

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Florida Association of Professional Geologists (FAPG)
and the Southeastern Geological Society (SEGS)

Effective date: July 15, 2006

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes the desired relationship between the FAPG and the SEGS. The two organizations seek to cooperate for the benefit of both the geologic community and the citizens of the state of Florida.

PURPOSE OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS:

FAPG: The specific purpose of the FAPG is to protect, enhance, and promote the geology profession in Florida.

SEGS: The specific purpose of the SEGS is to advance the science of geology, to encourage the professional and social relationship of members, and to provide forums for the presentation and discussion of subjects of mutual interest.

MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

FAPG:

1. Maintain good public relations, to seek equitable legislative treatment for professional geologists, to work with any governmental group charged with enforcing laws pertaining to the profession, and generally to foster the interest of the profession and its members.
2. Provide forums for discussion and dissemination of educational and other information related to professional practice of geology and the science of geology.
3. Promote the ethical practice of professional geology through the establishment and maintenance of a Code of Ethics.
4. Stimulate public understanding and interest in geology.
5. Encourage the professional practice of geology.
6. Promote the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the State of Florida through the professional practice of geology.

SEGS:

1. Advance the science of geology.
2. Encourage the professional and social relationship of its members.
3. Provide forums for the presentation and discussion of subjects of mutual interest of its constituency and the public.

FAPG AND SEGS AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RELATIONSHIP:

1. Provide collaborative educational opportunities to elected public officials and to the general public.
2. Facilitate continuing education opportunities for all geologists.
3. Increase visibility and relevance of the practice of professional geology.
4. Encourage membership and active participation in both organizations; recognizing that the FAPG has a full array of membership levels (e.g., student, associate, affiliate, professional, corporate) and that a PG license is not required for FAPG membership.

5. SEGS provides support at their officers' discretion for FAPG legislative activities via letters written to elected officials and legislative committees, participation in FAPG Legislative Day (held during the Florida legislative session) and related activities.
6. Consider opportunities for increased collaboration between the FAPG and SEGS, including but not limited to:
 - a. Creation of a Florida Geology Education Foundation jointly directed by SEGS and FAPG leadership to facilitate geology education/outreach activities and distribution of student and teacher scholarships,
 - b. The designation by the SEGS officers of SEGS members to serve on the FAPG Education Committee,
 - c. And, distribution of each organization's calendar of events to both sets of members.