Newark Basin geology, explain TriCarb's field and laboratory work and results, and discuss prospects for carbon sequestration in the Newark Basin.

About the The Russell G. Slayback Award Dick Young, CPG 3356

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Learn more about the Slayback Award and NE-AIPG activities in the newsletter,
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Spring Meeting Registration:

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