



## President's Message

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, October and early November were our busiest months this year. We started out with the **New York State Geological Association (NYSGA) Annual Conference in Geneva on October 4-6; followed by a technical conference entitled "Modern Technologies and Emerging Techniques for Assessing Complex Hydrogeologic Systems in Fractured Bedrock" on October 29 and 30 in Albany; Our Annual Meeting on Oct 29 in Albany; and ended with the Geology Rock fund raiser event in White Plains NY on November 6. In addition, the Board of Directors rolled out a new membership rate structure for the 2020 membership.**

### **NYSGA**

The NYSGA conference is an annual event sponsored by NYSGA and one of the many local colleges/universities across the state. This year the event was held in Geneva, and was co-hosted by NYSGA, NYSCPG, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges. We had 42 attendees, and this was my first NYSGA event. The main activities at this conference were field trips. There were five field trips lead by various volunteer experts. It was great to be on a "College" field trip again! It is amazing how someone (like a college professor) can look at a landscape and see kame terraces and kettle lakes, and others just see a hill and a pond! A summary of the activities conducted during this event is provided later in this newsletter.

### **Technical Conference**

This continuing education (CE) technical conference was the first major CE conference hosted by NYSCPG to assist the membership in acquiring 16 professional development hours (PDHs). While there no current regulations requiring PDHs for New York Professional Geologists (PGs), these PDHs can be used for PGs in other states or other closely related professions. The course was well-attended (47 participants) and very well-orchestrated by Midwest Geosciences. More information about this technical conference is provided later in this newsletter.

### **Geology Rock Fundraiser and Networking Event**

The Geology Rock fundraiser and networking event concept was graciously developed and hosted by Michael Beckerich, President and CEO of York Analytical Laboratories with facilities in CT, NYC, and NJ. This fundraiser was held at the Coliseum in White Plains, and consisted of a night out featuring the Peach Project, an Allman Brothers cover band. The event was attended by 97 environmental consultants and vendors from the downstate area. More information about this event is provided later in this newsletter.

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## Events

### **1 Essential Day: Regulatory Updates, Brownfields, Emerging Contaminants & Remedial Technologies**

*November 21, 2019: Ronkonkoma, NY*

<https://nyscpge.wildapricot.org/event-3632939>

### **NYS Geology Exam (FG and PG)**

*March 20, 2020*

[www.scantronassessment.com/NYSEDOnline](http://www.scantronassessment.com/NYSEDOnline)

### **Events Pages of Regional Organizations - East to West**

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## Annual Membership Meeting

NYSCPG hosts an annual membership each year. This year, we changed it to bi-annual membership meetings. The first membership meeting was held in April in Binghamton, and the second was held in Albany on October 29. The following is a summary of the topics discussed during this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me or one of the 2020 Board of Directors.

### Discussions

- 2019 initiatives were summarized. The 2019 following initiatives will be carried into 2020:
  - Define job description, establish a budget, and place job ad for an Administrator/Executive Director
  - Update Factsheet
  - Update FAQs
  - Update By-laws as necessary
  - Update PG database
  - Plan at least 2 CE conferences
- Legislative Summary
  - Update on SED's talking points regarding CE
- CE Discussion
- Executive Director duties/qualifications
- Treasury Report
- NYGA Event summary
- Geology Rock Event (planned for Nov 6)
- 2020 Election Results
- NYSCPG Member Rate Increase
- Alliance Discussion

### Action items

1. Peter O'Connell to set up a meeting with Mark Kriss (Engineering Lobbyist), and invite Land Surveyors lobbyist. Meeting to be attended by Peter O'Connell, Mark Williams, and Gene Florentino (via phone). Also John Nadeau, Greg Wyka, and Rick Watt if available
2. NYSCPG to revise Alliance Plan
3. Alliance Discussion: December BOD meeting (December 4, 2019 at 1200). Attendees: 2020 BOD. Other BOD representatives from the Regional Organizations are also welcome.

