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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

This month, our IGEL Board bids farewell to three valued board members. Departing the IGEL Board are Kevin Green, Hilburn Hillestad and Wesley Langdale. Each of these members has made unique and long-lasting contributions to IGEL. Among other things, Hilburn produced (and funded) the IGEL promotional video that has helped us spread the word about IGEL to applicants and sponsors, and Wesley provided leadership in the funding of scholarships for IGEL participants.

I especially want to thank Kevin, who chaired the Board in 2006-2007, and who has been a member of the Board since its inception in 2001. Kevin was involved in the formation of IGEL, Inc., helped put in place a multi-year agreement with the Fanning Institute, and led the charge for us to hire of our first staff-person, Sue Hilliard.

IGELians also owe a great deal of thanks to our outgoing Chair, Ross King. Ross has been tireless in promoting IGEL throughout the state and nationally. Thanks to Ross's efforts, EPA has recognized IGEL as a national model for environmental leadership programs, and Georgians statewide learned about us in *Georgia Trend*. Even more significantly, Ross led a successful fundraising campaign in 2007 and 2008 and personally raised the lion's share of funds that we needed from government and corporate donors to keep IGEL going for another year.

Fundraising, by necessity, will once again be a major focus for our Board this year. We are working now on garnering foundation support to augment our existing funding from corporate and state sources and from our dedicated IGEL alumni. At our April meeting, the Board also expressed an interest in strategic planning, and we have begun discussions to kick off that process.

We are pleased to welcome five new members to the Board: Colin Coyne, from IGEL Class V; Dan Davis, Katie Kirkpatrick, and Charles Stripling, all from IGEL Class VI; and Ben Harris, who will be our first non-IGEL Board member.

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Colin Coyne is the Chief Operating Officer at Melaver, Inc. Dan Davis is President and CEO of Integrated Science and Engineering in Fayetteville. Katie Kirkpatrick is Vice President – Environmental Affairs with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Charles Stripling is the President of Stripling, Inc., a family farm operation and is also an educator. Ben Harris is Vice President of the Land Department for Georgia Power. Ben was a logical choice to be our first non-alumni member because of his years of experience in working with diverse stakeholders throughout Georgia on environmental matters, and his service on other prestigious boards, including the Trust for Public Land, Georgia Public Broadcasting Foundation, the Georgia Power Foundation, the Board of Regents Foundation, and the Georgia Conservancy.

Board officers for 2008-2009 are: Todd Silliman, Chair; Tanya Blalock, Vice Chair; Judy Bowles, Treasurer; Stacia Hendricks, Secretary; and Ross King, Immediate Past Chair.

I invite you to contribute your time and talents to our efforts this year. If you want to get more involved in any aspects of IGEL, please contact a member of our Board or Sue Hilliard.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2007-2008

IGEL's Capital Campaign has continued at a strong pace through the first part of the year. The total amount given or pledged to-date is \$92,850.

With some requests still in review, the strong support from our alumni and other supporters has been critical to ensure that IGEL continues as a viable and dynamic program into the future.

Our thanks to the following:

IGEL ALUMNI

Robert Barr	Carol Kemker
Tanya Blalock	Alice Keyes
Braye Boardman	Susan Kidd
Judy Bowles	Ross King
Margaret Campbell	Jim Kundell
Becky Champion	Julie Mayfield
Sara Clark	Patty McIntosh
Gail Cowie	Stacy Patton
Colin Coyne	Todd Silliman
LuAnn Craighton	Jim Stokes
Brad Currey	Charles Stripling
Jim Durrett	Chet Tisdale
Ed Ellis	Warren Turner
Stacia Hendricks	Billy Turner
Haines Hill	Connie Wiggins
Larry Kaiser	Dave Wills

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IGEL CLASS VII

Judy Adler, Turner Foundation

Jon Ambrose, GA Department of Natural Resources

Matthew Baker, 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,
First Out-of-State IGEL Class Participant

Debra Dlugolenski, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Glenn Dowling, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation

Pat Gardner, Georgia State Representative

David Gault, Jones County Board of Commissioners

Woody Hicks, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center

Wayne Jenkins, Georgia ForestWatch

Jill Johnson, Georgia Conservation Voters

Ed Klaas, Southern Sprinkler Systems, LLC

Tim Lowe, Lowe Engineers

Lamar Paris, Union County Sole Commissioner

Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner & Associates

Buford Sanders, The Georgia Forestry Commission

Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund

Robb Stanley, Stanley, Esrey & Buckley, LLP

Sandra Tucker, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Shana Udvardy, The Georgia Conservancy

Fitzgerald Veira, Troutman Sanders, LLP

Randy Waskul, Whitfield County Board of Commissioners & Mohawk Industries

Jacqueline Welch, Rock-Tenn Company

Mary Wilkes, U.S. EPA, Region 4

Paul Wolff, Tybee Island City Council

Mark Woodall, Associated General Contractors

Stone Workman, USDA Rural Development

IGEL PROGRAM OUTREACH

The IGEL program continues to draw interest outside the state of Georgia. IGEL was featured in the 2007 Annual Report of the Office of Inter-governmental Relations of the US

Environmental Protection Agency "Building Stronger State and Local Partnerships". In the full page article, titled "Building and Sustaining a Diverse Network of Environmentally Educated Leaders in Georgia" the IGEL program and its goals and mission were highlighted.

