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IGEL 2011 ALUMNI SUMMIT



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US EPA Region 4 Regional Administrator

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Over 110 IGEL alumni and guests took part in the IGEL 2011 Alumni Summit, sponsored by the Turner Foundation and Georgia Power, and held on January 19 at Georgia Power headquarters in Atlanta, GA. The Summit began with three afternoon workshops:

Environmental Leadership and the Dynamics of Collaboration led by **Rob Williams**. The focus was on recent research conducted with IGELians on their experiences with collaboration as a foundation for discussing the roles of leaders in building and maintaining successful collaborations on environmental issues.

Social Vulnerability, Leadership and Environmental Decision Making: A Case Study in Newtown, Georgia led by **Jamie Baker Roskie** (UGA Land Use Clinic), **Kathi Wurzel** (Newfields Companies), **Jamie Henderson** (Newfields Companies) and Christina Griffith. These IGEL alumni shared their experiences of environmental justice in one Georgia community as a case study that is part of the research on social vulnerability by Christina Griffith.

ACF Stakeholder Process – The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Basin encompasses over 19,000 square miles and is an economic engine and a natural, cultural and historical resource from North Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico. The ACF Stakeholders concept was

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developed to allow diverse users to work cooperatively to resolve water resource issues surrounding the ACF Basin. This workshop was led by **Charles Stripling** and included **Billy Turner** (BT Turner Consulting, Columbus), **Kathy Nguyen** (Cobb County) and **Woody Hicks** (J. W. Jones Ecological Research Center).

Following the workshops, **Dan Davis**, IGEL Board Chair, (photo) welcomed Summit participants and introduced the IGEL Classes of 2010 and 2011. Keynote remarks for the Summit were given by Gwen Keyes Fleming, Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 4.

A Legislative Update of top issues coming before the 2011 General Assembly was presented by IGEL alumni **Katie Kirkpatrick**, (Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce), **Todd Edwards**, (Association County Commissioners of Georgia), and **Will Wingate**, (Georgia Conservancy).

A reception followed with IGEL alumni reconnecting, congratulating graduates of Class 2010, and welcoming the Class of 2011.



IGEL Alumni Summit

BOARD

The IGEL Board's winter meeting took place the morning of the 2011 IGEL Alumni Summit at Georgia Power in Atlanta, GA with the Chair, **Dan Davis** (Class 6-2007) presiding.

The next board meeting will be a board planning session, April 10-11, at the Lodge at Little St. Simons Island.

IGEL CLASS 2011

IGEL alumni welcome the following individuals who have been selected to participate in the 2011 IGEL Class.

Danielle Ayan, Research Scientist II, Georgia Tech Research Institute, Oxford, GA

Stacey Berahzer, Senior Project Director, Environmental Finance Center, Marietta, GA

Daniel Blackman, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs with HCNRG Solutions, Atlanta, GA

Dan Bollinger, Executive Director, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, Camilla, GA

Jami Buck, Senior Manager-Corporate Responsibility, Cox Enterprises, Atlanta, GA

Joanne Chu, Research Scientist, Georgia State University, Decatur, GA

Liz Cole, Executive Director, Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia, Jasper, GA

Greg Corbett, Director Environment and Sustainability, AGL Resources, Atlanta, GA

Lauren Curry, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, GA

Neil Dawson, Principal, Dawson Architects, Savannah, GA

Leanne Defoor, Lecturer of Business Law, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

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Thomas Farmer, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy, Atlanta, GA

Marc Goncher, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Atlanta Department of Law, Atlanta, GA

Ryan Gravel, Senior Associate/Senior Urban Designer, Perkins+Will, Atlanta, GA

Daniel Grogan, Vice President, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., Kennesaw, GA

Matt Harper, Senior Principal Environmental Planner, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, Atlanta, GA

Will Harris, Owner, White Oak Pastures, Bluffton, GA

Matthew Hicks, Associate Legislative Director, Association County Commissioners of GA, Atlanta, GA

Mike Hopkins, Executive Director, Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority, Covington, GA

Rick Horder, Partner, Kazmarek Geiger and Laseter, LLP, Atlanta, GA

Warren Howe, Vice President and CFO, Woodruff and Howe Env. Engineering, Inc., Canton, GA

Gray Kelly, Director of Sustainable Development & Communities, Southface, Atlanta, GA

Kevin Kelly, Senior Program Manager, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, Atlanta, GA

Mark Melvin, Conservation Management/Education Technician, J. W. Jones Ecological Research Center, Newton, GA

Brett Mitchell, Remediation Team Leader, Georgia Power, Atlanta, GA

Sandra Neuse, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Board of Regents - University System of GA, Avondale Estates, GA

Michael Peyton, Director, Regional Lab and Field Support Division, US EPA, Gainesville, GA

Madeline Reamy, Executive Director, EarthShare of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

Clay Rolader, President, Fuqua Capital, Atlanta, GA

Bill Sapp, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center, Atlanta, GA

Johnny Wellons, Jr., Aviation Engineer Associate / Construction Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Sharpsburg, GA

Will Wingate, Vice President of Advocacy & Land Conservation, Georgia Conservancy, Atlanta, GA

IGEL CLASS 2010

Congratulations to the members of Class 2010 who met in their final session November 10-12 at Dawsonville. The session included an overview of north Georgia's ecological environment and impacts of development, particularly from in - migration and metro Atlanta sprawl. This included exploration of Etowah River biodiversity, habitat conservation plan and green development alternatives in local communities. The class

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also studied the “business case for the environment”, including sustainability, innovation, and minimizing environmental impact for both large and small businesses, as well as local and global challenges for energy, climate change and carbon mitigation.