# 2020 Membership Rates

The New York State Council of Professional Geologists (NYSCPG) is the statewide principal organization of professional geologists responsible for the advancement of the competent and ethical practice of geology in New York State. NYSCPG's primary missions, on behalf of its members, are to strengthen and advance the application of geological sciences as a profession by providing leadership, advocacy, and education to promote the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the balanced protection of the environment.

The focus of NYSCPG is to:

- 1) Promote the competent practice of professional geology by adhering to sound ethical, scientific, and geologic principles;
- 2) Monitor and offer professional reviews and opinions regarding current and pending legislation and research NYS and local laws and regulations as they pertain to or may affect the practice of geology in NYS;
- 3) Encourage stewardship for the profession of applied geology, and
- 4) Interface with other closely related professions (e.g., NYS Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors) to partner on legislative issues with common ground.

NYSCPG's leadership team represents not only its members, but also advocates for all NYS-licensed professional geologists, and individuals on the path to a NYS professional geologist license. NYSCPG will fulfill members' and all licensee needs with a wide range of useful services (e.g. career development, education, networking opportunities) enabling them to be more effective in their career through advocacy, continuing education, training, and outreach.

It is the dues paid by its members that allow NYSCPG to fulfill our mission and meet the objectives above. As we have transitioned our mission from one focused primarily on enactment of licensure to that described above, it has become clear that the current dues structure cannot sustain our mission. Our evolving mission has, and will continue to have, the need to retain the services of a lobbyist. NYSCPG has retained a lobbyist for most of the past 24 years. Costs associated with our past lobbying efforts generally ranged from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per year, which represents a considerable value relative to typical lobbying costs on the order of \$60,000 per year. While the main focus of our lobbyist was previously to achieve licensure, it has evolved into maintenance of licensure through monitoring of proposed legislation that could affect our profession. This includes recent work on issues surrounding continuing education requirements. Based on lobbying costs paid by other related professions (such as engineering and surveying), we anticipate that NYSCPG's future lobbying costs will be approximately \$60,000 per year, after the retirement of our current lobbyist in 2020. Our current and former lobbyists have given significant fee discounts to represent NYSCPG and we have been able to pass those cost savings along to our membership. This resulted in membership rates that have been significantly lower than those of other related professions for many years. In addition to an anticipated increase in lobbying costs, NYSCPG is planning for additional significant increases in operating costs in order to serve the membership. As our mission evolves, so must the way we do business. NYSCPG cannot remain a purely volunteer-driven organization. In order to effectively operate, especially after implementation of continuing education requirements, we will need to hire and Executive Director, just like most non-profit and professional organizations.

In order to prepare for these significant changes in operating costs, NYSCPG has restructured its membership rates to enable the continuation of services to the membership as described above, while still maintaining reasonable dues that are still equal to or significantly lower than those of other related professions.

*The new member rates can be found on our webpage at <https://nyscpq.wildapricot.org/> along with a comparison to*

## **2020 Membership Rates,** *Continued from page 4*

other national and state professional organizations. Membership is divided into four categories including “Full Member” for NYS licensed geologists, “Associate Member” for non-licensed members, and others; “Retiree Member” for licensed geologists who are no longer practicing; and “Student Member”. This necessitated a reorganization of corporate sponsorship and corporations will now be recognized as “Sustaining Members” in and of themselves, with no membership bundles.

NYSCPG fully recognizes the implications that this new membership rate structure may have on your personal budget. However, it is important that each of us who are or may become a licensed professional Geologist be accountable for this practice. NYSCPG will continue help you maintain your professional licensure in the long term.

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# Legislative Update

As mentioned in the previous issue, John Nadeau is stepping down as Legislative Chairman. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John for his eight years of service to the profession and this organization! However, John is not off the hook just yet. Over the years, John has established a trust with the State Education Department (SED), one that is going to take time to replace. Thus, John has agreed to stay on as a liaison between NYSCPG and SED until our new Legislative Committee Chairman can fully take over his role. However, at this time, we are still looking for a volunteer to take on the position of Legislative Committee Chairman. Since the Chairman needs to interact with our Lobbyist Peter O'Connell and SED, it is best if the Chairman lives or works in the Albany area. Please let someone on the NYSCPG Board of Directors know if you are interested.

