



AIPG South Dakota Section Annual Meeting
April 15, 2026, 4:00 PM MDT
DANR Rapid City Office and Teams

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting
- IV. Officer Reports
 1. President - Foster Sawyer (transitions to Past President in April 2026)
 2. President-Elect - Mark Nelson (transitions to President in April 2026)
 3. Past President - Tim Cowman (term expires in April 2026)
 4. Secretary-Treasurer – Gary Haag (term expires in April 2027)
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - 2025 Tax Report
 - We now have a credit card with a \$500 limit
 - WordPress account/domain fee
 5. Screening Chair-Web Editor – Tom Durkin (term expires in April 2027)
 - Website updates
- V. Old Business
 1. Dr. Perry H. Rahn
 - Led the 2025 AIPG South Dakota Section field trip to Gold Mountain on September 27, 2025, and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Section at the cookout following the field trip
 - Passed away on January 15, 2026, in Rapid City, SD
 - An item was submitted for publication in *The Professional Geologist* in memoriam
 - Tribute at the Hydrology Conference on April 16th
- VI. New Business
 1. Officer Elections
 - Nominations for President Elect
 2. Presentation of the AIPG South Dakota Section 2026 *J.P. Gries Geologist of the Year Award*
 - Joanne M. Noyes, MS, PE
 3. Website updates at <https://sd-aipg.org/>
 - Divided the Awards page into three headings
 - J.P. Gries Geologist of the Year Award
 - Student Scholarship Award
 - AIPG Section Leadership & Other Awards
 - Now posting annual Section meeting minutes on the website; also posted previous year’s minutes
 - WordPress account/domain fee

4. AIPG National Conference

- August 29 – September 1, 2026, in Duluth, MN, *Four Billion Years Beneath Our Feet*

5. AIPG South Dakota Section 2026 field trip ideas

- Invite students and faculty from SDSM&T
- Usually in August or September
- Boxelder Creek ideas
 - Geology along Nemo Road (Paleozoic rocks, hydrology, the Maze, Precambrian rocks)
 - Hike and/or cookout at Sawyer residence
- Little Elk Creek Canyon
- Dalton Lake
- Other suggestions?
- Past field trips: *Homestake Mine (2000)*, *Badlands (2001)*, *Jewel Cave/Pegmatite Mines (2003)*, *Mt. Rushmore/Mammoth Site (2004)*, *NE SD Pleistocene Geology (2005)*, *Pegmatite/Gold Mines (2007)*, *Sanford Underground Lab (2008)*, *Hydrogeology of East-Central Black Hills (2009)*, *Missouri River (2010)*, *Bear Butte (2011)*, *Deadwood Formation (2015)*, *Niobrara River (2016)*, *Geology Along Lewis & Clark Lake (2017)*, *Geology/Paleontology of WIS Near Chamberlain (2022)*, *Geology of Custer State Park (2023)*, *Southern Black Hills (2024)*, *Gold Mountain (2025)*

6. AIPG South Dakota Section membership status

- 36 total members
- 2 new CPGs
- 1 new Member
- 10 Student Members (3 are new)

7. AIPG booth at the Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference, April 16, 2026

VII. Open Discussion

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting Zoom link: <https://sdsmt.zoom.us/j/98614029770>