

President's Message

As we begin a new decade I am reminded of my first change in decades from 1969 to 1970. For me, it was so incredibly exciting.....wow, 1970!!!! But now, no one seems to care. I was also intrigued by 1980, 1990, and I am sure everyone was intrigued by 2000, even though we didn't have to make everything Y2K Compliant. The start of 2010 and 2020 doesn't seem to matter to anyone, but when it comes to the new iPhone, the lines are out the doors!

1969 was an incredible year: Led Zeppelin released their debut album; the Boeing 747 took its maiden flight; The Who released the rock opera Tommy; True Grit, Midnight Cowboy, Oh! Calcutta!, and Easy Rider premiered; Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon, Woodstock; The Brady Bunch debuted; the Mets won the World Series; Sesame Street debuted; and Apollo 12 astronauts walk on the moon again! But it was also a time of civil unrest. The Civil Rights movement and the Viet Nam War were in full swing; Sirhan Sirhan (Bobby Kennedy's assassin) was put on trial; Ted Kennedy killed someone in a hit and run accident; Mickey Mantle retired; numerous protests broke out on college campuses; the Ohio River caught fire; the Zodiac killer was on the loose; Helter Skelter; and Star Trek was cancelled!

Well, this past decade was the "1969" for NYSCPG (at least in a positive way). Licensure was born on November 21, 2014 and came into effect on November 21, 2016. It was a 19-year battle, but in the end, Geologists prevailed! Licensed Geologists in NYS are now 1,249 strong and still growing. With this growth, NYSCPG's mission has evolved. In order to keep up with the times and stay ahead of the game, we are in the market for an Executive Director. As a result, we are ramping up our fundraising efforts, not by selling raffle tickets or other stuff, but by creating networking opportunities for our profession as well as other related professions. We are also continuing our outreach efforts to Colleges and Universities as well as other interested parties across the state; monitoring legislation that can affect our profession; and offering interesting and challenging Continuing Education (CE) conferences for our constituents and closely related professions. But most importantly, the long awaited CE Bill will finally be introduced this session with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2022. So please review the Committee updates in this newsletter for more details on these efforts.

I also want to thank the current 2020 members and sustaining members, and also thank in advance those who are in the process of joining or renewing their membership this year. Without your support, we cannot advocate for the Profession!

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Events

NYS Geology Exam (FG and PG)

March 20, 2020

www.scantronassessment.com/NYSEDOnline

Events Pages of Regional Organizations - East to West

[Long Island Association of Professional Geologists](#)

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Lastly, I want to thank Director Barry Schwartz for his two years of service to NYSCPG. Barry was a 911 World Trade Center first responder, and over the years, has become ill because of his service to our fellow Americans. Barry recently retired from the NYC Department of Design & Construction and tending to his physical needs, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. As a result of Barry's retirement from the Board of Directors, I want to thank James Janora, PG (Legislative Chairman) for stepping up to the plate to fill Barry's shoes as a Director. Thanks guys!

Sincerely,



Gene Florentino, PG, PMP

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1999	William Kelly, PG
1998	William Kelly, PG
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1996	William Kelly, PG
1995	Edward Hinchey, PG

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

My undergraduate stratigraphy professor used to say, “There are two things that ring true among all geologists: We don’t wear ties and we all like beer.” His words were sounding off in the back of my head when I organized our first fundraiser for 2020, which will be held at the Lithology Brewing Company in Farmingdale, NY. Lithology is a New York State Farm Brewery, which means that they use 60% NY ingredients in their recipes. Come network with your peers at our Inaugural Saint Patrick’s Day Warmup and meet Kevin Cain, Lithology Brewmaster and fellow New York State Licensed Professional Geologist. Kevin will personally tend bar and will be available to explain to anyone who is willing to listen how geologic settings factor into the local ingredients that he selects for his craft brews.

Where: Lithology Brewing Company, 211A Main Street Farmingdale, NY (walking distance from the Farmingdale Long Island Railroad Station)

When: March 12, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

How Much: \$65/head (price includes beer, wine and food)

[Register Here](#)



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you LIAPG for contributing \$2,652.56 to NYSCPG!

As you may remember, the NYSCPG was invited by the Long Island Association of Professional Geologists to jointly sponsor its annual conference last November. NYSCPG profoundly thanks LIAPG for its efforts to support our mission. Special thanks go out to Cheryl Neary, Chris Wenczel, Brian Duggan, and the LIAPG BOD for making this happen! And thanks again LIAPG for including NYSCPG in this conference!



