

UPDATE



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Convention Countdown

We are less than a month away from the IAAP's Annual Convention scheduled for May 18, 2006 at the Springfield Crowne Plaza. And thanks to the hard work of the IAAP Convention Committee -- **Mike Heath (Rogers Group, Inc.)**, **Anne Leslie (Raimonde Drilling Corporation)**, **Mike Sitterly (Western Sand & Gravel Company)** and **Rob Vogel (Vulcan Materials Company)** -- we have put together an excellent seminar program for this year's event.

The morning session features the following group of concurrent topics and speakers:

- **Health & Safety Update** – Current issues impacting aggregate producers, including recent initiatives concerning silica and diesel particulate matter.
Speaker: Kelly Bailey, Vulcan Materials Company
- **Using Clean Construction and Demolition Debris as Fill** – The latest developments in the IEPA's clean fill regulatory program.
Speaker: Paul Purseglove, IEPA – Bureau of Land
- **Fuel Forecast** – A look at long-term fuel supply trends, including a discussion of the USEPA low sulfur diesel fuel initiative.
Speaker: Dave Sykuta, Executive Director, IL Petroleum Council

The afternoon session currently features the following seminar lineup:

- **Safety Principles** – “Practical Tools You Can Use.”
Speaker: Ed Elliott, Rogers Group, Inc.
- **How Aggregate Producers Add Value For Their Customers** – Key steps to increasing aggregate sales by enhancing product quality.
Speaker: Denny DeVito, K-Five Construction
- **Taxation Update for Aggregate Producers** – How to take advantage of recent changes in tax laws that will save your company money.
Speaker: Paul Schafer, CPA, Eck, Schafer & Punke, LLP

As you can see, the IAAP Convention Committee has put together a seminar program offering something for every Illinois aggregate producer.

The 2006 IAAP Annual Convention promises to be another extremely educational and entertaining event. If you want to stay at the Springfield Crowne Plaza (217/529-7777) or Holiday Inn Express (217/529-7771) during our Convention, be sure to make your reservations before the **April 27th** cut-off date for the IAAP room block.

Notice: IAAP Board Candidates/Appointments

The IAAP's Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates for a seat on the Board of Directors, for a term of **one (1) year**:

Bill Booker	Mid-America Sand and Gravel Company
James Ellis, Jr.	RiverStone Group, Inc.
Bob Furlong	Prairie Material -- Aggregate Division
Micheal Heath	Rogers Group, Inc.
Everett Lawrence	Lawrence Gravel, Inc.
Anne Leslie	Raimonde Drilling Corporation
Britt Lienau	Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company
Mike Sitterly	Conco-Western Stone Company
Mike Stanczak	Material Service Corporation
Rob Vogel	Vulcan Materials Company
Steve Warnke	Meyer Materials Company
Glen Weeks	LaFarge N.A.

The IAAP Nominating Committee has also selected the following Board candidates for a term of **three (3) years**: **Ron Koehler (Nokomis Quarry Company of Illinois, Inc.)**; **Troy Kutz (Rockford Sand and Gravel)**; and **Steve Thelen (Thelen Sand and Gravel, Inc.)**. The terms of the remaining Board members have not expired: **Anne Cramer (Casper Stolle Quarry and Contracting Company)**; **Rick Feltes (Feltes Sand and Gravel Company)**; **Eric Helm (Conmat, Inc.)**; and **Paul Thomas (Martin Marietta Aggregates)**.

This slate of candidates will be presented to our Association membership at the conclusion of President Stanczak's opening remarks on Convention day and then brought to a vote before the assembled IAAP members. **Please be sure to attend our Convention's opening session to show your support for the IAAP's new Board of Directors.**

State House Update

The April 7th adjournment deadline came and went as the Illinois General Assembly failed to pass an FY 2007 State Budget. Given that the House and Senate leadership created a \$1.1 billion spending cushion by repeating last year's shameful "pension holiday", approving a State budget this year should have been a "no brainer". And while the budget is "on hold" any discussion of a State Capital Program remains at a complete standstill. In the meantime, the Illinois Senate has extended its Easter break and won't return until May 2nd. **What a clown show!**

The only good news is that we have not seen any renewed attempt to push through legislation expanding the scope of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Given that HB 2113, Speaker Madigan's Prevailing Wage Act bill, was "nuked" on a vote of **17 YEAS - 67 NAYS - 29 PRESENT**, no one over in the Illinois Senate seems anxious to pick up this spectacularly ugly piece of legislation.

