

History of the Hawaii Section of AIPG

The Hawaii Section was started by Mark Rogers in early 2003. Mr. Rogers relocated to Honolulu, HI from Anchorage, AK in 2001, where he had previously served on the Alaska Section Executive Committee (ExCom). The Hawaii Section has supported the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) National ExCom through Mark Rogers' as technical presenter at the 41st Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY (2004), participation in the CPG Practicality Committee in 2005, as National Secretary (2006-2007), and as National Advisory Board Representative (2008-2009).

At its inception in 2003, the Hawaii Section had a total of 12 members which included:

Glenn Bauer – State Geologist (CPG-10855), Kenton Beal (CPG-09107), Robert Chenet (CPG-10225), Harold Clark (CPG-09042), Benjamin Collins (CPG-07066), John Lockwood (CPG-09806), Dennis McElrath (CPG-08131), John Mink (CPG-01693), Jan Reichelderfer (CPG-08150), Raymond Robeck (CPG-00013), Mark Rogers (CPG-08926), and Glenn Shepherd (CPG-01019). Currently, the Hawaii Section has a total 13 members which include six original members (G. Bauer, K. Beal, R. Chenet, M. Lockwood, D. McElrath, and J. Reichelderfer) plus Kevin Gooding (CPG-10856), Troy Rosenbush (CPG-10977), Charles Begeal (MEM-2365), Ning Li (CPG-10761), Christine Meyer (AS-0051), Conrad Stephenson (CPG-07076), and Mark Weber (CPG-02821).

The Hawaii Section has been well represented in state government. The Hawaii State Geologist was Glenn Bauer (CPG-10855) until his retirement in 2008. Hawaii, however, is still one of few states that has not established a state board to license geologists. From 2006 – 2008, Mark Rogers worked with Kenton Beal and several Hawaii state representatives in lobbying the state house / senate to adopt National Association of State Board of Geology (ASBOG) as a means of establishing a state board for licensing geologists. These legislation efforts to adopt ASBOG eventually failed in late 2008 as the state house responded “that the protection of public health and safety was adequately maintained by the Department of Natural Resources (Glenn Bauer’s former office) and the USGS’ Mauna Kea field office on the island of Hawaii”.

The Hawaii Section has had meetings, and hosted field trips over the years. From 2003 until late 2008, the Hawaii Section hosted five to six meetings a year at various locations in Honolulu, as well as meetings at the University of Hawaii – Manoa campus. State officers have included Mark Rogers (president 2003-2005 and 2008), Kenton Beal (president 2006-2007), and Robert Chenet (vice president 2005-2008). The Hawaii Section has since gone inactive, due in part to Mark Rogers’ relocation from Hawaii to California in late 2008.