

William J. Siok
Executive Director
American Institute of Professional Geologists

2008 Recipient of AGI's
William B. Heroy Jr. Award
for Distinguished Service to AGI

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Nominating Committee)



William J. Siok is being recognized for his service to AGI by demonstrating clear leadership for the cause and benefit of the federation of the geosciences societies, his insight, counsel, and support of AGI activities, and for fostering a strong understanding of AGI for AIPG leadership.

As Executive Director of American Institute of Professional Geologists, William Siok has fostered an understanding of AGI with AIPG leadership, solidifying a strong key relationship within the AGI federation. In addition, through his role on the AGI Member Society Council and during AGI Leadership Forums, he has provided leadership by example of how to foster and strengthen the federation towards meeting common goals, often providing a mediating voice to focus the community on the solutions to these common issues. Bill has also served a valuable role to AGI by fostering the development of the elected leadership within AGI, including promoting a robust nominating process and being an active member on a number of AGI's nominating committees. His counsel, both formal and ad-hoc, relative to a number of AGI programs ranging from Government Affairs to Workforce, has made lasting impact on AGI's programs.

Almost from the start of taking on the role of AIPG Executive Director, Bill has been instrumental in spreading the word about the need for unity in the geosciences, a key component of the AGI mission, including authoring articles about the value of AGI as a geosciences federation. William Siok's efforts with AGI have fully embodied the mission of the Institute.

Bill's distinguished and prestigious career and experience includes a B.S. in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, a M.S. in geology from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, South Dakota. His current position is Executive Director at American Institute of Professional Geologists, which he has held since 1999. Prior to AIPG, his professional activities included earth science teaching at the secondary level, a position in state government doing research and regulatory work, and two decades of consulting in hydrogeology for industry and government clientele.