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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**  
**DAVID E. HARMON, CPG 02789**

One of our four Ohio Section goals is related to initiating joint meetings with our colleagues who are active members of companion organizations. With this in mind, John DiNunzio has scheduled the September meeting as a joint gathering with the members of the Ohio Geological Society. The time and place of this meeting is noted elsewhere in this newsletter. This will not only provide us with an opportunity to network with our peers of that organization but also give us with the chance to hear an address on a topic very dear to me, the oil and gas exploration and potential of Ohio. I encourage all to attend.

While on the subject of meetings, realizing that given the opportunity we could spend our entire careers attending meetings, I call your attention to the upcoming national meeting of AIPG. This year it will be held as close as it possibly could be without our hosting it ourselves. The Lexington, Kentucky, location is just down I-75. The efforts put forth by the Kentucky Section will provide us with a variety of interesting and informative field trips and also a broad selection of professional papers. The networking, again, will be advantageous to all of our careers.

I especially wish to invite all of our student members to take advantage of the proximity of the Bluegrass State. Tristan Jones, a student member from Central Michigan, explains it very well in a recent article in *The Professional Geologist*. In addition to the benefits of learning about geology, having fun, making friends, presenting your work, networking, and enjoying great surroundings, she also suggests that you partake in the field trips offered. As someone who has spent considerable time in Kentucky, I can attest to the beautiful natural geologic wonders that Kentucky has to offer and that the Kentucky Section has included in their field trip options. Additionally, you should consider the advantages of presenting your work during the student poster session. The results could be astounding for you in your future goals in the geologic profession. Miss Jones mentions them in detail and I call attention to her summary of them in the July/August issue of TPG.

Although the students can get a good deal, at \$25, without a late fee, it is important that the members register in a timely manner, take advantage of the early registration discount, and save a little money also. The savings could possibly offset the extra price in gasoline used in getting there.

For future consideration, I note that in 2006, the North Central Section of the Geological Society of America meeting will be held in Akron in April and the Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers will be held in Canton in October. I told you that you could spend your full

time attending meetings.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our joint meeting in September and at our national meeting in October.

David E. Harmon

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**3rd QUARTERLY OHIO SECTION MEETING -- Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am  
at the Ramada Inn**

4900 Sinclair Rd, Columbus, OH 43229

614-846-0300 (Northwest of the Morse Rd. exit on I-71. Maps are available elsewhere in this newsletter).

Lunch: 11:30. Lecture: 12:45

At a joint meeting with the Ohio Geological Society, Dr. Bob Vincent, Professor of Geology at BGSU will present:

***New Wave of Petroleum Exploration in Ohio***

Bob Vincent, a professor in the Dept. of Geology at Bowling Green State University, was an entrepreneur in Ann Arbor, Michigan when the 1980's oil boom hit. He will talk about how his company, GeoSpectra Corp., used remote sensing to lease large blocks of structural plays in the Michigan Basin that were mostly successful. This could be repeated in Ohio. He will also talk about his pet project, to have some company drill a wildcat on the BGSU campus. The purpose of the project would be to demonstrate to geology students how oil and gas wells are drilled, as well as to demonstrate to environmental and other students how small the environmental impacts of petroleum exploration are, relative to many other types of commercial operations. This would be an educational drill hole, but since Bowling Green (including at least one producing well on campus) was once part of John D. Rockefeller's earliest oil and gas holdings, there is always the chance that it could also become a producing well.

Reservations not required. Please contact President-Elect John DiNunzio, 614-540-6633 with questions. Members will be ordering from the menu.

