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COMMENTS from the CHAIR

It has been an honor and privilege serving as Chair of the IGEL Board for the last twelve months.

Our IGEL network now boasts more than 200 members. At last month's DNR Board meeting, which drew a near-capacity crowd to honor Noel Holcomb, well over half of those in attendance were IGEL alumni or members of Class VIII. IGEL has established a visible presence, and we all should be proud of the impact that the program is making throughout the State.

With our partner, the Fanning Institute, our Board and alumni are always striving to improve the quality of the IGEL experience. Last year, the program added Steve Olson of Georgia State as a co-facilitator. Rob Williams and Steve earned high marks from Class VII. Jim Kundell, working with the Board and Fanning, has assisted us in updating and improving the written curriculum for the impressive roster of leaders who will begin IGEL Class VIII next month. The strength of those whom we continue to attract to the program is testament to the value of the IGEL experience.

Thanks to the support of the Dobbs, AGL, and Turner Foundations, Georgia DNR, GEFA, our corporate sponsors, and our alumni, we met our fundraising goal for 2008. I hope that all friends and alumni of IGEL will dig deep to help us meet our goals for the 2009 capital campaign.

Ross King, Tanya Blalock, Margaret Campbell, and Doug Hooker rotate off our Board this month. Each has made lasting contributions to IGEL, and we are grateful for their service. Katie Kirkpatrick takes the helm as Chair, and Dan Davis as Vice Chair at the April Board meeting. Katie and Dan already have demonstrated that they will lead with a great deal of energy and commitment. Please offer them your ideas and your support!

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IGEL CLASS VIII

The Board and Alumni of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) welcome thirty-two leaders from agriculture, forestry, business, education, environmental organizations, government, and civic groups who have been selected for the eighth class of IGEL. The 2009 class will join the 212 alumni from across the state who have previously completed the program and who are leaving their imprint on the development of national, state and local environmental public policy.

These IGEL Class VIII participants will attend four sessions held in different locations throughout the state beginning in May and concluding in November. Dates and locations of Class VIII sessions are:

May 13-15, Athens

July 22-24, Albany

September 16-18, Sapelo Island

November 4-6, Dahlonega

Participants selected for this year's IGEL Class are:

Gregg Bayard, Co-Executive Director,
Parallel Housing, Inc.

Rex Boner, Vice-President, The
Conservation Fund

Jeff Cown, Manager-Solid Waste
Management Program,
Environmental Protection
Division, Georgia Department
of Natural Resources

Dwight Davis, Environmental Affairs
Team Leader, Georgia Power

Robert Farris, Director, Georgia Forestry
Commission

Phil Foil, Executive Director, Georgia
Environmental Facilities Authority

Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate, Georgia
Department of Natural Resources

Rick Gardner, Commissioner, Bryan County

Jewell Harper, USEPA Environmental Liaison,
Spelman College

Jane Hayse, Division Chief-Transport, Atlanta
Regional Commission

Ben Hill, Senior Business Advisor, Georgia
Tech/Venture Lab

Ginny Holton, Environmental Manager, Packaging
Corporation of America

Lewis Jones, Attorney, King and Spalding, LLP

Shelly Lakly, Executive Director – Georgia, The
Nature Conservancy

Scott Loehr, Chief Executive Officer, Flint
RiverQuarium

Dorothy McDaniel, Executive Director, Trees
Columbus, Inc.

Kevin McIntyre, Education Coordinator, Joseph W.
Jones Ecological Research Center

Bill Miller, Senior Client Program Manager, Shaw
Environmental & Infrastructure Group

Clarence Mitchell, Senior Vice-President,
Oglethorpe Power Corporation

Callie Moore, Executive Director, Hiwassee River
Watershed Coalition, Inc.

