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***Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the September dinner meeting has been canceled...***

***Stay tuned for information in the October newsletter regarding virtual monthly meetings beginning on October 21, 2020!***

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**President's Message  
September 2020**

As the New President of the Central New York Association of Professional Geologists (CNYAPG), I want to welcome everyone to our 2020-2021 season. It goes without saying that the last few months have been difficult for all of us with schools and colleges forced to go remote, work and professional projects delayed, and vacations canceled. With that as the backdrop, I would like to first, begin by saying thanks to all of the CNYAPG members who served on our board last year, and who are serving this year. Your service is appreciated. Next, as the President of CNYAPG, and on behalf of the board of directors, I would like to say that we all hope you, your family, and loved ones are doing well under these difficult circumstances, and we wish you all the best.

Since the organization's founding in 1993, CNYAPG has worked to strengthen and advance the geologic sciences and provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas. It has worked to promote and inspire the highest stand-

**Next virtual meeting - October 2020**

# CNYAPG Newsletter

*The CNYAPG Newsletter is a monthly publication of the Central New York Association of Professional Geologists dedicated to sharing upcoming events, delivering regular articles of interest and providing the Membership a forum for discussion.*

*The newsletter is prepared by the Officers and Board of Directors of CNYAPG (listed below).*

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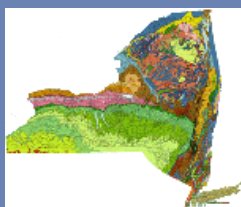
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of CNYAPG will not be detoured by the current pandemic. As it has done over the past 27 years, CNYAPG will continue to provide our members with a venue that will assist them in expanding their professional, scientific, and personal horizons through the discipline we all love and enjoy, geology. To this end, the Board of Directors recently met virtually to discuss the upcoming fall schedule and the unique challenges this season will present to our organization. We discussed the various ways we can still engage our members, keep this organization relevant and enjoyable, and yet protect the health and well-being of its members. An online survey was conducted of all our active members. The results were, as most of you can guess, the majority of members would prefer not to attend face-to-face events and activities. The majority of members noted Zoom as their preferred online meeting venue. Therefore, based on these results CNYAPG will endeavor to provide for our members virtual monthly meetings with speakers/presenters and other online geological-related events until the current national health emergency has passed.

Even though we may not have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening dinners and in-person guest speakers, we can still be a community and hobnob with our fellows. You know the old saying, if you have one outcrop and two geologists, you get three opinions. Well, we want to know your opinion. What do you think? Email us your comments and ideas for interactions. We also invite you to engage your fellow geoscientists by posting geological related items to our Facebook and Twitter pages (just search for CNYAPG on Facebook or Twitter).

During these upcoming months, CNYAPG will continue to strive to keep our local geologic community strong, vibrant, engaged, and active. However, we realize that we cannot do this alone. We need your help in this endeavor. We

need you to support the geologic sciences during this time. Not with just money (however money is always good), but with your time. We are encouraging you to reach out and support your local community. Whether you have a background in education or not, contact your local middle school or high school and see if you can help virtually. Maybe you can be a volunteer, virtual Earth science tutor or lend your support to the earth science teachers in your area by just being a knowledgeable resource. Freely giving of your professional knowledge, skills and experience in the field is an easy way to signal to the Earth Science teachers that geology is a profession and a career path for their students equal to that of chemistry, physics and biology. Also, consider volunteering your time during this period to participate in local science fairs as an online judge or to engaging students at all levels in the wonders of geology via platforms like Facebook and Twitter.

If you don't wish to engage students or teachers reach out to your fellow geoscientist and just stay connected and current with what is going on in your field of interest, contribute to the CNYAPG Newsletter and start an online discussion. I (personally) believe geology and the other geosciences are social sciences. I don't know about the rest of you, but I work and learn best when I have others to bounce ideas, impressions, hypotheses off of. We need to confer with other geoscientists, we need to have our minds stretched and our ideas challenged, and we need be forced to think and see things in new ways, and from different perspectives. It is how we grow as scientists and human beings, and during this time it is also critical for our own mental health.

I cannot stress this enough: your active engagement at this time is crucial to our mission as geoscientists and professionals. Covid-19 may have crushed

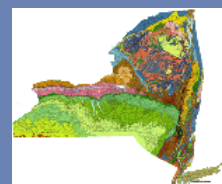
## CNYAPG Governance

### Membership Renewal

CNYAPG's membership period follows the CNYAPG meeting year from September through August. Renewals are due in September. To renew or become a new member, simply complete the membership form, available on our website at [www.cnyapg.org](http://www.cnyapg.org). Membership is only \$25 per year and all money received is used in support of our organization.

Join CNYAPG at our social networking groups on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). These sites (always under development) will provide online forums for discussion, as well as another way to inform our members and networking opportunities. For more information about our social media sites e-mail us at [admin@cnyapg.org](mailto:admin@cnyapg.org).

The CNYAPG was founded in 1993 to strengthen and advance the geological sciences. CNYAPG conducts regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from September to May. Meetings feature dinner and distinguished speakers whose presentations invite comment and discussion.



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our spring activities for 2020 and forced the cancellation of face-to-face meetings, conferences, and seminars, but we should not let it stop us from exploring the discipline we all love. We will all get through this, and the skills and tools we will all learn during this time will help make us all more innovative and productive. It will also strengthen the discipline of geology and help carry it forward into the new post-Covid world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Guy Swenson for his service as President of CNYAPG for the past 6 years, and as a Vice-President before that. I only hope that I can be half as good a President as Guy has been and be as good a President as the member of CNYAPG deserves.

Sincerely,  
Calvin K. Prothro, P.G.  
President CNYAPG

### Programming Note

As noted in the President's Message above, CNYAPG will temporarily transition to a virtual Zoom platform beginning with the October 2020 meeting. Look for information in the October newsletter on how to access this event.

## ***From Orbit to Outcrop and Outcrop to Orbit: Teaching Astronauts to Think Like Geologists***

Dr. Barbara Tewksbury– Hamilton College

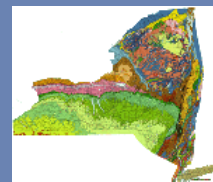
October 21, 2020

Virtual Meeting

## We Need Your Input!

Do you have ideas of creative ways to engage members during this unprecedented time?

Interesting experiences to share? Email thoughts and ideas to [prothro@sunyocc.edu](mailto:prothro@sunyocc.edu)



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