1 ESSENTIAL DAY: "The Current State of Brownfields in New York – Opportunities & Benefits" topics and presenters:

"Development of Long Island Regional Flow Model" Key-note by *John Masterson, Senior Hydrologist, USGS*

"Total Versus TCLP Testing For Waste Characterization" by *Platinum Corporate Speaker - Alpha Analytical*

"The Current State of Brownfields in New York – Opportunities & Benefits" by *George Duke, Brown, Duke, Fogel*

"Updates on Colloidal Treatment Technologies" by *Platinum Corporate Speaker Regensis*

"SPLP PFAS Analyses" by *Platinum Corporate Speaker eurofins/TestAmerica*

"NYSDEC Directives Including Emerging Contaminants, Part 375 Amendments & Environmental Restoration Program" *Jane O'Connell, Chief, Superfund and Brownfield Cleanup Section Division of Environmental Remediation*

"Letters for Sampling for PFAS<PFOS and 1.4-dioxane" by *Sarken Dressler, NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Remediation*

"Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Liquids" by *Platinum Corporate Speaker Advanced Waste Water Treatment*

THANK YOU LIAPG!

NYSCPG MEMBERSHIP

As of February 22, there are 124 active NYSCPG members and 1,249 NYS-licensed Professional Geologists including the eight new geologists added to the NYSED PG registry. The breakdown is as follows:

- Total NYS-based Professional Geologists: 703 (56.3%) Welcome to Anthony Bollasina, Tonya Brubaker, Mark Domaracki, and Brian Uller!
- Total NYS-licensed Professional Geologists from Bordering States (CT, MA, NJ, PA, and VT: 348 (27.9%). Welcome to Michael Newton of NJ and Dayne Crowley and William Snyder of PA!
- There are also NYS-licensed Professional Geologists from 39 States and 3 Foreign Countries (CA, UK and North Marianas Islands). Welcome Rene Perez of CA!

NYSCPG has 1,225 connections on LinkedIn

LICENSURE QUALIFYING PROGRAMS

Eight geology programs are accredited as Licensure Qualifying (LQ) Programs leading to a Professional Geologist License as follows:

SUC Brockport

SUC Cortland

SUC Fredonia

SUC New Paltz

SUC Oneonta

SUC Plattsburgh

SUC Potsdam

SUNY Buffalo

Several of the 24 other geology programs in NYS are either being reviewed or preparing applications. If you are an Alumnus of a nonaccredited school in NYS please contact them and encourage them to get accredited.

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The Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at SUNY Oneonta offers bachelor of science degrees in Earth Science, Geology, and Meteorology. The department also supports the major in Adolescence Education: Earth Science. The Geology Program became a Professional Geology Licensure Program in 2018. Many of our students obtain jobs in the environmental field and beginning the licensure process after graduation is an added bonus. Our program offers a capstone experience that involves opportunities in research, internships, and/or field study. An important component of the departmental culture is undergraduate research. Our faculty work with many students on original research that is presented at professional meetings, like



Rainbow Basin, Mojave Desert, CA

GSA and AGU. In addition, there are opportunities to learn how to operate a scanning electron microscope (Hitachi TM 3030 with EDX analysis) with magnification up to 60,000x, a ground penetrating radar, differential GPS receivers,



Goosenecks SP, Utah

mapping drones, reflectorless total station, a handheld Raman spectrometer, a gamma-ray spectrometer (Gamma Surveyor Vario), an Olympus BX53 polarizing microscope, and a CHIRP sonar and boat. We also offer two field experiences to the west coast, one trip visits southern California (Top photo: Students mapping Rainbow Basin in the Mojave Desert) and the other visits several national parks (Bottom photo: Students visit Goosenecks State Park in Utah on their way to Arches National Park). A unique aspect of the department is the first-year experience 1-credit field course (GEOFYRST: Geologic Experiences Outdoors: First-Year Regional Summer Trip) that is run before classes begin in the fall. The field trip is open to all freshmen regardless of major.

The Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences supports students through the connection with our generous alumni. We currently have six named scholarships established by alumni and emeritus faculty, with awards ranging between \$600 to \$2,400. Each fall, alumni from all three programs return to campus to engage current majors in a networking event, called Majors' Night, in its 44th year. Last year, we had ten alumni talking with over 40 students about graduate school and job prospects. Our chapter, Zeta Rho, of Sigma Gamma Epsilon (SGE) also runs a silent auction during Majors' Night.