I would also like to thank James J. Janora, P.G. with McMahon and Mann Consulting Engineering and Geology, PC for stepping up to the plate and re-joining NYSCPG and pledging his service on the Legislative Committee!

With regard to legislative updates, NYSCPG has continued to work with our sister professions and the SED Office to craft the framework for the Continuing Education Bill. Our lobbyist submitted a proposed Bill for Continuing Education to SED in September 2019. The proposed Bill was subsequently forwarded to other stakeholders for review and comment. We were recently informed that the review is almost complete, and we should be receiving comments later this month (November). The following are areas that the stakeholders are considering for the Bill:

- Reducing the requirement on "live" CE courses (i.e., by allowing approved web-based courses). This will increase flexibility to the membership;
- Increase flexibility for out of state licensees (i.e., if a course is approved by another jurisdiction, NY may accept it);
- Carryover credit (a certain number of credit hours from one year may be carried over to the next year); and
- Course approval from entities outside of profession that would be considered related to Geology. This could be an approved engineering presentation relevant to geology or vice versa.

Thank you for your continued support of NYSCPG. As always, you can contact NYSED directly at [geology@nysed.gov](mailto:geology@nysed.gov) with any questions or concerns.



Gene Florentino, PG, PMP  
2019-2020  
Acting Legislative Chairman  
NYSCPG President

# A MESSAGE TO NYS PGs - DID YOU KNOW?

Have you received your registration renewal notice yet? If not, it will be coming soon for those who received their license in late 2016 or early 2017. Renewal service is available for licensees of all professions who are in the final 5 months of their current registration period or no more than 4 months past the expiration of their last valid registration period. Here is what you should do, and, more importantly, shouldn't forget not to do:

**Registration Renewal Notice:** this notice will contain everything you need to know to renew your license:

- a. It clearly states that this will be the only notice you will receive before your registration expires, so do not accidentally discard this notice, or put it aside and forget about it;
- b. The notice will contain a *PIN that you will need to renew your registration*. If you lose the PIN, you will have to request a new one. You will also need to enter your license number and profession ("Professional Geology");
- c. The notice will contain the web address you will need to renew your registration:  
[www.op.nysed.gov/renewalinfo.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/renewalinfo.htm);
- d. The notice will also contain a sheet that says "Please Read this and the Enclosed Registration Renewal Document Carefully." This is something you should not ignore. Some of the highlights include:

**Renew Online:** you are encouraged to renew online. You can update your address, request an optional professional photo identification card (additional \$30), or choose to become inactive.

**Month of Birth Renewal System:** New York uses a month-of-birth-based registration system. Since this will be your first renewal, your next renewal cycle will be a transition period. As a result, your new license period will be between 2 and 3 years and end the month prior to your month of birth (e.g., if you received your license in December 2016, and your birthday is in March, your new renewal period will be December 2019 to February 28, 2022). The registration fee will be prorated so that you only pay for the number of months included in your transition period. After this transition period, your registration periods will be a full three years.



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## NYSCPG MEMBERSHIP

- **As of November 5, 2019, there are 497 NYSCPG members and 1,240 NYS-licensed Professional Geologists.** The breakdown is as follows:
- **Total NYS-Based NYS Professional Geologists: 698 (56.3%)**
- **Total NYS-Licensed Professional Geologists from Bordering States (CT, NJ, MA, PA, and VT): 346 (27.9%)**
- **There are NYS-Licensed Professional Geologists from 39 States and 3 foreign countries (CN, UK, and the North Marianas Islands)**
- NYSCPG has **1,149** connections on 

