

AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

December 2019

Please forward to others you know who may be interested.

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Upcoming AEG St. Louis Chapter Meetings, Speakers, and Field Trips

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - Chapter Meeting - Ben Luetkemeyer of Terracon will speak on “Geophysical Applications in Engineering Practice.” Meeting will begin at 5:30pm at Syberg’s Dorsett, 2430 Old Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO.

January 2020 - Winter Hiatus - No Chapter Meeting

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - MGC Meeting - The Missouri Geologists’ Consortium will meet at the Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia, MO. (Call-in number for remote attendance: 877-223-6370; ID 7182970352#). Meeting will begin at 10:00am.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - “Shaking Hands in Jeff City” - Mark your calendar to join colleagues from MGC, AIPG, GSA, and AMG for the annual visit to Missouri state legislators. Meet at 9:00am in the Capitol Plaza coffee shop. Contact Phyllis Steckel (psteckel@charter.net) for more information.

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - Chapter Meeting - Scott Lindvall, Jahn's Lecturer, will speak to the St. Louis Chapter. Meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

Friday-Sunday, April 3-5, 2020 - Earthquake Insight Field Trip - Explore historical sites and geological features that tell the story of the 1811-1812 New Madrid earthquakes. CEUs available. Contact Phyllis Steckel (psteckel@charter.net) for more information.

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - Field Trip to LafargeHolcim Quarry and Cement Plant - Mark your calendars for a full-day field trip to see this exciting operation in Ste. Genevieve, MO! On-site activities will begin at 10:00am and run through around 3:00pm. Additional details will be provided closer to the date of the trip.

Tuesday-Saturday, September 15-19, 2020 - AEG Annual Meeting in Portland, OR. Plan now to give a talk, take a field trip, host a technical session, lead a workshop, exhibit for your company, or serve on a committee or technical working group.

December Chapter Meeting

The December Chapter Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11** at 5:30 PM at Syberg's Dorsett (2430 Old Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO). Ben Luetkemeyer of Terracon will speak on "Geophysical Applications in Engineering Practice." Cost will be \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$10 for students and those between jobs.

Please RSVP at <http://www.aegstl.org/monthly-section-meetings/> by **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**.

Speaking Out for Science

Dale Markley, one of our own, sent in the attached scan of West Newsmagazine containing his letter to the editor entitled "In response to the Oct. 16 column 'False Environmental Predictions.'" Dale's well-written letter shows the importance of taking the time to engage in scientific discussions in our communities.

Region 7 Roundup – December 2019

Phyllis Steckel; AEG Region 7 Director --- psteckel@charter.net (636-239-4013)

Greetings from Phyllis Steckel, Region 7 Director. Hope you all have a great holiday season and a safe and prosperous 2020!

Much of the work of AEG is done by **AEG Committees**. If you are interested in getting more active in AEG, take a look at the roster of AEG committees: *Advocacy, Annual Meeting, Awards, Chapter Support, Communications, Finance, Governance, Honorary Member Screening, K-12 Education, Licensure, Nominations, Strategic Initiative Coordination, and Student and Young Professionals*. Take a look online (<https://www.aegweb.org/page/OperationalComms>). Contact Vice President Bill Godwin (aegodwin312@gmail.com) to see where your interests fit best.

Don't forget to RENEW your AEG membership! Due December 31, 2019.

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Deadline for applications for scholarships, student research, and professional development. Visit www.aegfoundation.org/funds/ for more information on how to apply for support from about 19 funding sources from AEG Foundation. Students and professionals already in practice both may find resources here. If you are interested, start the application NOW; letters of recommendation are needed, and that can take a little time.

National AEG News -- The AEG Board of Directors is working on evaluating proposals received for professional association management services. It is planned that the selection will be made in the next few weeks, and that a new association manager will be in place within a month or so. This will allow some time for the outgoing association manager and the incoming association manager to overlap, so disruption will be minimized.

AEG St. Louis Chapter Sponsors Needed

The AEG St. Louis Chapter is looking for sponsors for our spring 2020 meetings. **Sponsorships are \$400 per meeting.** Please contact Ed Jones for more information (edwdjones@hotmail.com).

Benefits of being a Meeting Sponsor include: a **20-30 word summary in the newsletter**, **one or two PowerPoint slides** to run on the slide-show loop that is projected in the dining room during the networking and dinner time, and if a representative of the sponsoring company attends the meeting, he or she will have **two to three minutes to talk** about their organization. Brochures, giveaways, table-top displays, and business cards are certainly welcome as well.

AEG Legislative Bill Tracking

At the Association level, AEG has contracted with a legislative bill tracking firm effective October 2019. The bill tracking firm utilizes proprietary software and their staff to screen all 50 states draft house and senate bills. The screen/search criteria has been preset to focus on bills related to licensure, environmental and engineering geology, public health and safety, natural hazards, etc. When the software locates a related draft bill in a state's legislative docket, it will automatically send an email to recipients for that state that AEG will select.

To make this work, AEG needs your help! We are looking for AEG members (and other professionals) in states you represent who might participate in this program as "State Captains." AEG will provide additional information on the specific roles that these State Captains will play, however, AEG anticipates that over the course of one legislative session, the Captains may receive up to several dozen emails from the bill tracking software. (Captains only receive emails for their state, not for all states.)

If you are interested in stepping forward to protect our profession, send your name and email address as soon as you can to secretary@aegweb.org. If you know other professionals who may be interested, please pass along this information.

AEG St. Louis Membership Chair

The St. Louis Chapter of AEG is looking to add a Membership Chair. The Membership Chair duties will include reaching out to members who are new or who haven't renewed, developing a Chapter membership package with benefits of membership, AEG brochures, and membership application forms, and bring AEG publications to Chapter meetings to show technical contributions to applied geology. If you are interested in filling this position for the Chapter, please contact Stephanie Kline-Tissi (klinestephaniej@gmail.com) for additional information.

Employment: Job Seekers & Open Positions

Missouri S&T Student Resumes for students looking for internships, co-ops, and full time positions are posted to our website at <http://www.aegstl.org/job-listings/>.

Geotechnology, Inc. of Maryland Heights, MO has an immediate opening for a staff geologist/engineer/scientist in the Environmental Group. This position is for an intermediate-level candidate with 5 to 7 years of experience with MDNR MRBCA projects, UST closures, risk assessments, groundwater monitoring and environmental due diligence. This position is anticipated to have an equal mix of field work and office/reporting. Occasional travel will be required. Please send resumes to Erica O'Connor at hr@geotechnology.com.

To all Jobseekers and Employers – Please contact the newsletter editor, **Jessie Goodwin** (jgoodwin@geotechnology.com), to post your search for an employer or employee, and when you have found a new job or filled an advertised position. This helps us keep our postings accurate and timely.

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