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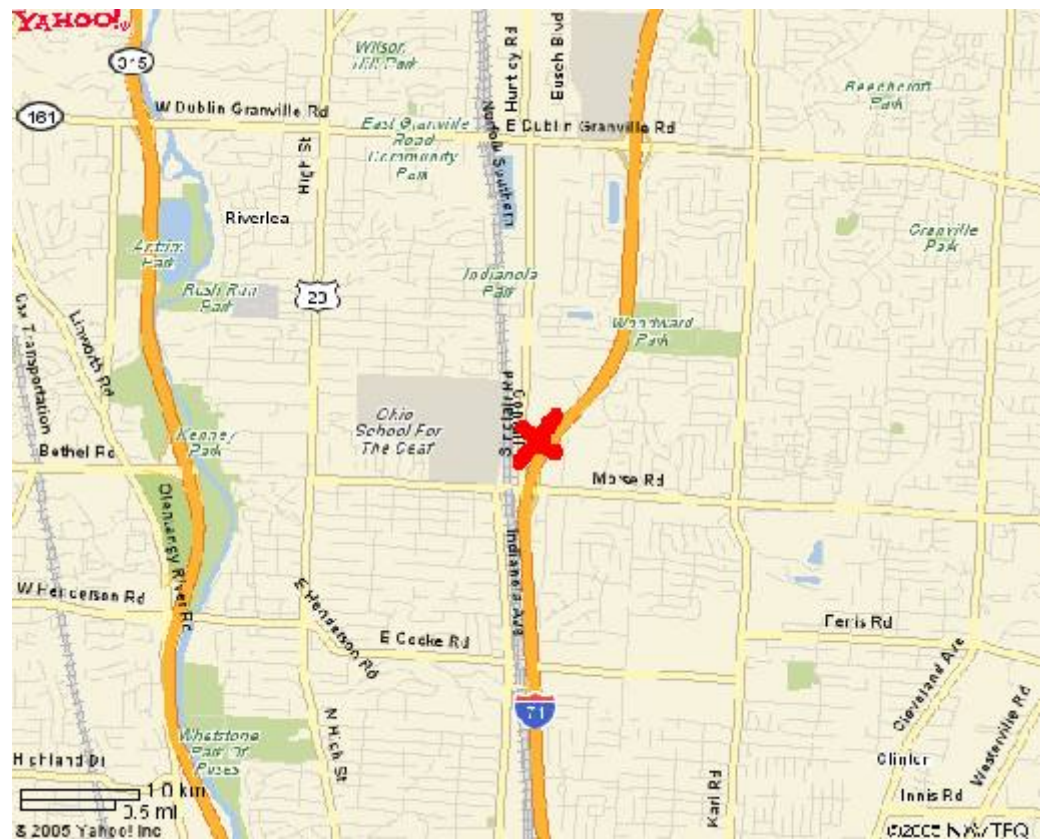
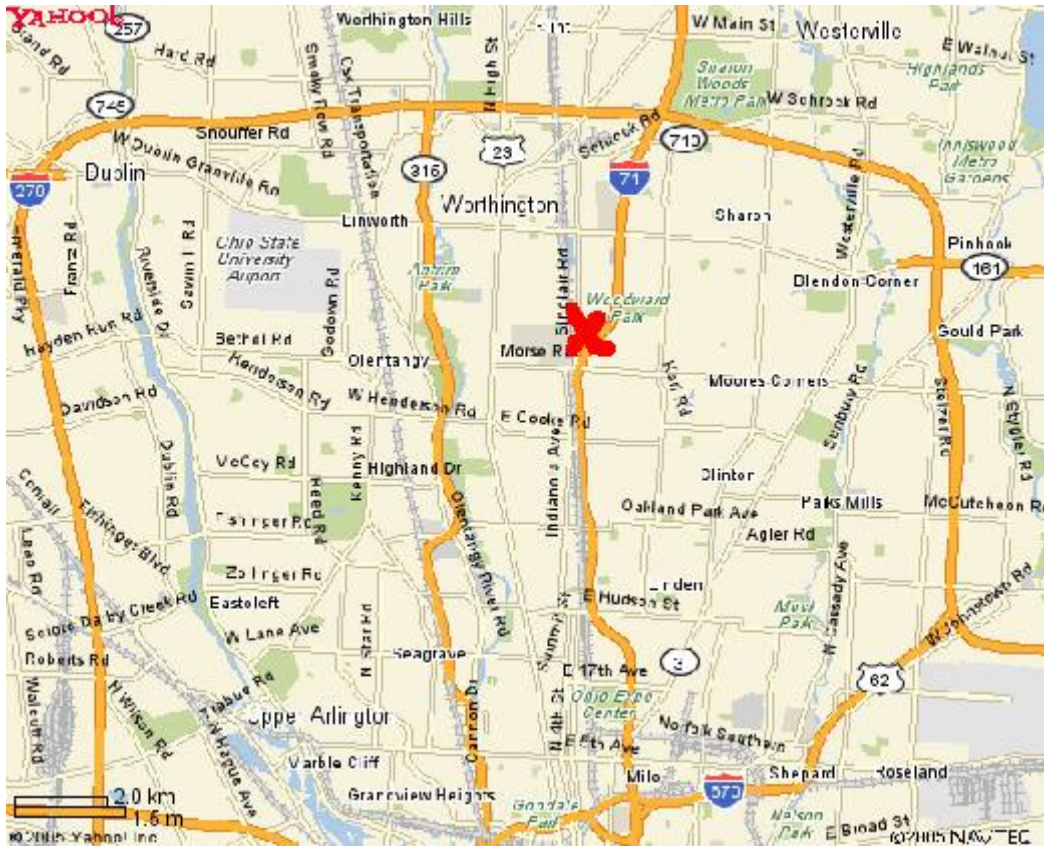
**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR AIPG NATIONAL'S ANNUAL MEETING IN KENTUCKY, OCTOBER 8-13. SEE *THE PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST* OR VISIT THE AIPG WEBSITE [WWW.AIPG.ORG](http://WWW.AIPG.ORG) FOR DETAILS.**

