

# **AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter**

## **February 2020**

*Please forward to others you know who may be interested.*

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

#### **January 2020 - Winter Hiatus - No Chapter Meeting**

**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 Dr. Francisco "Paco" Gomez ([fgomez@missouri.edu](mailto:fgomez@missouri.edu)) or Peter Price ([pymprice@rollanet.org](mailto:pymprice@rollanet.org)) for more information.

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 - Chapter Meeting** - Scott Lindvall, Jahns Lecturer, will speak to the St. Louis Chapter on "Seismic Source Characterization for Evaluating Nuclear Power Plants in the Central and Eastern US." Meeting will begin at 5:30pm at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves (101 W Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119).

**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](mailto:psteckel@charter.net)) for more information.

**April 8, 2020 - Chapter Meeting** - Cynthia Palomares, P.G., P.E., the President of AEG, will speak to the St. Louis Chapter. Location to be determined. The **Student Educational Award** will be selected at the April Chapter Meeting - Remember, every Chapter Meeting attended is an entry for this \$500 scholarship!

**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. For more information, visit [www.aegannualmeeting.org](http://www.aegannualmeeting.org).

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## February Chapter Meeting

The February Chapter Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 13** at 5:30 PM at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves (101 W Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119). See attached for parking and building entrance information. [Scott Lindvall](#), the [Jahns Lecturer](#) for 2019-2020, will speak to the St. Louis Chapter on "Seismic Source Characterization for Evaluating Nuclear Power Plants in the Central and Eastern US." 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 **Wednesday, February 12, 2019**.

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## AEG Foundation Scholarships

### Students:

Do you need money to help pay for Geology Summer Field Camp?  
Or to complete your Thesis Research?  
Or to present at a professional meeting?  
Apply online for an AEG Foundation scholarship!

**Applications are due by February 1st.**

Available to students at both the Graduate and Undergraduate level, the AEG Foundation offers twelve different scholarships to assist students in environmental and engineering geology. Funds are available for attending field camp, conducting thesis research or for attending and presenting at professional meetings.

Funds are also available for practitioners, to support attendance at workshops and conferences, to convene speaker programs, and to conduct research and publish in environmental and engineering geoscience journals. Applications for AEG Foundation scholarships are accepted only online! Applications available at <https://www.aegfoundation.org/applications/> **Applications are due by February 1st.**

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## AEG St. Louis Officer Elections: Call for Candidates

The St. Louis Chapter officer terms are coming to an end, and it's time to pass the baton to some fresh faces! The Chapter is looking for nominations for candidates for the May 2020 to May 2022 term. Time requirements for officers are generally five to ten hours per month, and can mostly be performed at your convenience. Please send nominations to Jessie Goodwin ([jgoodwin@geotechnology.com](mailto:jgoodwin@geotechnology.com)).

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## **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](mailto:secretary@aegweb.org). If you know other professionals who may be interested, please pass along this information.**

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## **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/>.

**To all Jobseekers and Employers** – Please contact the newsletter editor, **Jessie Goodwin** ([jgoodwin@geotechnology.com](mailto: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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**AEG St. Louis Chapter Officers, May 2018 - May 2020**

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