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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeffrey E. Loney, President

The last few months have proven to be very exciting in respect to the forward legislative progress NYSCPG has achieved, summarized as follows:

Senate

- 12 February 2001 Bill No. S02383 sponsored by nine Senate Members and referred to Higher Education Committee.
- 30 May 2001 Bill No. S02383 passed by Higher Education Committee
- 5 June 2001 Bill No. S02383 passed by Finance Committee
- 5 June 2001 Bill No. S02383 under review by Rules Committee.
- 14 June 2001 Bill No. S02383 passed by Rules Committee
- 21 June 2001 "C" version passed by Senate, 55 votes for (100% of Senators in attendance).

Assembly

- April – May 2001 Assembly Bill No. A05262 Sponsored/Co-sponsored by 14 Assembly Members.
- 5 June 2001 NYSCPG meeting with Higher Education Committee Chairman Ed Sullivan and Assembly Sponsor Steve Englebright. Chairman Sullivan agreed to begin to review Bill No. A05262 in his Committee during the current legislative session. Note - The Assembly Higher Education committee includes seven Sponsors/Co-sponsors of Bill No. A05262.
- 25 June 2001 NYSCPG meeting with Stephanie Sorentino, of Ed Sullivan's staff. Ms. Sorentino suggested several minor linguistic changes to the bill that will result in a "D" version.
- 27 June 2001 NYSCPG receives direct communication from Higher Education Committee Chairman Ed Sullivan who acknowledges his support of bill and indicates that his committee may act on "D" version if legislature is brought back into session this summer.

President's Message Cont'd

In support of the legislative process we have received Memoranda in Support from the following organizations:

New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE)
New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS)
Environmental Advocates
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
Central New York Association of Professional Geologists (CNYAPG)
Hudson Mohawk Professional Geologists Association (HMPGA)
New York State Geological Survey (NYSGS)
Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists (BAPG)
American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)
Northeast Section of AIPG
Certified Hazardous Materials Managers Western New York Chapter (CHMM)
New York Association of Consulting Engineers (NYACE) (letter states - do not oppose)
Long Island Geologists Association, and several others in progress.

There remains some hope that Bill Nos. S02383/A05262 may be passed during the current legislative session. We have already seen more forward movement than predicted by many of the sideline viewers of this process. If not passed in the current session we are in great shape to get the "D" version passed early next year.

NYSCPG's original goal of licensure for Geologists is moving toward realization. What does the future beyond licensure hold for the NYSCPG organization?

In my view licensure and recognition of the practice of geology as a **PROFESSION** will mark the beginning of a new and bright future for NYSCPG. I believe that the organization will evolve either formally or informally as the keystone organization recognizing and aggressively promoting the business interests of the geological profession within the State of New York. In this scenario NYSCPG would serve a function analogous to the role the NYSSPE, NYACE and the NYSAPLS serve to the respective engineering and land surveying professions.

As an active NYSCPG member YOU need to decide how the organization can best serve the PROFESSION that you have selected to support your livelihood and family, and subsequently decide how YOU will support the organization.

It has been said that there are three kinds of people in the world:

- those who make things happen,
- those who watch things happen, and
- those who wonder why things happen.

The NYSCPG membership have proven themselves to be in the first category to date and I hope that a new generation of "movers and shakers" emerges to take over leadership of the organization as we go forward.

I would like to hear your views on the scope and future direction you envision for NYSCPG. If you have questions, comments or want to discuss how you can become engaged in assisting NYSCPG move forward in meeting its goals and objectives contact me at 716-321-4232 or send an E-mail to JEL@HaleyAldrich.com.

Legislative Update June 6, 2001

By John J. Privitera, Esq.

Our legislative committee and counsel continue to make significant progress in the New York Legislature this term. Our senate sponsor, Carl Marcellino, has made our bill a priority and he and his staff have been helpful as we move the bill along. Late last month, the key committee, Higher Education, chaired by Senator Ken LaValle, passed our bill unanimously. Soon there-after, it was approved by Senator Stafford's Finance Committee. It is headed through the Rules Committee toward the full floor of the Senate and we remain optimistic. Recently, we had a very positive working meeting with our Assembly Sponsor, Steve Englebright, and Assemblyman Ed Sullivan, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Mr. Englebright has made our bill a priority. We have 14 Assembly Co-sponsors. Mr. Sullivan has promised to give our bill prompt, critical attention. We will continue to push forward. Those of you who have not yet written to your Assembly Representatives, please do so.