Kathy Nguyen, Water Efficiency Manager, Cobb
County Water System

Terry Norton, Director and Veterinarian, Georgia Sea
Turtle Center

Ira Pearl, Vice-President, Engineering Services/
Supply Chain, AGL Resources

Brad Peebles, Special Projects Director, Tetra Tech
EC

Charlie Phillips, Owner/Manager, Phillips Seafood/
Sapelo Sea Farms

Susan Richardson, Environmental Attorney, Kilpatrick
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Marilyn Royal, Executive Director,
Mitchell County Development
Authority

Allen Saxon, Assistant Director for
Wastewater Treatment, City of
Augusta Utilities Department

Patricia Stallings, Senior Historian /
Project Manager, Brockington
and Associates, Inc.

Greg Wilson, Vice-President/Area
Manager, CH2M Hill

Denise Wood, Alderwoman-City of
Dalton and Director of
Environmental Compliance,
Mohawk Industries, Inc.

Russell Wright, Jr., Deputy Regional
Administrator, US Environmental
Protection Agency, Region 4

IGEL BOARD

The IGEL Board will meet next on April 15, at which time, several members will rotate off the Board and a number of new members will be welcomed.

Rotating off the IGEL Board are **Ross King** (Class I), **Tanya Blalock** (Class III), **Margaret Campbell** (Class IV) and **Doug Hooker** (Class II).

New IGEL Board members are:

Judy Adler (Class VII), Program Officer of the Turner Foundation; **Barbara Gallo** (Class VI), Partner with Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP;

Terry DeMeo King (Class III), Senior Water Resources Director, Tetra Tech EC; **Marci Reed** (Class IV), Director of Development, School of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; and **Harold Reheis** (Class VII), Specialist in

governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Joe Tanner & Associates.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2009

IGEL's Capital Campaign 2009 has started the year well, continuing where we ended in 2008 with increasing interest in our program through grants and monetary gifts from supporters. We appreciate the leadership given to the Capital Campaign by our IGEL Board with strong and ongoing support from our alumni, government, corporations and foundations.

Our thanks to the following for donations received through March 2009:

IGEL ALUMNI

*Robert Barr
Colin Coyne
Patty McIntosh
Charles Stripling*

GOVERNMENT, CORPORATE, FOUNDATION

*CH2M HILL
Turner Foundation (approved/pending)*

NOVEMBER ANNUAL DINNER AND CELEBRATION OF OUR CLASS VII GRADUATES

In addition to the gifts to the IGEL program in 2009, we want to acknowledge the donations made for our November Annual Dinner and Celebration of our Class VII Graduates. Sponsors for the evening celebration were the following:

*Charles Stripling
Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc.
Dennis Dean Catering
Novare Group*

ALUMNI NOTES

Beth Brown (Class VII) is now the Director of Communications for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. She can be reached by phone: 404-522-5022, or email: bbrown@accg.org

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Three IGEL alumni were in features about their respective counties, including being pictured, in the March 2009 issue of Georgia Trend magazine. Both **Mike Berg** (Class VI), Dawson County Commission Chair, and **Dave Wills** (Class II), former Chairman of the Webster County Commission were included in an article on "2009 Counties of Excellence" **Phil Jones** (Class V), County Administrator for Bryan County, was in an article focusing on Bryan County and its success in attracting new industries in a depressed economy.

Felicia Davis (Class V) is now the President of JustEnvironment located in Forest Park, GA. Felicia can be contacted by phone: 678-612-6497, or email: iask@bellsouth.net.

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L-R: Todd Silliman, Katie Kirkpatrick, Noel Holcomb, Rob Williams

Noel Holcomb, retiring Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and IGEL Class VI member, as well as a very strong supporter of the IGEL program during his tenure as GA DNR Commissioner, was presented a proclamation from IGEL and the Fanning Institute on March 25 during the Board Meeting of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Atlanta. Making the presentation on behalf of IGEL were: Todd Silliman, Katie Kirkpatrick and Rob Williams.

This photo and the resolution itself can be found on IGEL's website: www.igeleaders.org

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