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The IGEL Program enjoyed a very successful 2007 and our Board of Directors has set an aggressive program in motion for 2008! With the graduation of our Class 6 we now proudly have over 185 IGEL alumni members located throughout the State of Georgia. November, 2007 was a signature month for IGEL indeed - we began the month proudly with the release of the Georgia Trend magazine which highlighted our program and its proud

accomplishments since its inception. This article generated a great deal of interest from prospective program participants as well as organizations and companies that expressed interest in learning more about IGEL. We are indebted to Neely Young, publisher of Georgia Trend, who approved the preparation of the article and to Ed Lightsey who researched and wrote the article! On November 8th we conducted a multi-purpose event / graduation ceremony for Class 6, alumni reception and dinner, keynote address from a nationally acclaimed speaker and first significant program sponsor recognition since the inception of the IGEL program. One hundred individuals attended our event held at the Metro Chamber of Commerce in downtown Atlanta. All enjoyed tremendous and meaningful IGEL fellowship, a wonderful meal, an inspiring address from Mr. Ben Grumbles (Associate Administrator for Water - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.), recognition of our valued corporate and organizational sponsors and the presentation of the IGEL certificates and "Trinity" (glass sculpture - symbolizing the combination of earth, water and air, the basic elements of our environment).

As the month of November progressed, the IGEL selection committee, chaired by Tanya Blaylock, worked hard to build a dynamic Class 7 composition. Those new IGEL program participants were contacted prior to the end of the calendar year. We are very pleased with our incoming class and welcome our first official "out of state" participant along with thirty- three other outstanding candidates from across Georgia.

The IGEL Board of Directors dedicated 2007 to our Capital Campaign initiative. We were able to concentrate on appropriate cost containment yet not sacrifice the high quality of instruction and fellowship. Our outreach to potential sponsors has expanded to new corporations, foundations and individuals. We also were proud that some of our initial program sponsors returned again this year with vitally important financial support. Your thoughts and ideas about identification of IGEL sponsors will

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be deeply appreciated. Alumni giving is also important and valued (as well as tax deductible!).

On behalf of our very dedicated and dependable IGEL Board and staff (named in this newsletter) I extend our collective best wishes and appreciation for your association with the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership! *Ross King*

### IGEL ADDRESS CHANGE

A reminder for all IGELians. The IGEL mailing address has CHANGED! All IGEL mail should go to:

IGEL, Inc.  
P.O. Box 363  
Camilla, GA 31730

Program Information: Sue Hilliard, 229-336-8562, [sue\\_igel@bellsouth.net](mailto:sue_igel@bellsouth.net)

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

IGEL's Capital Campaign continues with the board and alumni leading the way with end-of-year giving. The total amount to-date is \$83,750.

IGEL was most recently notified by the AGL Resources Foundation that they are awarding IGEL a grant in the amount of \$10,000.

The Capital Campaign will continue through April 2008. If you haven't made a contribution, we invite you to consider a financial gift to help us reach the Campaign's goal of \$150,000. Reaching our goal will ensure a viable, dynamic IGEL program into the future.

### IGEL CLASS VII

After thoughtful and lengthy consideration, with a large number of interested applicants, the selection committee, headed by *Tanya Blalock* (Class III), has selected a very strong group of individuals to participate in the 2008 Class VII.

Members of IGEL's Class VII include:

Judy Adler, Turner Foundation  
Jon Ambrose, GA Department of Natural Resources  
Matthew Bake, Matthew R. Baker, ASLA  
Doug Baughman, CH2M Hill  
Scott Boylston, Savannah College of Art and Design  
Sean Brandon, City of Savannah  
Beth Brown, GA Department of Natural Resources  
Rhoda Brown, Melaver  
\*Pete Conroy, Jacksonville State University-Alabama  
Debbie Dlugolenski, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Glenn Dowling, Georgia Wildlife Federation  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation  
Pat Gardner, Georgia State Representative HD 57  
David Gault, Jones County Board of Commissioners  
Albert George, Georgia Aquarium, Inc.  
Woody Hicks, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center  
Wayne Jenkins, Georgia ForestWatch  
Jeff King, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Ed Klaas, Southern Sprinkler Systems, LLC  
Tim Lowe, Lowe Engineers  
Lamar Paris, Union County Commissioner's Office  
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner & Associates  
Buford Sanders, Forest Stewardship Program & Forest Legacy  
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund  
Robb Stanley, Stanley, Esrey & Buckley, LLP  
Sandra Tucker, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Shana Udvardy, The Georgia Conservancy  
Fitz Veira, Troutman Sanders, LLP  
Randy Waskul, Mohawk Industries  
Jacqui Welch, Rock-Tenn Company  
Mary Wilkes, U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Paul Wolff, City of Tybee Island Councilman  
Mark Woodall, Associated General Contractors  
Stone Workman, USDA Rural Development  
\*first out-of-state class participant

These class members will be joining a group of over 185 IGEL alumni at the conclusion of their class year in November.

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### ALUMNI TRIP – OSSABAW ISLAND Registration Deadline – February 15

**Stacia Hendricks** (Class III) is organizing a trip for IGEL Alumni to Ossabaw Island during March 28-31.

Ossabaw Island is a Heritage Preserve, managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to protect, conserve and preserve the natural and cultural resources of the island for the benefit of present and future generations. IGEL alumni and guests will experience the rich archaeological, cultural and natural history during the trip.

Space is limited with a sign-up deadline of February 15. For additional information, or to sign up to participate, please contact Stacia by email at: [staciahendricks@seaisland.com](mailto:staciahendricks@seaisland.com) or by phone at: 912-230-8588.

(A trip brochure is included as an attachment with this issue of IGEL e-News.)

### ALUMNI NOTES

**Doug Hooker** (Class II) will have a second performance of the Sinai Symphony, which Doug composed, on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. His work has been selected by the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra (LSO), under its dynamic conductor, Maestro Patricio Cobos, as a part of their current season. He invites IGEL alumni and friends to join him in LaGrange for this momentous occasion.

For those of you who may not be aware of the history behind the Sinai Symphony, Doug wrote it using inspiration from a trip to the Middle East and the Holy Land. The symphony took 16 years to complete, and was first performed by the DeKalb Symphony Orchestra on April 4, 2006. For additional information: [www.LaGrangesymphony.org](http://www.LaGrangesymphony.org).

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in collaboration with the Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV) has hired **Robert Barr** (Class I) to work on a new land management initiative concentrating on preservation of greenspace in county governments across Georgia. Robert was in the charter class of IGEL in 2001 and then became an IGEL Board member in 2002. He served as the IGEL Board Chairman in 2004/2005. Prior to joining ACCG and GCV, Robert served as the Chairman of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (a position held for 6-1/2 years).

Robert's new position grew out of a true IGELian experience where a unique collaboration of organizations (local government association and environmental organizations) worked in partnership to forge a notable relationship which will ultimately prove beneficial for future land management partnerships in Georgia! Robert has proudly promoted the fact that due to his IGEL experience he was motivated to work with his elected and appointed peers in Carroll County to establish their current greenspace protection program. This unique program was recognized in 2006 by Georgia Trend magazine as one of eight County Excellence Award winners!

Robert may be contacted at his new office location at ACCG - 404-522-5022 or [rbarr@accg.org](mailto:rbarr@accg.org)  
Congratulations Robert!

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