## Prospector Members

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# NYSCPG MEMBERSHIP

County	Number	County	Number	County	Number
Albany	37	Jefferson	1	Saratoga	68
Allegany	1	Kings	12	Schenectady	21
Bronx	0	Lewis	0	Schoharie	6
Broome	2	Livingston	0	Schuyler	1
Cattaugus	1	Madison	12	Seneca	0
Cayuga	2	Monroe	23	Steuben	0
Chautauqua	2	Montgomery	1	St. Lawrence	4
Chemung	0	Nassau	42	Suffolk	136
Chenango	0	New York	14	Sullivan	0
Clinton	7	Niagara	10	Tioga	0
Columbia	3	Oneida	5	Tompkins	4
Cortland	6	Onondaga	50	Ulster	12
Delaware	0	Ontario	3	Warren	3
Dutchess	15	Orange	21	Washington	4
Erie	79	Orleans	0	Wayne	3
Essex	0	Oswego	1	Westchester	16
Franklin	2	Otsego	3	Wyoming	0
Fulton	1	Putnam	4	Yates	2
Genesee	4	Queens	19	<b>NYS TOTAL</b>	<b>698</b>
Greene	3	Rensselaer	21	<b>OTHER US</b>	<b>534</b>
Hamilton	0	Richmond	0	<b>NON-US</b>	<b>8</b>
Herkimer	1	Rockland	9	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1, 240</b>

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# NYSGA Event

## Hobart and William Smith Colleges

The weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> was quite interesting with over forty registrants participating in the weekend field trips. The annual conference was held this year at Hobart William Smith Colleges and co-hosted by NYSCPG.

On Saturday, there were five (5) field trips and one (1) trip on Sunday. The trips were as follows:

### **A Revised History of Late Quaternary Glaciation in the Cayuga Basin**

Dan Karig & Bryan Isacks, Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Cornell University

### **Paleoecology and Taphonomy of Some Eurypterid-Bearing Horizons in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State**

Stephen M. Mayer

### **Hobart & William Smith (HWS) Research Vessel - William Scandling Trip**

John D. Halfman & David Finkelstein, Department of Geoscience, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY

### **Ecology and Geomorphology Of Zurich Bog**

Nan Crystal Arens, Department of Geoscience, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY

### **Return to the Tully Valley – the Continuing Environmental Impacts of Natural- and Anthropogenic-Induced Change**

William M. Kappel (Emeritus Scientist), U.S. Geological Survey, Ithaca, NY

### **Paleontological Research Institution's Museum Of The Earth And Taughannock State Park As Teaching Resources**

Robert M. Ross; Don Haas; Jonathan R. Hendricks; Warren D. Allmon, Paleontological Research Institution, Ithaca NY

In addition, on Saturday night, following the banquet we visited the HWS Richard S. Perkin Observatory. Hobart & Wm Smith Colleges operates a 0.4m (17 inch) corrected Dall-Kirkham reflector telescope housed in the Perkin facility. The telescope is computer driven and has been used to search for extrasolar planets, asteroid rotation periods, and more.

At the banquet, Gene Florentino spoke to the participants about the Council. His audience included staff and students of HWS. Participants at the banquet were also treated to a wine tasting event, from a former geology student who recently opened his own winery!

I was able to take advantage of some downtime to do some wine tasting on my own!

Next year, the event will be hosted by Buffalo State University. For more information, please visit the NYSGA website:

<https://www.nysga-online.net/>

*Cheryl A. Neary, PG*

*Immediate Past President*



# Technical Conference Summary

The October 29/30, 2019 Continuing Education (CE) Course: Modern Technologies and Emerging Techniques for Assessing Complex Hydrogeologic Systems hosted by the NYSCPG and led by Midwest GeoSciences Group was a great success. Thank you to our instructors:

- \* Maureen Muldoon, PhD - WI Geological and Natural History Survey;
- \* David J. Hart, PhD - WI Geological and Natural History Survey;
- \* Jeffrey T. Pietras, PhD - SUNY Binghamton;
- \* Edwin A. Romanowicz, PhD - SUNY Plattsburgh; and,
- \* Daniel Kelleher, PG, CIPM - Midwest GeoSciences Group



