

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,

OHIO SECTION

A CHRONOLOGY  
1965 - 1987

1965

April 14 - Eight members of the American Institute of Professional Geologists met at the Holiday Inn of Mansfield for the purpose of organizing an Ohio Section. Howard Pincus was unanimously elected as Temporary Chairman.

All fourteen Ohio members of A.I.P.G. were to be contacted for the first formal meeting in June in Columbus.

October - Officers were elected for the coming year and future meetings were planned at the following locations:

- December, '65.....Central Ohio
- March, '66.....Northern Ohio
- June, '66.....Southeastern Ohio

1966

President.....Howard Pincus  
 Vice President.....Ralph Bernhagen  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Al Walker

Executive Committee:

George Shearrow  
 Stanley Lefond  
 Glenn Frank

Screening Board:

Don Richner  
 Ted DeBrosse  
 Bob Stephenson  
 Fred Klaer  
 Jon Rau

At present, there are 19 members and 6 applicants in the Ohio Section. The Executive Committee set a goal to double the membership during the coming year.

1967

President .....Don Richner  
Vice President.....Fred Klaer  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Al Walker

Executive Committee:

Bob Bates  
Ted DeBrosse  
Bob Alkire

Screening Board:

Don Richner  
Howard Pincus  
Jim Schmidt  
Fred Klaer  
Jon Rau

The goal set by the Executive Committee,  
to double the membership during 1967, was met.  
By December, the Ohio Section had 38 members.

1968

President.....Fred Klaer  
Vice President.....Bob Bates  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Al Walker

Executive Committee:

Wayne Martin  
Jon Rau  
Jake Schaefer

Screening Board:

Ralph Bernhagen  
Dick Anderson  
Don Richner  
Guy Sitler  
Jim Schmidt

March - After some discussion, a motion was passed approving "in principle" that a second grade of membership be established by the National Advisory Board.

By the end of 1968, the Ohio Section had a total of 40 members and 5 applicants.

1969

President.....Ralph Bernhagen  
Vice President.....Glenn Frank  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Ted DeBrosse

Executive Committee:

Dick Anderson  
Guy Sitler  
Bob Stephenson

Screening Board:

Bob Alkire  
Charles Graham  
Jake Schaefer  
Ron Schmidt  
Earl Harris

October - The Ohio Section soundly defeated motions to (1) consider a second class of membership, and (2) lower the experience requirements for membership.

Our own Bob Bates has been elected to serve as Editor for the national A.I.P.G.

1970

President.....Glenn Frank  
Vice President.....Wayne Martin  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Ted DeBrosse

Executive Committee:

Dick Goldthwait  
Al Walker  
Roy Reinhart

Screening Board:

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October - "At the annual meeting there was a lively discussion concerning the need or desirability for a second class membership or affiliation to entice younger geologists to support the Institute. The general consensus was that if we ignore the younger geologists today it will be more difficult to entice him to seek membership when he becomes eligible. It was also the general consensus that it might be well to consider lowering the number of years of experience which is required for membership."

1971

President.....Ted DeBrosse  
Vice President.....Bob Alexander  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Bill Shafer

Executive Committee:

Stan Norris  
Fred Knight  
Russ Brant

Screening Board:

Ralph Bernhagen  
Wayne Martin  
Henry Pree  
Lee Sprout

June - Members still discussing the possibility of creating a junior class of membership to include those who do not have the required number of years of experience. Strong objections to lowering the standards.