The NYSCPG is reordering prospector mugs. For those of you that still need to receive one, please e-mail me at jbastedo@vhb.com and I will send them out as soon as they arrive. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Institutional Support Grows for Geologist's Licensure Bill

William Kelly

NYSCPG Legislative Review Committee

As all members of NYSCPG are aware, the support for licensure of geologists in New York by professional organizations and institutions is critical to our efforts. Letters from individual members to their legislators are important to let those legislators know the position of their constituents. Memos of support from national and state-wide organizations of geologists or those that deal with geological issues carry the message to the entire legislature. In this way, legislators learn the importance of the issue from recognized and respected representatives of the whole community of geologists, environmentalists, and business leaders.

Supporting memoranda for A5262/S2383 providing licensure of Geologists in New York are in hand from the following organizations:

- American Institute of Professional Geologists - National Headquarters
- American Institute of Professional Geologists - Northeast Section
- Hudson Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association
- Long Island Geologists Association
- Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists
- Certified Hazardous Materials Managers - Western New York Chapter
- Empire State Petroleum Association
- Environmental Advocates
- New York State Council of Professional Geologists
- New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors
- New York State Society of Professional Engineers
- New York State Association of Consulting Engineers
- New York State Geological Survey

By the time this newsletter is printed, we will have received memos of support from:

- United States Geological Survey
- New York State Water Well Drillers Association.
- Business Council of New York

Seeking and acquiring these memoranda was a formidable and time consuming task. NYSCPG thanks all the people who donated their efforts to this and to the abovelisted organizations for their support. Actual copies of these memo can be viewed on our web page at nyscp.org.

Membership Update

by Jerry Bastedo

The membership continues to grow in the NYSCPG but not as rapidly as we would like to see.

Some great advances in the licensing bill have been made, as reported in this newsletter, and we need to continue to grow our membership ranks and support for this important legislation. Summer is finally coming to New York and as you may be relaxing on vacation or on the golf course, continue to recruit your colleagues and employees to become members in the NYSCPG.

Membership support is very important!

As of June 15th the NYSCPG has 178 individual; 29 Prospector; 5 Corporate Platinum; 3 Corporate Gold; and 15 Corporate Silver members. We also thank Christopher Burns and Stephen Rossello for their additional donations to support the licensing efforts of the NYSCPG. We are encouraging you to approach your corporation for support and encourage your colleagues to become members as this is an investment in their future.

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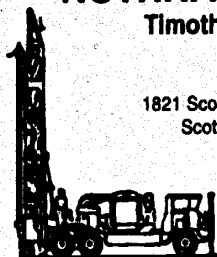
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09-01	Central New York - CNYAPG Meeting "TBA"	"TBA"	Bill Morrow (315) 437-1429 http://www.dreamscape.com/cnyapg
09/12/01	Hudson-Mohawk – HMPGA Monthly Dinner	Cranberry Bog Restaurant, Colonie, NY	Diane Triani 518-783-1805 http://members.aol.com/hmpga/
09/01	Long Island - LIG	Long Island, NY	Contact: http://pbisotopes.ess.sunysb.edu/lig

ABBREVIATIONS:

- BGS - Buffalo Geological Society
- CNYAPG - Central New York Association of Professional Geologists
- HMPGA - Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association
- LIG - Long Island Geologists
- NYSGA - New York State Geological Association
- NYSCPG - New York State Council of Professional Geologists

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- Promote the protection of public health and welfare and the environment through the professional practice of geologic sciences;
- Promote high standards of ethical conduct among its members and within the profession of geology;
- Promote the legal standing of geologists and their ability to practice geology in New York State; and
- Promote the licensing of geologists in New York State through statutory regulation.

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