Overall, 47 professionals attended the CE course. I would also like to thank AEG NY-Philly Chapter (Chair Jim Peterson) and Castleton Environmental Geologic Services, DPC (Frank P. Castellano, President) for their sponsorship of this first time event. Each participant received a robust 318 page workbook summarizing a series of lectures, exercises, and technical discussions dedicated to improve the hydrogeologic assessment of fractured bedrock. Each day was chock-full of active interface between the instructors and registrants - a healthy sign of interesting presentations and an engaged group.

Currently, the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists are working on revising the current regulatory standards to the CE requirements to ensure consistency and promote competency and ethics. A Continuing Education (CE) Program is still being discussed with all stakeholders (NYS Education Department, sister professions [Engineers, Surveyors], etc.). The timeframe for the legislation to be passed is unknown at this time but NYSCPG will continue to update our members and other Professional Geologists of progress as it occurs. The subject 2-Day CE course was primarily offered as a benefit to our members & regional geo societies (BAPG, CNYPG, HMPGA, and LIAPG) that may have CE requirements in other states (PA, NH for example) or to sister professional organizations such as AIPG-NE, AEG-NE, AEG NY-Philly, ESWWDA, LSPA (MA), EPOC (CT), LSRPA (NJ), etc. that also had professional development requirements. Afterall, a significant component of our mission is to facilitate continuing education (promoting ethics, competency, and skill development/maintenance), networking opportunities, awareness, and training to our members enabling them to be more effective in their career. Based on our review of the feedback from completed course evaluation forms the October CE Course was very much appreciated by the attending geoscientists and environmental professionals that represented a wide variety of practice disciplines.

Thank You,

Mark A. Williams, P.G.  
NYSCPG Secretary and  
CE Course Coordinator



# NYSCPG Geology “Rock” n Roll Fundraiser. . . . Not Your Typical Networking Event

By Michael Burke, PG, CHMM – NYSCPG Vice President

The first annual NYSCPG “Rock” n Roll fundraiser was held on November 6 at the Coliseum in White Plains, NY. Entertainment was provided by the Peach Project – the premiere Allman Brothers Cover Band – who played 2 blistering improvisational sets from the godfathers of southern rock and a mixed bag encore to a crowd of about 100 NYSCPG supporters. The music was phenomenal, the crowd was lively and in good spirits throughout the night and food and drink were excellent. This marks the first time that the NYSCPG organized an event like this, but you wouldn’t know it. With the exception of us forgetting about a coat rack, the party went off flawlessly.



Not Your Typical Networking Event - The Peach Project performing in front of about 100 NYSCPG supporters at the Coliseum, White Plains, NY on November 6, 2019



Event organizer, Michael Beckerich – President and CEO of York Analytical (left) alongside NYSCPG Vice President, Michael Burke (right).  
Thank you York for your support!!

On behalf of the NYSCPG, I would like to extend our gratitude to all those who attended, especially our sponsors, Earth Efficient, NOVA Geophysical, AARCO, ROUX Associates, Sive Paget and Riesel, Lithology Brewing Company, and Brookside Environmental. Most importantly, thank you to Michael Beckerich and York Analytical for organizing a world class party in support of New York’s Professional Geologists. We had an amazing turnout - it was great to catch up with a lot of old and new friends. Revenue generated by the fundraiser will be used to help us achieve our 2020 goals of hiring an executive director and lobbyist.

We are hoping to make this an annual event. If you missed our fundraiser this year, don’t make the same mistake next year. To those who made it, I promise not to forget a coat check next year.