Although defeating HB 2113 was a big victory for our broad lobbying coalition, we will continue to be on alert as the Spring Session winds down. **Anything can happen in Springfield!**

The IAAP Returns to Washington, D.C. in June

The IAAP, the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association and the Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association have planned another legislative trip to Washington, D.C. for members and their families. This year's trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 7, through Friday, June 9, 2006**. The format of this year's trip is as follows:

June 7 -- everyone travels to Washington and checks into our Fly-In hotel (**Marriott Residence Inn, 333 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20024**). Important information:

- Direct number for reservations: **1-202-484-8280**
- Room block under the name: **Indiana Mineral Aggregates**
- Cutoff date for rooms: **May 8th, 2006**
- Hotel Website: www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/WASCP

After checking in, we will all meet at 6:00 pm for an informal evening reception to go over the next day's itinerary. During this reception you will receive maps, visitation schedules, legislative position papers and anything else you will need for your lobbying visits the next day. The IAAP contingent will then go out for dinner.

June 8 -- everyone will meet in the lobby at 7:30 am, board the Washington Metro and proceed to the Capitol Hill Club for breakfast. During breakfast we will be addressed by a series of key legislators and receive a detailed briefing. We will then walk over to Capitol Hill to lobby the Illinois Congressional delegation.

June 9 -- optional special tour: the NSSGA and the Hoosiers have arranged for a tour of the Rocks Gallery at the Smithsonian Museum. This special tour is scheduled for 9:00 am. If you want to attend this event, please call **Robert Jones, IMAA**, at **(317) 580-9100**.

If you would like to attend this year's Fly-In, please do the following things:

- Contact the Marriott Residence immediately to secure a reservation – rooms go quickly in DC.
- Fax the following information to the IAAP Office at (217) 241-1641:

I (and/or members of my family) want to participate in the Summer DC legislative trip:

Name(s): _____

I/We live in the Congressional District of U.S. Rep. _____

Please send in your response promptly so that we are able to schedule a visit with your Congressman. We will send out a more detailed trip itinerary when we are closer to departure. **If you would like more information about the IAAP's upcoming summer legislative trip to Washington, D.C., please contact John Henriksen at the IAAP.**

Clean Construction and Demolition Debris Update

On April 21, 2006, the Illinois Pollution Control Board published a proposed new Part titled “Clean Construction or Demolition Debris Fill Operations” (35 Ill. Adm. Code 1100). These proposed rules regulate operations that accept “clean construction or demolition debris” (CCDD) as fill, in accordance with Public Act 94-272. The proposed new Part incorporates the efforts of the IAAP Clean Fill Work Group and creates a fair and effective regulatory program.

These proposed rules: define sites required to obtain permit (as well as sites exempted from permitting); sets forth the standards applicable to the operation of CCDD facilities, load inspections, closure and postclosure plans, including recordkeeping requirements and annual reports; prescribes the information an applicant must include in the permit application; and sets forth the procedural rules that the IEPA and applicant must follow for permitting.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board will accept comments until June 5, 2006. All written comments on these proposed rules should be sent to: **Dorothy Gunn, IPCB, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, IL 60601**. If you would like a copy of these rules, contact Ms. Gunn at: 312/814-3620 or download a copy at the Board website (www.ipcb.state.il.us). You can also contact **IAAP Executive Director John Henriksen** for a copy of these rules or if you have any questions.

Caterpillar Employees Learn About Aggregate Mining

Safety in production is of utmost importance in both the aggregate industry and for companies producing the equipment we use everyday. Caterpillar and its employees are concerned with safety as well as how their equipment is being used in the field. For this reason, Bryce Warren, Continuous Flow Superintendent at Caterpillar’s Decatur facility, reached out to the IAAP and asked if we could help them celebrate an outstanding year of safety by arranging a tour of crushed stone, sand and gravel mines for several employees who had won a company contest. **Ron Koehler of Nokomis Quarry Company** and **Rob McMahan of Vulcan Materials Company Mine # 408 in Rochester** agreed to open their operations on April 12 to our guests.

Ron Oke, Nokomis plant supervisor, showed the Caterpillar workers all aspects of the mining operation from drilling and blasting to crushing and testing of the final product. At every step of the tour he highlighted safety measures including blaster training, lock-out/tag-out of equipment, daily safety checklists, and monthly “tailgate” talks. Nokomis Quarry has several pieces of Caterpillar equipment and the employees appreciated seeing them in action.



Rob McMahan took time away from a very busy day to speak to the Caterpillar employees and describe how his CAT engine driven dredging operation works. He highlighted Vulcan’s commitment to safety which includes new programs that require installation of strobe lights on trucks and florescent safety vests for all plant employees. Ongoing safety programs include daily inspections and monthly safety audits of all aspects of the operation.