SUNY Oneonta's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences is celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year! We are working with the Office of Alumni Engagement in planning events throughout the year. You can contact Alumni Engagement at 607-436-2526 for more information on the 50th Anniversary events listed below:

May 1: Department picnic at College Camp from 4pm to 7pm

June 5 – 7: Alumni Weekend – Reunion Reception at Perna Science from 3:30pm to 5pm

November 13: Networking event with alumni at Majors' Night from 5pm to 7pm

For more information about the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, please visit our website at <https://suny.oneonta.edu/earth-and-atmospheric-sciences> or contact Dr. Leigh Fall (Department Chair) at 607-436-2615.

For more information about NYS Registered Programs - Colleges & Universities:
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/>



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NYSCPG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a friendly reminder to renew your memberships for 2020. Thank you to all who renewed their memberships already and a very special welcome to our first time members – welcome to the NYSCPG! We really need your support to advance our mission and continuing working on our primary initiatives, which include the following:

Search for and hire an Executive Director. For years dating back to our inspection in 1995, the NYSCPG has relied on dedication of selflessness of many volunteers, including our Board of Directors, to push the organization forward. Like many other professional organizations, we need an Executive Director to handle our administrative efforts so the Board of Directors can devote more of their time and energy to expanding and growing our organization and providing value to our membership.

Finalize the Continuing Education legislation with NYSPE, NYSPLS, and NYSED with the support of our lobbyist, Peter O’Connell. We are reviewing and editing a combined CE bill with the engineering and surveying groups. The proposed legislation will require 36 hours every 3 years with an effective date of January 1, 2023. We anticipate the bill to be introduced to committees this year.

Continue outreach efforts to geology and earth science programs at colleges and universities across New York State. We want to see more programs to become “Licensure Qualifying (LQ) Programs” and expose more of our youth to the opportunities of a profession in the geological sciences. As of today, only 8 of 37 geology, geoscience, or earth science programs in New York State are licensure-qualified.

Organize and host two continuing education conferences/seminars in the Spring and Fall

Organize at least two fundraising events this year, including [our inaugural Saint Patrick's Day Warm-Up and Meet the Brewmaster on March 12, 2020](#) and the 2nd Annual Geology Rock Concert (Fall 2020).

Host our semi-annual meetings in the Spring and Fall

Please log into your account on the NYSCPG's [website](#) to renew your membership. Many of you will see an invoice in your account after signing in. As you know, we increased our membership fees for 2020 and ended the bundled corporate memberships. If you were part of a bundled corporate membership last year, you will see that we changed your membership to either a Full Member (if you hold a NYS PG license) or an Associate Member (if you do not hold a NYS PG license). If we made a mistake, please email us and we will correct your membership category. Also, please take the time to update your membership profile to reflect any recent address or contact information changes, employer changes, new educational degrees or professional certifications, and most importantly – your NYS PG license number.

We are also looking for more Sustaining Members (Corporate Sponsors) this year! Sustaining Members can be corporations (public, private, or non-profit), professional organizations, individuals, or businesses doing business in New York State. More information on Sustaining Membership is available on our [website](#).

Please continue to follow us on LinkedIn and feel free to email us at nyscouncilpg@gmail.com with any questions or ideas.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Wyka

NYSCPG Vice President



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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 an Executive Director, just like most non-profit and professional organizations.

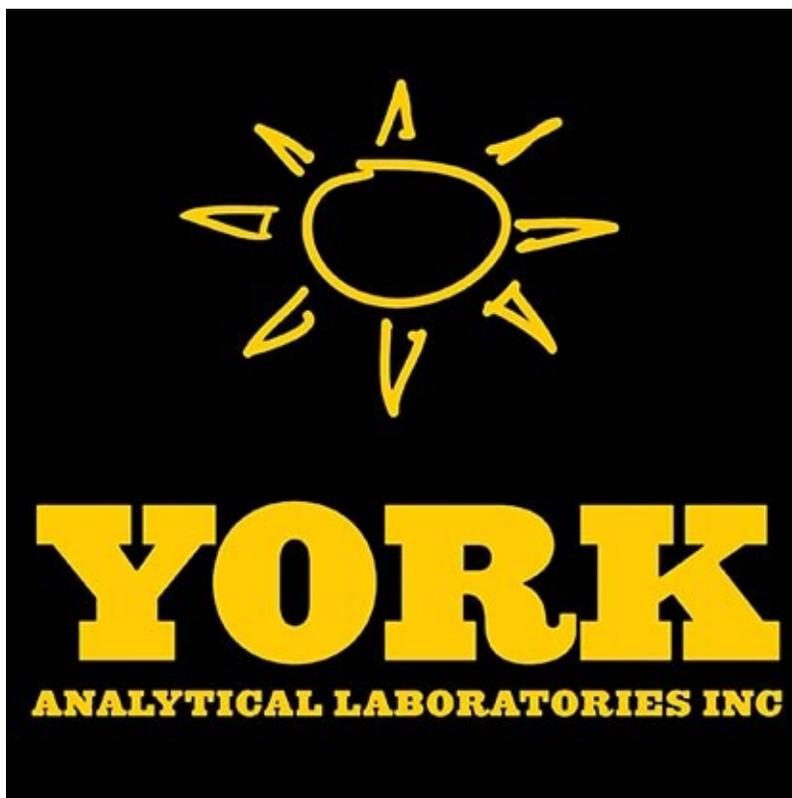
In order to prepare for these significant changes in operating costs, NYSCPG has restructured its membership rates to enable the continuation of services to the membership as described above, while still maintaining reasonable dues that are still equal to or significantly lower than those of other related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