Jay Boland, Customer Service Manager – Cascade Environmental, performs his take on Soulshine with the Peach Project at the NYSCPG “Rock” n Roll fundraiser on November 6, 2019



NYSCPG Supporters Patty Els, Client Services Director – York Analytical (left), Joseph Sheehan, Managing Director – E.E. Cruz and Company (center) and Kevin Cain, President and Head Brewer – Lithology Brewing Company

# Sponsors

The NYSCPG continues to strive to bring added benefits to our members through offering continuing education credits, promoting the practice of geology, and maintaining representation with current and proposed regulations. Outside of our current lobbyist, all activities from coordinating technical seminars and events to maintaining the website and managing funds is conducted by a voluntary board. NYSCPG appreciates your continued support and will continue to work to provide services and benefits to our members. 2020 will be here soon and I would encourage you to consider becoming a corporate sponsor and a special thank you to our current corporate sponsors:

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# College/University Spotlight

## SUNY Cortland

The Geology Department at SUNY Cortland offers three majors for students interested in earning bachelor's degrees in the Geosciences: Geology, Environmental Geoscience, and Adolescent Education - Earth Science. The major that sets our graduates up for careers as Professional Geologists is the Geology major. A traditional Geology program, this major was the first in the state to be "pre-approved" for the educational portion of the licensure process. These students are able to take the first licensing exam in their senior year or as soon as they graduate. The Environmental Geoscience major is a bit broader and includes courses, such as Ecology, that motivate students to see ways to apply geoscience to solving environmental problems. In this major, students complete an internship that gives them practical experience. The course work can lead to licensure if a student chooses wisely among the options offered. Our third program, Adolescent Education -Earth Science, is a pre-certification program that prepares students to enter the high school classroom to teach Earth Science.

Our students from all three programs take many of the same courses within our department and thus all have a good foundation in the Geosciences. For example, all of our majors take Physical and Historical Geology and Mineralogy, and three credits of field geology. Two of the three programs require that field geology to be done in our immersive Geologic Field Methods course, which we run at SUNY Cortland's Brauer Field Station. And almost all students end up taking Petrology, Paleontology, Geomorphology and Hydrogeology.

Students' preferences for the majors vary with time. This fall, most incoming students chose either Environmental Geoscience or Adolescent Education - Earth Science. It will be interesting to watch and see if the Geology major grows in popularity as the Professional Geologist licensure becomes more prevalent.

For more information about our Geology Department and what we offer, check out our webpage at: <https://www2.cortland.edu/departments/geology/>

or contact Dr. Gayle Gleason, Acting Chair, at 607 753-2816 or at Geology Department, SUNY Cortland, PO Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045.

For more information about NYS Registered Programs - Colleges & Universities:  
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# NYSCPG Wants You!

Thank you to all those who voted for the 2020 officers, especially those who volunteered to be on a committee or to be the newsletter editor.

Unfortunately, due to a website glitch, the names of those who volunteered are not visible to us. So if you can help in any capacity, please contact us! It is also not too late to volunteer if you missed the vote.

Either way....WE WANT YOU!!!

In particular, we *have an immediate need for a Newsletter Editor!*

So, if you have just a little time and an interest in advancing your profession, please contact NYSCPG at [nyscouncilpg@gmail.com!](mailto:nyscouncilpg@gmail.com)



# Our Statement of Services

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4. Encourage stewardship for the profession of applied geology.

## **What do we do?**

- Strengthen the role and importance of the professional practice of geology in the State of New York;
- Advocate and promote professional geologists across the many geologically-related sub-disciplines and practice areas;
- Facilitate continuing education, awareness, and training to our members; and,
- Provide career development, networking opportunities, and other benefits to professionals and students dedicated to the learning, application, and advancement of geological sciences.

## **How do we do it?**

NYSCPG aims to represent the interests of professional geologists and students over a variety of practice disciplines. NYSCPG will advance the science of geology, and its related fields, by encouraging education, training, and awareness through meetings, exchange of information, and providing a common voice on behalf its members. The dues paid by its members allow NYSCPG to advance and promote the profession of geology through building public appreciation for how professional geologists contribute to protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and the balanced protection of the environment.

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