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Rob Williams, Georgia State University  
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## **CHANGES TO IGEL**

IGEL Alumni, Participants and Friends:

We want to let you know about some exciting changes coming to IGEL.

Rob Williams, who has been the program facilitator since IGEL's inception in 2001, retired from the Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia effective March 31. The Board of Directors of IGEL, Inc. convened on April 1 to make a decision regarding facilitation of the 2011 IGEL Class, which convenes its first session May 10-13. After careful deliberation over the best course of action for the IGEL program, the Board voted to move the program to The Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility at Georgia State University. A Memorandum of Agreement with GSU is being signed.

Rob Williams will soon become associated with GSU's Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility and will continue to be the lead facilitator of the IGEL Class program, with Steve Olson, Director of the Center, continuing as co-facilitator (As many of you know, Steve has served as co-facilitator since 2008). With both Rob and Steve facilitating as they have in the past, we know that IGEL will continue to provide the highest level of environmental leadership training.

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The Fanning Institute and the University of Georgia have been important to IGEL and its ongoing success and have provided strong support and partnership for IGEL, Inc. It was a difficult decision to move the IGEL program. The Board feels strongly, however, that the program will continue its successful growth and outreach throughout Georgia and the Southeastern United States with the continuity provided by Rob and Steve and the new partnership with The Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility.

Please visit our website, [www.igeleaders.org](http://www.igeleaders.org), for the latest information on IGEL, and feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

*Patty McIntosh*  
*Chair, IGEL, Inc. Board of Directors*

## **BOARD**

The IGEL Board's spring retreat was held April 10-11, at the Lodge at Little St. Simons Island. **Stacia Hendricks** hosted the retreat, which was a planning session for the upcoming Board, as well as the regular April Board Meeting.

The Board welcomed five new members at the retreat. **Gregg Bayard** (Class 2009), Parallel Housing, Inc., Athens; **Johnny Bembry** (Class 2010), Bembry Veterinary Clinic, Hawkinsville; **Greg Jones** (Class 2010), AGL Resources, Dalton; **Denise Quarles** (Class 2010), Southwire Company,

Lithia Springs; and **Bob Rolader** (Class 2010), Brent Holdings, LLC, Fayetteville.

Rotating off the Board were **Judy Bowles** (Class 1), Albany, **Stacia Hendricks** (Class 3), Little St. Simons Island; **Ben Harris** (non-IGEL), Atlanta; and **Harold Reheis** (Class 7), Atlanta. **Terry DeMeo** (Class 3), Fayetteville, has resigned from the Board.



Patty McIntosh presents Dan Davis a plaque honoring his year of service as IGEL Board Chair

The new officers of the IGEL Board, who assumed their duties at the end of the April meeting, are: **Patty McIntosh**, Chair (Class 2), Savannah; **Charles Stripling**, Vice Chair (Class 6), Camilla; **Adam Saslow**, Secretary (Class 4), Atlanta; **Susan Richardson**, Treasurer (Class 2009), Atlanta; and **Dan Davis**, Immediate Past Chair (Class 6), Peachtree City.

IGEL Board meetings are scheduled as follows for the next year:

Thursday, July 21 2011 - Atlanta

Thursday, October 20 2011 - Macon

Thursday, January 19 2012 - Atlanta

Thursday, April 19 2012 – Location TBD

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## **IGEL CLASS 2011**

With the changes to the IGEL program, the participants of IGEL Class 2011 will have their first session May 11-13, at Emory University's Conference Center in Atlanta.

Participants in the class are:

**Clark Alexander**, Professor, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Savannah, 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

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

**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

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**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

## **CORRECTION** **2010 IGEL ALUMNI** **GIVING CAMPAIGN**

*The amount given by IGEL alumni in January's e-News was incorrect. At December's end, donations given by alumni in 2010 totaled \$7,825.*

*Our thanks to all who donated to our IGEL program this past year.*

## **IGEL'S NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION** **RECEIVES RECOGNITION**

Georgia State University has received recognition for its efforts in putting a dent in the level of air and ground level pollution emitted by the metro Atlanta area.

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The Georgia Department of Natural Resources recognized Georgia State as a Silver Level partner of its Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia. This is a distinction given to cities, businesses and institutions that try to become more environmentally sustainable and lower the total amount of emissions and wastes. Georgia State is one of only two schools to receive the title, the other being Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus.