December - Results of a poll mailed to 200 Ohio geologists regarding professional registration are as follows: (72 replies were received.)

|  | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>?</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Is registration desirable?  | 44.4%      | 26.4%     | 29.2%    |
| 2. Has it helped in other fields?  | 52.8       | 12.5      | 34.7     |
| 3. Should multiple categories (petroleum geol., geophysicist) be set up? | 31.9       | 39.1      | 29.0     |
| 4. Should geologists be "grandfathered" in Ohio?                         | 30.9       | 45.6      | 23.5     |
| 5. Should out of staters be registered in Ohio?                          | 66.7       | 11.1      | 22.2     |
| 6. Should other state's registry be accepted?                            | 36.0       | 32.0      | 32.0     |

1972

President.....Bob Alexander  
 Vice President.....Bob Mitchell  
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Bill Shafer

Executive Committee:

Ralph Bernhagen  
 Wayne Martin  
 Fred Klaer

Screening Board:

Bob Bates  
 Charles Graham  
 Bob Alkire  
 Don Richner  
 Horace Collins

October 25 - The first informal local luncheon meeting was held in Columbus with sixteen members present. The Executive Committee encouraged bi-monthly luncheons in other cities as a supplement to the regular one or two statewide meetings each year.

Effective this year, the following procedure will be followed in Ohio Section elections. "The two offices of President and Vice President have two candidates, the single office of Secretary-Treasurer has two candidates, and the two committees have candidates equal to one less than the number of vacancies in each committee. The greatest number of popular votes in each category shall be chosen to each office. Therefore, the President shall receive the majority and the Vice President the minority vote in that two office category. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive the majority vote in that single office category and the minority vote candidate in that category shall be one member of three selections for the Executive Committee, (the remaining members being the immediate past President and the present officers). The next two highest in votes shall be elected to the remaining two positions on the Executive Committee. The remaining candidates shall fill the remaining committee positions by numerical order of vote count."



1973

President.....Al Walker  
Vice President.....Bill Shafer  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Jim Schmidt

Executive Committee:

Russ Brant  
Greg Klosterman  
Ted DeBrosse  
Bob Alexander

Screening Board:

Bob Bates  
Charles Graham  
Tom Kuhn  
John Cochran  
Dave Webb

January 5 - The first of four quarterly meetings was held in Middletown. Others were planned for Canton, Findlay and Columbus (Annual meeting). State registration of geologists was discussed in some detail. The majority of members favor an effort by the Ohio Section to register geologists. Registration now exists in California (1969), Arizona (1956), Idaho (1972) and Oklahoma (1972).

By the end of the year, the Section had 45 members.

1974

President.....Bill Shafer  
Vice President.....Bob Bates  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Stan Norris

Executive Committee:

Charles Corbato  
Murray McComas  
Lee Sprout  
Earl Harris

Screening Board:

Wayne Martin  
Stan Fisher  
Larry Lattman  
Ed Herdendorf  
John Ebright

Three goals were listed for the year:

1. Establish a working contact with key members of the State legislature.
2. Draft a model State of Ohio registration for geologists.
3. Give leadership to an active state section.

February - The Geologic Hazards Committee, chaired by Fred Klaer, submitted a preliminary report. The purpose of the committee was to define various geologic hazards that may be encountered in Ohio which could affect the public health, safety, and welfare of the general population. This is a background for justifying registration by the State of geologists as professionals.

October - The final draft copy of the proposed Ohio geologists registration bill was completed and circulated to all Ohio geologists. The draft was co-authored by Murray McComas and Charles Corbato and edited by Bob Bates. Sen Donald Woodland will be the principal legislative sponsor.

November - Registration bill is opposed by the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

Ohio Section membership by the end of the year is 49.

1975

President.....Bob Bates  
Vice President.....Horace Collins  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Stan Norris

Executive Committee:

Charles Corbato  
Murray McComas  
Bill Shafer

Screening Board:

Jim Noel  
Ed Herdendorf  
John Ebright  
Earl Harris  
Larry Latham  
Stan Fisher  
Wayne Martin

February 24 - Senate Bill 120 introduced into the legislature. President Bates urged members to express opposition to this on the ground that parts of the bill encroach on geological domains, such as the interpretation of air photos and construction of subsurface maps by engineers and/or surveyors.