2020 Membership Rates, *Continued from page 6*

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

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislative session began on January 8, 2020. Here are summaries of legislation in the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate that affect geologists practicing in New York.

Adding continuing education requirements for geologists to the education law in New York is the main focus of our lobbyist, Pete O’Connell. The State Education Department (SED) has approved a bill “for technical accuracy” that is being introduced in the legislature by the Chair of the Senate higher education committee, Toby Ann Stavisky, and Member of Assembly (M. of A.) Steve Englebright, a geologist who has championed NYSCPG’s legislative agenda for years.

Among other things, the bill requires professional geologists to complete 36 hours of continuing education during a triennial registration period and deletes provisions in existing laws that limit SED’s ability to administer continuing education programs for professional engineers and land surveyors. The law has an effective date of January 1, 2022 in order to provide SED with time to enact regulations to deal with the nuts and bolts of the continuing education programs for all three professions.

Pete represents the NYSCPG in a coalition of professional organizations consisting of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC-NY), American Institute of Architects (AIA-NY), New York State Society of Professional Engineers, (NYSSPE), New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS), and New York State Council of Landscape Architects (NYSCLA). This coalition is promoting the following bills:

[S.7149 by Senator Stavisky; A.7865 by M. of A. Englebright](#): This bill seeks to allow grandfathered engineering firms to receive certificates of authorization (C of A) to practice geology. The bill is in higher education committees of both houses. The coalition is working on amendments to the bill, which is currently opposed by SED. [Click here for details](#)

[S.2709 by Senator Kennedy; A.3514 by M. of A. Lupardo](#): This bill seeks to provide expanded ownership opportunities in design professional corporations by employee stock ownership plans (ESOP) and non-licensed employees. The bill is on its third reading in the Senate and in the Assembly higher education committee. [Here’s a link with more info](#)

A previous bill that was vetoed by Governor Cuomo would have extended qualifications-based selection (QBS) procedures to public agencies in New York. QBS is a tool that project owners should use to select the most-qualified design professionals. QBS often results in the highest-quality design, leading to better-quality, lower-cost projects than other procurement processes. There is no current bill.

[S.4303 by Senator Ranzenhofer](#): This indemnification reform bill seeks to protect design professionals from liabilities and damages that are beyond their control. Among other things, the bill dismisses contract language that forces design professionals to fund defenses in cases which the design professional may not have been responsible. This bill is in the Senate local governments committee. There is no Assembly sponsor. The earlier bill passed both houses, but was vetoed by Governor Cuomo. The governor issued a memo following the veto,

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recognizing the importance of the concepts laid out in the bill. [Here's a link to the bill](#)

There are several other pieces of legislation that we at NYSCPG are keeping our eyes on during the on-going legislative period, including:

S.7149 by Senator Stavisky; A.8814 by M. of A. Glick: This bill seeks to eliminate the 12-year ladder clause for licensure as a professional engineer, requiring at least a Bachelor's degree for consideration for licensure. The bill is in the higher education committee in the Senate, and it was reported to the codes committee in the Assembly. The NYSCPG supports this bill. [Follow this link to the bill](#)

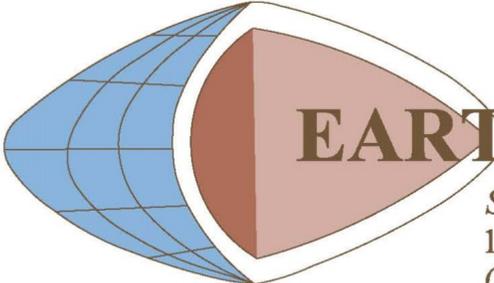
S.1166 by Senator Funke; A.2437 by M. of A. Englebright: This bill seeks to establish a state geological trail and a geoparks task force. The bill passed in the Assembly and was referred to the Senate environmental conservation committee. A similar bill (S.1111 by Senator Amadore; A.5650 by M. of A. Englebright) is in the tourism committees of both houses. The NYSCPG supports this bill. Here are links for information on the [geological trail bill](#) and the [geoparks bill](#)

A.7839 by M. of A. Gottfried: This bill seeks to add 25 contaminants to the list of emerging contaminants. The bill is on the floor of the Assembly. There is no Senate companion bill. The NYSCPG is reviewing the [content of this bill](#)

We will keep you updated on these legislative topics. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering on the legislative committee.

