

**Meeting Summary from the Open Meeting of the
Illinois Groundwater Association Executive Board**

October 28, 1999

Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, Rantoul, Illinois

I. Presentation of Awards

IGA Chairperson Jerry Dalsin presented Mr. Erik Spande (CH2M HILL) and Ms. Molly Arp Newell (Environet) plaques of appreciation for their years of service to the IGA. Erik has been editor of the IGA newsletter for eight years and Molly was instrumental in coordinating the first joint meeting of the Iowa Groundwater Association and the Illinois Groundwater Association.

II. Officers for the year 2000

Ballots were collected and counted during the fall meeting. The results of the election were:

Chair: Mr. Paul Kesich, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Vice-Chair: Dr. Steve Bennett, Western Illinois University

Director: Mr. Larry Lyons, Lyons Well Drilling Company, Inc.

Secretary: Ms. Susie Dodd, Illinois State Water Survey

Treasurer: Mr. Terance Dixon, Maurer-Stutz, Inc.

Student Director: Ms. Sara Williams, Northern Illinois University

Continuing Officers are:

Director: Dr. Colin Booth, Northern Illinois University

III. Announcements

A. Terance Dixon, Treasurer

Currently the IGA has \$1,200. These funds are sufficient to support one student grant award. It was suggested that the financial statement of the association be posted on the website.

B. Paul Kesich, Vice-Chair

Paul Kesich and Terry Dixon have been representing the IGA at recent meetings of the Conservation Congress IV. The fall IGA newsletter contains a discussion of the activities and concerns addressed at the caucuses held by the Congress. The IGA representatives are most concerned with groundwater issues and education.

The National Drilling Association is attempting to develop a drilling school program in northern Illinois. If you are interested this program, information about the drilling school can be obtained by calling Lisa Crimaldi (Mid-America Drilling Services, Inc.) at 630-587-9800.

It was suggested that the IGA board meetings should continue to be conducted through the website and that they could be held more often.

C. Colin Booth, Director

The IGA awarded its 1999 student grant to Craig Perciante of Wheaton College. His project was entitled "Hydrogeologic Characterization of the West Branch Fen of DuPage County". The amount of the grant was \$200.

D. Steve Bennett, Director

An IGA promotional display was developed for the North Central Sectional Meeting of the Geological Society of America held in Champaign last April. Steve will update the display to reflect the current officers and new student award grantee. Please contact him if you want to use the display to help promote the IGA at appropriate meetings. Photographs for use in the display were also solicited.

E. Jerry Dalsin, Chair

The IGA will continue to distribute the newsletter via the web. Mailing costs were cut by \$600-\$700.

F. Randy Locke, Web Master

The IGA website has been moved to make it easier to log use by individuals. The newsletter will continue to be posted as a .pdf file as this format is much easier to incorporate in the website. Hardcopies of the newsletter will still be available for people without internet access. It has been suggested that the money saved in mail costs could be used to help the IGA grow through advertisements.

G. Erik Spande, Editor

If the IGA announces its meeting dates early enough they can be promoted in the newsletters of similar groundwater organizations in neighboring states.

IV. Spring IGA Meeting

The spring IGA meeting will be held in the middle of April (date yet to be determined) at Argonne National Laboratory.

Submitted by Steve Bennett, IGA Director