IGEL has been invited to participate in the US EPA's National Environmental Partnership Summit 2008 to be held in Baltimore, MD, May 19-22. Participating in the IGEL session will be Ross King, Jimmy Palmer, Stan Meiburg and Beverly Banister who have been involved in the program.

ALUMNI NOTES

High Class... IV IGELians tend to find themselves in common places. Back in February, **Tim Goodson** and **Adam Saslow** met at an art show and wine tasting and noted that it had been a very long time since a critical mass of Class IV had gathered over a tasty beverage. An idea was spawned and on March 25th, Tim and AGL Resources hosted a class reunion and reception on the 20th floor of the AGL Building in Midtown Atlanta.

Loud welcomes greeted each person who stepped off the elevator. Classmates came and left throughout more than two hours together. The good food and beverage served seventeen – well more than half the class – and lasted as long as the good conversation that took place. There was "catching up" as well as animated discussion on water issues, sustainability, environmental justice and other topics. Some things don't change... and Class IV alum challenged each other in March as they did throughout 2005-6.

Class I alumnus **Lindsay Thomas** spoke on the importance of the relationships forged in IGEL and how critical they will prove to be as the state tackles the tough issues of the day and those beyond the horizon.

Class IV has always been... well... "active" when there has been a social element or theme. Many

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expressed a strong desire to reconvene late in the year. We will.

Faye DiMassimo (Class 3) has joined Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. as Transportation Planning Practice Builder. Kimley-Horn and Associates is located at: The Biltmore, Suite 601, 817 W. Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, GA. 30308.

Skip Kazmarek (Class 5) has started an environmental law practice with two long-time partners and friends. The new firm, Kazmarek Geiger & Laseter LLP is located at One Securities Center, 3490 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 201, Atlanta, GA 30305.

Over the course of nearly 30 years in the environmental area, Skip has been involved in nearly every major facet of environmental law. He was recognized as a Georgia Super Lawyer in Atlanta Magazine from 2004 through 2007 and was also named one of America's Leading Business Lawyers in the 2003 through 2007 editions of Chambers USA. Most recently, Skip was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2005 through 2007 editions of The Best Lawyers in America in the area of Environmental Law.

Oddballs



Ed Ellis (Class 1) and **Faye DiMassimo** (Class 3) are calling all IGEL Alumni from odd number Classes 1, 3 and 5 (aka the Oddballs) for a cash bar Happy Hour/Mixer...relax, renew acquaintances, and meet graduate talent from other classes!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. or later if you'd like...

WHERE: HALO LOUNGE located under the Historic Biltmore in Midtown Atlanta at 817 W. Peachtree Street, N.W. (\$5 covered and secured parking on Cypress Street)

Please RSVP by Monday, May 5th by reply e-mail.

IGEL ADDRESS CHANGE REMINDER

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



IGEL Alumni Day Trip and/or Weekend Retreat to Ossabaw Island

We are looking for a show of interest for organizing an IGEL alumni, family and friends day trip and/or weekend retreat to Ossabaw Island. One of the two weekend dates will be selected based on responses.

Day Trip will include:

Excursion (vehicular transport and hiking): We will share the day with Jim Bitler (Ossabaw Education Coordinator and Naturalist), visit archaeological sites with Dave Crass (IGEL alum Class 5) GA DNR's state archaeologist, learn more of the Ossabaw Island Education Alliance with its Director, Paul Pressly (IGEL alum, Class 6) and catch up with fellow alum and enjoy a day on Ossabaw learning more of Ossabaw Island Heritage Preserve.

Details:

- Round trip boat fare included
- Boats will leave the mainland at 9 a.m. and return by 4 p.m.
- Participants will bring a picnic lunch.
- Minimum group size is 12.

Cost:

- Estimate is \$125 per person (based on numbers of participants)

Weekend Trip will include:

Overnight accommodations at the circa 1880's Club House (bunk house style). The restored 1880's Clubhouse on Ossabaw offers dormitory style accommodations for as many as 20 overnight guests. (9 bunk beds, 2 twins, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, well equipped kitchen, meeting space.)

Details:

- Boat charters (arrive Friday, depart Sunday).
- Minimum group size is 6.

Cost:

Estimated cost of \$280 per person (this will be based on participation numbers- we will appoint 'cooking/cleaning teams' and will assemble menus for each day- food costs have been estimated in the total cost per person)

Please indicate YES or NO as it relates to your availability (and interest) in any or all of the dates below and return to Sue Hilliard at sue_igel@bellsouth.net by **May 15**.

_____ **Saturday, September 20, 2008**
_____ **Friday, September 19 - Sunday, September 21, 2008**
_____ **Saturday, November 15, 2008 Friday**
_____ **November 14 - Sunday, November 16, 2008**