March 11 - Geologists registration bill (S.B.-160) introduced by Sen, Woodland. Members were urged to write their legislators in support of the bill. This bill is a revision of last fall's version and is a joint effort of Horace Collins, Stan Norris, Bill Shafer, and Bob Bates.

March - Senate Bill 160 opposed by the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

Registration is in effect in Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, and Maine. Bills are pending or proposed in Alabama, Kansas, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

1975

June - After three hearings, it became apparent that there were not enough votes to bring it to the floor of the Senate, and the registration bill (S.B. 160) is being allowed to die in committee.

September - A mail survey of 500 Ohio geologists on state registration resulted in 229 replies (46%). Of these, 157 (69%) favored registration; 19% were neutral, and; 12% opposed registration.

November - The Executive Committee has decided to spend the coming year in developing further support for registration both among geologists and outside the profession. Senator Woodland has indicated his willingness to revive the bill whenever we feel we have the necessary support to ensure its passage.

Ohio Section membership to date...58.

1976

President.....Horace Collins  
Vice President.....Greg Klosterman  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Charles Corbato

Executive Committee:

Bob Bates  
Al Sedam  
Joe Mancuso  
Ron Manus

Screening Board:

Jim Schmidt  
Herb Eagon  
Al Garlauskas  
Ed Herdendorf  
Jim Noel

The bylaws of the Ohio Section have been amended (Article II, Section 1) to include associate members.

Ohio Section now has 68 members.

1977

President.....Greg Klosterman  
Vice President.....Ron Manus  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Charles Corbato

Executive Committee:

Fred Klaer  
Bob Alkire  
Dick Struble  
Stan Norris

Screening Board:

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February 15 - "The Executive Committee has decided to forgo, this year, any attempt at registration. What is needed is an increased effort in membership. Only through numbers can we expect to succeed in the registration of geologists."

-President's statement

Membership...83 (includes 5 associates)

1978

President.....Ron Manus  
Vice President.....Alan Coogan  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dick Struble

Executive Committee:

Joe Mancuso  
Guy Sitler  
Bruce Mason

Screening Board:

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Ohio Section membership...79 (includes 3 assoc.)

1979

President.....Stan Norris  
Vice President.....Alan Coogan  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dick Struble

Executive Committee:

Bob Alkire  
Charles Corbato  
Herb Eagon  
Ron Manus

Screening Board:

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May - Ohio Section formally expressed concern over proposed legislation (S.B. 116) that would transfer the Division of Geological Survey from the Department of Natural Resources into an expanded Department of Energy where it would lose its identity and many of its non-energy related functions.

Ohio Section membership by the end of the year is 82, including 2 associates.



1980

President.....Dick Struble  
Vice President.....Ralph Bernhagen  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mark Rowland

Executive Committee:

Horace Collins  
Bruce Mason  
Bob Bates  
Stan Norris

Screening Board:

Bill Shafer  
Jim Schmidt  
Herb Eagon  
Dick Griffith  
Glenn Frank

April - Members of the Ohio Section contacted State Representatives and testified before a subcommittee in an effort to retain the wording "certified professional geologist" in Ohio's new strip mine bill (H.B. 1051). A group of local surveyors is now campaigning to have this wording removed.

Membership...104(including 7 associates).

1981

President.....Ralph Bernhagen  
Vice President.....Brent Huntsman  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mark Rowland

Executive Committee:

Bill Shafer  
Glenn Frank  
Bruce Mason  
Dick Struble

Screening Board:

Bill Shafer  
Herb Eagon  
Jim Schmidt  
Dick Griffith

The first issues of the quarterly newsletter of the Ohio Section were distributed. Bob Bates is editor.

Bob Bates was the dinner speaker for the 18th Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia with a presentation entitled "View from the Column".

Membership...103 (includes 5 associates).