At the conclusion of this final session the Class 2010 participants graduated, becoming part of IGEL’s notable alumni group.

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2010 IGEL ALUMNI GIVING CAMPAIGN

*IGEL Board Member and Alum, **Dionne Hoskins**, (Class 5-2006) headed up an innovative and successful IGEL alumni fundraiser during November-December in which invitations were sent to IGEL Alumni to participate in “IGEL’s First Stay at Home Gala”. At December’s end, combined with donations made earlier by alumni in 2010, alumni contributed \$4,825.*

Many thanks to Dionne and to all who participated. A special thank you and congratulations to our recently graduated Class 2010 who had the highest percentage of participation! Classes 5 (2006) and 7 (2008) tied for second.

ALUMNI NOTES

Cobb County’s Department of Transportation recently received a \$1.4 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration, the largest allocation in Georgia, to study a proposed rail line along the US 41/I-75 corridor between

Acworth and the Arts Center Station in Atlanta. **Faye DiMassimo** (Class 3-2004 and a former IGEL Board Member), is Director of Transportation for Cobb County.



Jim Kundell (3rd from left) and EAB group

Jim Kundell (Class 2-2003), Professor Emeritus at the University of Georgia, is serving as Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Board to the Chief of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Appointed to the board by Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp in 2007, he was elected chair by the membership in 2009. The board, composed of eight members from academic institutions and NGOs, advises the Chief on environmental challenges facing the Corps, including large-scale ecosystem restoration such as the Everglades and the Gulf of Mexico, implementation by the Corps of environmental operating principles, and a joint project between the Corps and The Nature Conservancy on sustainable rivers.

The City of Augusta was awarded a \$1.8 million HUD/TIGER II grant to implement a sustainability plan for revitalizing Augusta’s urban core. **Martin Melaver** (Class 4-2006) and **Patty McIntosh** (Class 2-2003) of Melaver McIntosh authored the project proposal. **Braye Boardman** (Class 3-2005) serves as a director of Augusta Tomorrow, whose *Westobou Vision and Master Plan for a Sustainable Future* provided much of the impetus for this visionary project.

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Howard Frumkin

Howard (Howie) Frumkin (Class 1-2002), is now serving as the Dean of the School of Public Health, University of Washington, effective this past September. He remains very active in working toward healthy environments. He can be contacted by email at: frumkin@uw.edu

Tom Weyandt (Class 2-2003), wants to share his new contact information. Tom can be reached at tom.weyandt@gmail.com or phone at 404-229-8718.

Townsend Bailey (Class 2010), has accepted a position with McDonald's Corporation as Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Manager. Townsend and his wife, Kristina, have recently relocated to Chicago, IL. He can be reached by email at: townsendbailey@gmail.com

Craig Pendergrast (Class 2010), has joined the law firm of Taylor I English in Atlanta where he will continue his practice of environmental and business litigation. He can be contacted by email: cpendergrast@taylorenglish.com or phone: 678-336-7245.

Denise Grabowski (Class 3-2004), has recently launched her own firm, Symbioscity, located in Savannah, which is an urban planning firm focused on fostering mutually beneficial solutions for people, place, and planet. Denise can be reached at: 912-484-2018 or by email: dgrabowski@symbioscity.com

Tricia Reynolds (Class 2010) married Jeff Draycott in England on January 11th and is now living in northwest England. She would be pleased to hear from fellow IGEL Classmates and can be contacted as follows:

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Tricia and Jeff Draycott

Several IGELians were named in *Georgia Trend's* January issue as either part of the 100 Most Influential or as Notable Georgians for 2010. **Robert Farris** (Class 2009), Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission, and **Ross King** (Class 1-2002), Executive Director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia were included in the group of 100 Most Influential. **Dennis Creech** (Class 2-2003), Co-founder/Executive Director, Southface Energy Institute, **Brian Leary** (Class 2-2003), President/CEO, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., and **Tim Lowe** (Class 7-2008), President, Lowe Engineers, were listed as Notable Georgians.

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IGEL CLASS 2010

front (l to r): Shelly Lakly, Bret Danilowicz, Ron Shipman, Denise Quarles, Brian Wellington, Kirk Milam

middle row: Brandon Lovett, Tricia Reynolds, Susan Hook, Craig Pendergrast, Pam Burnett, Alan Farmer, Andrea Pinabell, Becky Kelley, Bob Rolader, Larry Miles, Tom Gehl, Beth Bradley

Back row: Johnny Bemby, Brandon Lovett, Erik Johnson, Tommy Hilliard (partially hidden), Dave Goershel, Drew Wade (partially hidden) Rob McDowell, David Weitnauer, Townsend Bailey, Steve Olson, Dave Kubala, Clint Perry, Steve McWilliams, Jay Sum, Billy Edwards, Rob Williams

Missing: Greg Jones and Mandy Schmitt Mahoney.

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