Sincerely,

James J. Janora, P.G., Chairman of the NYSCPG Legislative Committee



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OUTREACH UPDATE

NYSCPG Outreach Committee members conducted a recent call. The resultant action items developed during the call included:

- 1.A contact list of committee members is under development. Mark Williams will begin with a listing of past committee members.
- 2.A plan is under development to solicit participation of NYSCPG membership in the Outreach Committee. The use of the NYSCPG website, LinkedIn & sibling organization events will all be considered in the plan.
- 3.NYSCPG Outreach Committee is planning to participate in sibling organization events. Specifically, the Committee will continue its participation in the NYS Geological Association Fall event. As such, past Committee Chairperson, Cheryl Neary, P.G., with additional support from other Committee members, will continue her annual leadership effort in assisting with the organization of this event.
- 4.We are considering participating in the upcoming GSA Northeastern Chapter's annual meeting this year, to be held in Reston, Virginia March 20-22. Once information & participation costs are known, the Council Board will determine whether the Council will participate.
- 5.We are developing a listing of colleges for targeting outreach efforts by Committee members, including targeting the top five schools in the state.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, via telephone conference call, at 6:00 PM. Are you interested in participating? If so, please email us at nyscouncilpg@gmail.com.

Mark A. Williams, P.G.

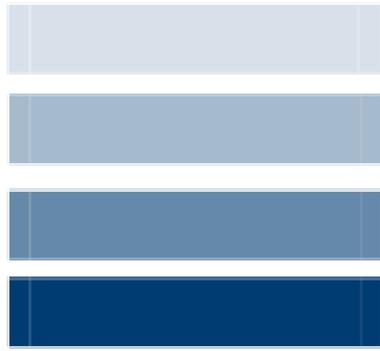


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NYSCPG 2020 INITIATIVES

Action Item #	Description	Timeline	Status
1	Part-Time Executive Director Appointment	Effective Date: March 1, 2020	Position Description/Terms & Conditions of Part-Time Contract in Review; Top Candidate thus far is Jeffrey Loney, CHMM PG (NYSCPG Past President)
2	Fact Sheet Update		
3	OUTREACH: College/University Presentations	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	FAQs Update	Effective Date: March 1, 2020	
5	LEGISLATIVE: By-laws: review and revisions	Ongoing	Ongoing
6	Semi-Annual Meeting (Spring and Fall 2020)	Ongoing	Ongoing
7	CONTINUING EDUCATION: Conferences/Seminars (Spring and Fall 2020)	June 2020 & late September 2020 Locations/topics to be determined by 2-7-2020	Proposed One Day CE Topics in Discussion; BAPG intends to Co-Jointly host the Fall CE Event (also talks of LIAPG Co-Jointly hosting a Fall Symposium as well)
8	MEMBERSHIP: PG Database Update	NYS PG's completely filled by 7-31-2020	Ongoing
9	LEGISLATIVE / CONTINUING EDUCATION: Finalize CE requirements with NYSPE/NYSPLS/NYSPG/NYSED & process through NYS Legislature		Ongoing; proposed bill in second stage of edits with NYSPE/NYSPLS/NYSED (geared towards flexibility)
10	COMMUNICATIONS: NYSCPG Newsletter (every 2 Months)	Ongoing	Ongoing
11	LEGISLATIVE: Provide Monthly Update on CE Law & Proposed Bills in NYS Legislature that may impact Geologic Profession	Ongoing	Ongoing



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NYSCPG STATEMENT OF SERVICES

The focus at NYSCPG is fourfold:

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 pending legislation and research New York State and local laws and regulations as they pertain to or may affect the practice of geology in New York State;
3. Monitor and offer professional reviews and opinions regarding current laws and regulations and pending legislation so that sensible and practical measures are incorporated to protect public health, safety, and welfare and promote the balanced protection of the environment;
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.

Who do we serve?

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NYSCPG Wants You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered to be on a committee. If you have just a little time and an interest in advancing your profession, please consider helping out. If you can help in any capacity, contact NYSCPG at nyscouncilpg@gmail.com!