The complete article on can be found through the following link:

<http://www.gsusignal.com/news/georgia-state-recognized-for-its-environmental-efforts-1.2554055>

## **CLASS 2011 NOTES**

**Will Harris**, a participant in this year's Class 2011 and owner and president of White Oak Pastures, Bluffton, GA, has been honored as Georgia's 2011 Small Business Person of The Year by the US Small Business Administration. Will, the fifth generation on his family farm, has created the largest certified organic farm in Georgia, combining tradition and modern technology to meet the growing demand for grass-fed beef.

**Will Wingate** who is the Vice President, Advocacy and Land Conservation with The Georgia Conservancy was featured in their publication *Panorama* spring issue. Will is

leading the Conservancy's renewed focus on advocacy.

## **ALUMNI NOTES**

Between March 11 and 12, more than 1,100 people attended the 14th Annual Conference & Expo at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, "Go Grow!"

For over a decade, Georgia Organics has recognized an individual whose work has strengthened and grown the organic and sustainable agriculture movement in Georgia.

This year, the Land Stewardship Award went to **Relinda Walker** (Class 5-2006), of Walker Farms, in recognition of her determination to promote organic farming, and her willingness to share her knowledge with the farming community.

About ten years ago, Relinda came home to her family's farm in Sylvania with the vision of taking it organic. Since then, she has successfully transitioned the farm into one of the most respected organic farms in the state. Her commitment to growing crops organically has resulted in a farm that provides vegetables for restaurants, farmers' markets and well-known grocery store chains.

Relinda is a founding member and president of the Coastal Organic Growers. She supports Georgia Organics through

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her involvement as a mentor in the Farmer to Farmer Mentoring Program, and has been a consultant in outreach initiatives to transition conventional farmers to organic production in three commodity crops: blueberries, Vidalia onions, and peanuts.



Relinda Walker

**Randy Hartmann** (Class 6-2007), is now the Membership Services Director for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Atlanta. He brings many years' environmental management experience including watershed planning, policy development at the federal, state, and local level, and has directed the operations of a publicly owned and operated integrated solid waste management authority. Randy can be reached at: [rhartmann@accg.org](mailto:rhartmann@accg.org) or 404-522-5022.

**Felicia Davis** (Class 5-2006) is now the Director of Facilities and Infrastructure Enhancement, Building Green Initiative, UNCF Minority-Serving Institutions Building Green Initiative. In her position, she works to increase campus-wide sustainability for Black, Hispanic-serving and tribal colleges. Her group will host a national Building Green Learning Institute at the Hyatt Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, on June 16-18 and they have just released the first sustainability survey of minority-serving colleges and universities. In addition, they are helping with energy efficiency and retrofits, LEED building, curriculum and other sustainability initiatives including student involvement. Above all, Felicia notes that their efforts result in real reductions. The link to their website is:

<http://buildinggreennetwork.org/>.

The link to her recent Earth Day article in The Grio is:

<http://www.thegrio.com/specials/earth-day/how-an-hbcu-has-learned-how-to-go-green.php>

Felicia can be reached by email at:

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## **Class of 2010 – Post Class Reunion**

When the Class of 2010 graduated from IGEL at the end of our final retreat in Dahlonga, the one thing everyone had on their minds was – when and where are we getting together again? This common sentiment of congregation was a reflection and desire of the class to continue the amazing relationships and community we had experienced during our IGEL journey in a way that allowed our families to meet and interact with the names of our classmates that we so frequently talked about when we got home.

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, Dr. **Johnny Bembry** and his wife, Latrelle, graciously allowed us to gather at their lovely property in Hawkinsville, GA. About 30 members of the IGEL Class of 2010, their families, IGEL staff and members of the board got together for a BBQ to catch up on each other's lives, tour the Bembry property, including a prescribed burn, cypress swamp tour, and bonfire, as well as to hopefully raise some money for the IGEL program.

During the barbeque, and even afterwards, when I talked to fellow class members, one common sentiment kept emerging – that everyone who attended was excited to be there and genuinely cared to spend some quality time with one another. I am proud to announce

that, during that BBQ, besides having a fabulous time, we raised \$636 to further the mission and vision of the IGEL program.

My experience with IGEL was inspiring and the relationships born during that year continue to grow and be fruitful. As IGEL graduates, it is our responsibility to do our best to protect, nurture and grow this program for future classes as its success is directly proportional to Georgia's ability to be sustainable for the long-term.

**Andrea Pinabell** (Class 2010), Director  
Sustainable Cities Institute  
*An initiative built by  
The Home Depot Foundation*

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