

AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

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

In-person St. Louis Chapter meetings and field trips are not currently being scheduled due to COVID-19.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 1pm - Webinar: "Earthquake Hazards & Earthquake Risks in the Central US" - Phyllis Steckel of Earthquake Insight will present a webinar to AEG that will look at earthquake hazards, including the general geologic setting of the region, the earthquake history, and the geologic evidence of past earthquakes in the central US. It will also include information about earthquake risks (how earthquake hazards affect the built environment) and the relevance to insurance, equity, infrastructure, and market sectors of the US economy as a whole. **Watch your email for registration information for this event!**

Wednesday-Friday, September 16-18, 2020 - AEG VIRTUAL Annual Meeting. Registration is just \$100 for AEG members, \$200 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. For more information, visit www.aegannualmeeting.org and view a summary presentation [here](#).

Saturday, October 24, 2020 - Missouri Geologists' Consortium - The next MGC meeting will be held via telephone beginning at 10:00am. The call in number is (877) 223-6370 and the Access Code is 7182970352#.

AEG St. Louis Officer Elections

Please welcome our new 2020-2022 Officers for the St. Louis Chapter:

Jessie Goodwin, Chair (jgoodwin@geotechnology.com)

Matt Masterson, Vice Chair (mmasterson@kaskaskiaeng.com)

Luke Ducey, Treasurer (lducey@geotechnology.com)

Ben Luetkemeyer, Secretary (ben.luetkemeyer@terracon.com)

Stephanie Kline-Tissi, Past Chair (klinestephaniej@gmail.com)

Legislative Note

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Do you consider your geologic livelihood a job, or an occupation, or a profession? Certainly, you are a professional by definition (a person whose work requires a long period of training and some formal qualification). The qualification could be your degree, but most states determine the need for public-service or applied geologists [who impact the public's health & safety] to be registered or

licensed. AEG certainly pursues the need for geologic registration in every US state. Opponents of licensure believe that government improperly restricts individuals from entering many occupations, and thereby restricts those occupations from easy entry, increases costs of services by those occupations, possibly limits related activities of those occupations, and increases governmental intrusions and those costs. Notice the number of times that occupation was used? So, do you have a job or an occupation or a profession? Society needs your professional practice individually and our profession's involvement for the public's health and safety.

Do you vote in every election after an evaluation of the candidates for each office? Do you know your state and local legislators by name? Have you ever contacted them?

Please help your neighbors and the public in general. Tell your family & friends how your registered geologic profession benefits them in short statements, as the opportunity arises. Your state and local legislators need to hear from you, whether or not they were the persons for whom you voted. You can find your legislators at https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/. You cannot assist with legislation without being known individually by your legislators. Please send your legislators an occasional email, particularly after they begin their term. Introduce yourself and offer your assistance (or help from your profession) on issues for new bills, for your firm's or industry's views of certain regulations, and to answer questions from their constituents. Your proactive contact with your legislators allows you to request assistance from them with attacks on, or bills of benefit to, our profession. You would be educating them that applied geology is an important profession for the public's health, safety and welfare. Ours is a profession, not an occupation or job! Please help the public by providing your views to others.

Employment: Job Seekers & Open Positions

Wood in Ballwin, Missouri has an opening for a Project Manager Geologist. Registered Geologist or Professional Geologist and 8 years of experience is preferred. Contact Dale Markley at dale.markley@woodplc.com.

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, **Ben Luetkemeyer** (ben.luetkemeyer@terracon.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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