President's Message

The board has been busy planning the 2007 WGWA Spring Conference, which is tentatively set for February 23 in the Wisconsin Dells. We even have a few speakers signed up to present. If anyone is aware of a major event conflict (sporting event, spring break, etc...) with this date, please e-mail or call (contacts below) to let us know.

We have a few alternate dates if a scheduling barrier is identified. A call for professional papers will be issued this fall and our Education Committee Chair, Paula Richardson, will spearhead the drive for student papers and poster presentations. Attendance at the Conference is free to presenters with prize money involved for student presenters (do you have something to share from your summer internship?).

Attendance to the Conference and next year's Fall Field Trip (as well as membership dues) are also free to the winner of the WGWA logo contest, taking place now through October 1. This contest is open only to college students. So if you know of one that might be interested, have them hurry to leave their mark on WGWA for years to come! Entries are being accepted by Paula Richardson (see flyer attached).

With planning for the 2007 Spring Conference well underway; the traditional President-Elect first-quarter time crunch has been alleviated, making this the perfect time for interested persons to consider running for the position this fall. Janis Kesy, the current Secretary, has indicated she is ready for a break and we need someone new to step into these WGWA leadership rolls! If you are interested in a board position, please e-mail or call (contacts below) to be considered this fall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February (if not September)!

Becky Caudill, WGWA President

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Interesting Articles and Other Tidbits on the Web

“Door County geology may have part in explosions (at Ellison Bay)”
Investigators studying whether gas can travel in underground cracks. <more>
WGWA News

WGWA Fall Field Trip will be in Door County
In preparation for the field trip we have put together a collection of websites with information about Door County for those who are not familiar with it, and for those that would like some more information. If you are considering extending your stay in Door County for another night, but are not sure what there is to do, these websites can help you decide. Of course there are always the famous (infamous?) gift shops. But there are also many other things to do and see.

General Information on what to see and do in Door County
Door County Chamber of Commerce
http://www.doorcounty.com/
Door County Connections
http://www.doorcountyconnections.com/dvframe.htm
Door County Magazine
http://www.doorcountymagazine.com/
Door County Compass
http://www.doorcountycompass.com/
Peninsula State Park
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/peninsula/special.htm
Alpine Resort (Field Trip Base Camp)
http://www.alpineresort.com/

Geological Information About Door County
A website set up for a field trip for Earth Science teachers. Contains a number of things on Door County geology.
http://jove.geol.niu.edu/faculty/fischer/429_info/429trips/door_county/homedoorty.htm
The Niagara Escarpment (the geological backbone of Door County)
http://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/geolwisc/niagesc.htm
Quaternary geology of Door County (A short overview of Door County glacial geology)
http://www.geology.wisc.edu/~davem/abstracts/01-11.htm

Other Door County Information
Door County: Traditions of a Rugged Pioneer Past
http://www.doorchistory.com/
Door County Light Houses
http://www.usalights.com/lakes/doorcounty.htm
Door County Tidbits
http://jove.geol.niu.edu/faculty/fischer/429_info/429trips/door_county/tidbits.htm
Door County Wineries
Door County Land Trust, Inc.
www.doorchylandtrust.com
American Folklore Theatre
www.folkloretheatre.com
Golfing in Door County
www.doorcountygolf.com
Door County arts scene
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WGWA Logo Contest
The WGWA Board had decided it is time retire the current WGWA Logo and come up with a new one. As part of this process the Board hopes to generate additional interest in WGWA among students by offering them the chance to create the new Logo and win a prize. The attached announce-ment details the terms and conditions, as well as the prizes, of the contest. To be clear, this contest is restricted to college students. However, the Board reserves the right to modify the winning entry. So if you know of a potentially interested student(s), please forward this announcement on to them.

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Hydrogeology and Disaster Part 1: Groundwater and Land Subsidence
With the one year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina just past, it seems like a good starting point to examine how hydrogeology has and can figure into various geological hazards and related disasters. This first article examines the role of groundwater in land subsidence and its related problems across the United States. It is a surprisingly widespread and costly problem, and as we saw with Katrina, can have deadly consequences. It is certainly an issue that the practicing hydrogeologist should be familiar with. Each of the next three newsletters will have an article examining the role of hydrogeology in a different class of geological hazard or disaster.

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We are looking for coordinators in many of the following areas. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Caudill at rcaudill@naturalrt.com

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