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**OHIO ANNUAL MEETING**

Ohio Section's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday evening, November 18 at Ohio State's Fawcett Center. Details will follow in a later issue.

# MAPS TO SEPTEMBER OHIO SECTION MEETING



## 2006 OHIO SECTION OFFICERS

It's time for us to nominate Ohio Section officers for 2006. Please consider joining the other members of the Executive Committee. Matt Justice, CPG-10485, will be putting together a list of candidates.

We will be looking for someone to serve as President Elect/Program Chair. This term lasts for three years. The first year, they serve as Program Chair and are responsible for putting together several lunch or dinner meetings over the year, including the Ohio Section Annual Meeting. This duty is vastly easier in recent years, since the Ohio Section has gone from monthly to quarterly meetings. In the second year, this officer serves as President, and generally guides the Ohio Section. In the third year, this officer serves as Past President and advises at Executive Committee meetings. This progression of duties makes it relatively easy for an interested member to learn about the Section activities and interests, and gradually prepares them to assume the duties of President. The 2005 President Elect, John DiNunzio, CPG-09244, will advance to President for 2006, and 2005 President David Harmon, CPG-02789, will advance to Past President.

We will also be looking to fill the positions of Committee Members at Large. The Ohio Section has three Members at Large who serve for one year at a time. Duties are relatively light and consist primarily of attending Executive Meetings, roughly every other month to weigh in on decision making, and to assist other Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs as needed.

Yours Truly, Mort Schmidt, has volunteered to edit the newsletter as a Member at Large for this past year. I am willing to continue editing during 2006, but I would welcome anyone interested in taking on either or both positions. I would particularly like to see someone replace me as Member at Large, simply to get some fresh faces and ideas on the Executive Committee.

The positions of Treasurer and Secretary are two-year terms. Treasurer Craig Cox and Secretary Greg Kinsall will serve their second year in 2006.

The other committee chairs are served for an indefinite period of time. Anyone interested in serving or assisting in these positions would also be welcome.

The Executive Committee welcomes new perspectives and opinions. We would like to see geologists with other areas of expertise, from other parts of the state, and of various experience levels take our place over time. The duties are not particularly heavy, and with the change to quarterly meetings, can generally always be worked around our professional obligations without great difficulty. Serving as an Ohio Section officer or committee member is a good way to get to make friends, get to know your fellow geologists, and to network with your peers. Please contact Matt Justice at 937-285-6040 [matt.justice@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:matt.justice@epa.state.oh.us) if you are interested in serving the Ohio Section.

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