Kids Love Rocks

If you want to see a child light up with enthusiasm for what you have to say, talk to them about rocks. The rocks, sand or gravel you produce everyday are not just commodities but a fascinating subject to learn about and experience up close. This is why many IAAP companies have agreed to host site tours or visit classrooms to talk about aggregate mining and the geology of the Earth below your feet. **Material Service Corporation** has a lot of experience arranging these kinds of events.

Earlier this year, **Roger Brown**, plant superintendent at Yard 10 in Lincoln, was asked to speak to a first grade class learning about rocks and minerals. Arriving with rocks, the Rockman video, and a very interesting tree sample, Roger was greeted by forty-five very attentive first-grade children at Washington – Monroe School in Lincoln, Illinois. The Rockman video was first on the agenda. This parody of the familiar YMCA song had the kids singing and clapping along. Next, Roger demonstrated the mining process by giving each child a chocolate chip cookie. He asked them to break the cookie (the shot), put it in their mouth (hauling) and then chew it up (crushing). They really liked this exercise and when finished were ready with lots of questions ranging from identifying rocks found in the schoolyard to how diamonds are made. Roger also showed the class a crosscut piece of a 6300-year-old white oak tree found in the Lincoln quarry. The tree gave the students a perspective on just how old rocks really are. Roger is very proud of the hand written notes from students thanking him for visiting and he looks forward to returning next year.



A quarry mine tour for pre-school students was next for **Jack Brown** of **Material Service Company**. With the help of **Dave White** and **Jerry Mester**, Yard 17 in Athens, Illinois hosted 180 preschool children, parents and teachers over two days this past week. On Friday, two school buses arrived in the morning and drove down into the pit where Jack and Jerry explained the mine's history and geology. With a dragline crane, haul trucks and front end loaders on display, the sixty-five foot deep pit was an impressive sight for the students and their parents as well. After a stop at the processing plant and a reminder of the many products made using crushed stone, everyone was treated to refreshments while the kids climbed on a rock pile and looked at fossils found at another quarry in northern Illinois. The teachers from Petersburg PORTA pre-kindergarten and early childcare programs commented that this tour was very different than any the children had experienced before and included many interesting sights. Material Service Company also invited **State Representative Rich Brauer (R-100, Petersburg)** to Yard 17. He took time to speak with parents and employees and left with a better understanding of the aggregates industry.

This kind of outreach to the community and elected officials helps to establish positive relationships that benefit your business. If your company would like to host a tour or visit a classroom, the IAAP has educational materials available and can provide further assistance. Contact **Shawn McKinney, IAAP Outreach Manager**, for more information.

Support the IAAP Science Teachers Workshop

On July 17-19, 2006, the IAAP will hold its eleventh annual Workshop for Science Teachers (K-12) at Pere Marquette Lodge and Conference Center in Grafton, Illinois. A workshop brochure has been mailed out to every IAAP member along with teacher and sponsor registration forms. In addition, both registration forms can be downloaded from the IAAP's website: www.iaap-aggregates.org.

The goal of the IAAP's workshop is to inform Illinois teachers about the importance of rocks, minerals, and mining in everyday life. This goal is accomplished by allowing participating teachers to tour active mining operations and by providing information, tools, and activities they can take back to their classrooms. They also take back a new appreciation of how important aggregate producers are to this State's economy.

You can help support this important IAAP program in two ways.

First, companies or organizations may sponsor teachers to attend our workshop at a cost of \$350.00 per teacher. Complete the Sponsorship/Donation form enclosed with our workshop brochure (or downloaded from our website) and mail this form, along with the appropriate sponsorship fee, to the IAAP. In addition, please have your teacher(s) complete the Registration Form and mail this form, along with the registration fee, to the IAAP. This form should include the CEU fee if your teacher is interested in receiving graduate credit for attending the workshop. **Note: if you want to sponsor a teacher but don't have anyone specific in mind, that's OK. We always need financial support for teachers who want to attend yet don't have sponsors.**

