

BECOME A MEETING SPONSOR

Following up on a successful initiative that the ILSG started last year, we are soliciting sponsorships from local companies and individuals to keep meeting costs down, especially for students. With one of longstanding goals of the ILSG being to attract students to the geology and mineral resources of the Lake Superior region, we want to make it as attractive as possible for students to attend both the meeting and the field trips. We have identified several sponsorship options that we hope you will consider:

- 1) Sponsor travel and meeting support for students. We are planning to offer students travel and registration support of between \$100 and \$200 for each student who applies. More will be given to students who present either a talk or a poster. Over the past three years, ILSG has supported between 6 and 15 students with financial aid in this range. This year we are planning for providing up to 20 students with support, which will cost between \$2000 and \$4000. Sponsors donating to this option will be identified to the students receiving the support.
- 2) Sponsor part of the welcoming reception scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 6. The cost for the reception, where we expect about 175 people, will be about \$1500 for hors d'ourves and \$1700 for drinks (providing two drink tickets to each participant). Sponsors of this option will be identified with a prominent sign containing their logo at the reception.
- 3) Sponsor the extra cost of printing the guidebooks in partial color. We expect to produce 250 copies of a 200 page guidebook for the meeting. If we allow 12 pages to be color, the additional cost of printing will be approximately \$1800 (\$6540 vs. \$4720). Sponsors of this option will have their sponsorship noted in the frontpiece of the guidebook.

You can designate your contribution to be directed to any combination of these sponsorship options or you can choose to make a non-specific contribution. We are asking all potential sponsors to consider contributing a minimum of \$500, though contributions of any amount would be appreciated.

All sponsors will be acknowledged in the frontpiece of the proceedings and abstract volume for the meeting. Also, sponsors contributing at least \$1000 will be allowed to put up a poster or table top display at the meeting poster session, which will run from the Wed. evening to midday on Friday.

If you are interested in becoming a meeting sponsor, please contact Jim Miller at mille066@umn.edu or 218-726-6582.