1982

President.....Brent Huntsman  
Vice President.....Mark Rowland  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Milt Moos

Executive Committee:

Bill Shafer  
Bruce Mason  
Ralph Bernhagen  
Glenn Frank

Screening Board:

Bill Shafer  
Herb Eagon  
Jim Schmidt  
Dick Griffith  
Glenn Frank

June - Ohio Section expressed concern to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services over the minimum qualifications for geologists in State service: "The A.I.P.G. strongly urges that graduation from an accredited institution of higher learning with a major in the geological sciences be instituted as a minimal requirement for the Geologist I classification. Qualifications for higher geologist classifications should build upon the Geologist I requirements in terms of additional education and/or experience. It should be noted also that these requirements fall far short of the essentials needed to be titled a Certified Professional Geologist by the A.I.P.G. The establishment of substandard qualifications for public geologists is in our view greatly contrary to the well being of Ohio taxpayers."

July - Press Release: The Ohio Section of A.I.P.G. endorsed today the proposed electrical heater tests at the International Salt Company's Cleveland salt mine by the U.S. Department of Energy. These tests are part of a program to determine the suitability of natural salt deposits as a repository for radioactive wastes. The professional geologist's group apposes any direct use of this particular salt mine for disposal purposes, according to Section President Brent E. Huntsman.

1982 (continued)

July - Policy Statement: The Ohio Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists believes that the Reagan Administration should not further delay the implementation of ground-water requirements mandated under the U.S.E.P.A. hazardous waste and consolidated permit regulations.

According to Huntsman, the U.S.E.P.A. regulations for ground-water monitoring to have taken effect November 19, 1981 have not been implemented. Meanwhile, plans are at a standstill for rehabilitation of aquifers or containment of contaminants already in the ground. It is estimated that within the next ten years more than a million wells will be installed to monitor sources of ground-water contamination under existing legislation that includes RCRA solid waste management regulations, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Ohio Section membership...109 (104 plus 5 assoc.)

1983

President.....Mark Rowland  
Vice President.....Dick Anderson  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Milt Moos

Executive Committee:

Greg Klosterman  
Bruce Mason  
Bob Van Horn  
Brent Huntsman

Screening Board:

Bill Shafer  
Herb Eagon  
Jim Schmidt  
Dick Griffith

Editor.....Bob Bates

The Section held a joint Spring meeting with the Michigan Section at the University of Toledo. An award was presented for the best student paper on "applied geology". Another joint meeting is planned for the spring of 1984.

Membership...119 (including 5 associate members)

1984

President.....Dick Anderson  
Vice President.....Bob Van Horn  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Milt Moos

Executive Committee:

Dennis Hull  
Dave Johe  
Bruce Mason  
Mark Rowland

Screening Board:

Bill Shafer  
Herb Eagon  
Glenn Frank  
Dick Griffith  
Jim Schmidt

Editor.....Bob Bates

Ohio Section President Dick Anderson was  
elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the national  
A.I.P.G. for a two-year term (1984-85).

Membership...128 (including 5 associates)

1985

President.....Bob Van Horn  
Vice President.....Sam Stowe  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Milt Moos

Executive Committee:

Dave Bennett  
John Curtis  
Stu Swotzer  
Dick Anderson

Screening Board:

Herb Eagon  
Bill Rike  
Dick Griffith  
Glenn Frank

Editor.....Bob Bates

Membership...132

1986

President.....Sam Stowe  
Vice President.....Curtis Coe  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Milt Moos

Executive Committee:

Kathy Epp  
Dennis Hull  
Stu Swotzer  
Bob Van Horn

Screening Board:

Herb Eagon  
Sam Stowe  
Bruce Mason  
Bill Rike

Editor.....John Voytek

Membership...134



1987

President.....Curtis Coe  
Vice President.....John Voytek  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Stan Norris

Executive Committee:

Ralph Bernhagen  
Kathy Epp  
Greg Klosterman  
Sam Stowe

Screening Board:

Herb Eagon  
Bob Van Horn  
Sam Stowe  
Bruce Mason  
Bill Rike

Editor.....John Voytek

Membership at the beginning of the year...142  
(includes one associate).