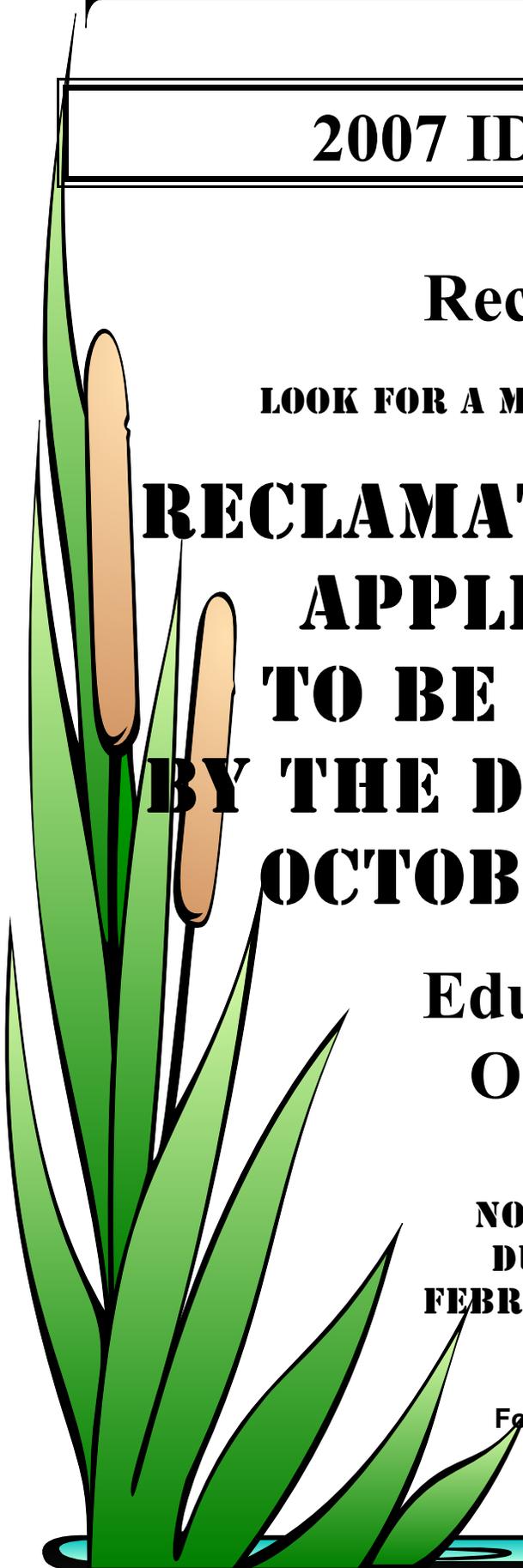
Second, you can support our workshop by donating corporate promotional items, in quantities of 35. You may also make a cash donation to help defray workshop expenses, including the costs associated with our informal reception for the teachers. **Again, please send all donations directly to the IAAP along with a completed Sponsorship/Donation form.**

Sponsoring a teacher to attend our workshop is an excellent way for your company to enhance its community relations. The IAAP's 2006 Workshop for Science Teachers is limited to the first 32 teachers registered. **Therefore, please send in your registration form(s) promptly.**

IDOT Notes

Illinois Voluntary Aglime Program: The sampling period again runs from April 1-May 31. Producers are responsible for contacting their aggregate inspectors when they are ready to have their aglime sampled. All aglime stockpiles present at the source must be sampled in order to have their test results published in the 2006 Illinois Voluntary Limestone Program Booklet.

The aglime producer has the option to save part of his sample for a retest if a retest is necessary. The producer should discuss this aspect with the aggregate inspector prior to sampling. The districts have been given a method of sealing these retest splits to insure the integrity of the retest sample. The producer will then store this sample. The aggregate inspector will supervise the taking and splitting of the sample. **If you have any questions, please contact your District aggregate inspector.**



2007 IDNR Awards

Reclamation

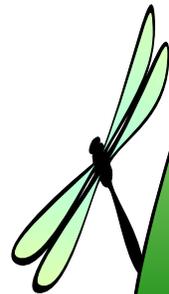
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**RECLAMATION AWARDS
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TO BE RECEIVED
BY THE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

**Educational
Outreach**

**NOMINATIONS
DUE TO IMCC
FEBRUARY 1, 2007!**

**For More Information Contact:
Linda Hiltabrand
815-481-2201**



IAAP Calendar

April 28, 2006: IDOT Bid Letting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

May 2, 2006: Earth Stewardship Day; Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois.

May 2, 2006: IDOT/Industry Joint Coop Aeronautics Meeting; AGCI Office, Springfield, Illinois.

May 10, 2006: IDOT/Industry Policy Committee Meeting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

May 17, 2006: IAAP Technical Committee Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

May 18, 2006: IAAP Annual Convention; Crowne Plaza Springfield, Illinois.

May 19, 2006: IAAP Legislative Committee Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

May 22-23, 2006: Central Region Aggregate Professionals; Location TBD, Davenport, Iowa.

May 24, 2006: IDOT/Industry Joint Coop Meeting; AGCI Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois.

June 7, 2006: IAAP Public Information and Education Committee Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

June 7-9, 2006: IMAA/IAAP/OAIMA Summer Fly-In; Residence Inn/Capitol, Washington, DC.

June 13, 2006: IMI Executive Board Meeting; Joy Machinery Company, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

June 16, 2006: IDOT Bid Letting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

June 21, 2006: IDOT/Industry Policy Committee Meeting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.