

AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

April 2021

Please forward to others you know who may be interested.

Visit www.aegstl.org, our website for the AEG St. Louis Chapter!

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

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

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 6 PM – Stefanie Voss will present “A Road Trip through Rocks and Petroglyphs.”

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 6PM – David Kirschner of Royal Dutch Shell will present “Detecting P- and S-wave Arrivals with Deep Learning Models.”

Friday, August 6, 2021 – AEG Fellowship Event at the St. Louis Muny; no-host picnic supper on The Muny grounds, 6:00 pm; Backstage Tour (planned; time TBD); 8:15 pm Showtime for “Sound of Music.” Mark your calendars NOW. More information later.

Fall 2021 – Date TBD. “Mini-Earthquake Insight Field Trip” - one day, meet in Cahokia, Ill.; see Rock City, Ill., visit Kaskaskia, Ill., Ste. Genevieve, Mo., Holcim Cement Mine (TBD). Any interest? Please contact Phyllis Steckel (psteckel@charter.net) for suggested dates and other ideas.

April Chapter Meeting (Virtual)

Join us on Thursday, April 22, at 6 pm for a webinar from Stephanie Voss who will present “A Road Trip through Rocks and Petroglyphs” discussing geology and archaeology from her trip to southern Colorado and Utah.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://geotechnology.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlscuCvrTosHNDbRrXTSbtTHT0yAT_BNBJJ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact jgoodwin@geotechnology.com for assistance.

From the AEG Region 7 Director

May 1 is the submittal deadline for abstracts for the 2021 AEG Annual Meeting, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, September 18-26, 2021. Every year, the AEG Annual Meeting presents opportunities for field trips, technical insight, research sharing, professional learning, and career networking. If you have never been to an AEG Annual Meeting, you will find it an especially valuable professional and personal experience.

If you have never written an abstract before and would like a little feedback before you submit it, please contact Phyllis Steckel, RG (AEG Region 7 Director) at psteckel@charter.net. She will offer suggestions, if needed.

AEG Committees: Opportunities for New Members

There are several AEG Committees that have a need for new members. What are your interests and skills?

The **Advocacy Committee** provides ways for all AEG members to become advocates for our professions of environmental and engineering geology. The **Annual Meeting Committee** helps plan future annual meetings (and you don't have to live in the area where the meeting will be held). The **Awards Committee** helps identify and select candidates for various AEG awards. The **Chapter Support Committee** offers ideas and networking opportunities for the officers of all AEG chapters. The **Communications Committee** oversees the AEG publications and website.

The **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEIC)** leads efforts for AEG to increase these within AEG practice and networking. There are also the **AEG Finance Committee**, the **Governance Committee**, the **Honorary Member Screening Committee**, the **K-12 Education Committee**, the **Licensure Committee**, the **Meetings Advisory Committee**, the **Nominations Committee**, and the **Student & Young Professionals Support Committee**.

There are plenty of ways to get on board, start a real network, meet some folks and have some fun, too. If any of these appeal to you, please visit www.aegweb.org/operational-committees for more information or email **Maddie German**, AEG Vice President at vp@aegweb.org.

Upcoming AEG National Events

April 27: *What We've Learned Since the Kingston Ash Spill – Safely Closing Ash Ponds*, Anna Saindon, P.E., R.G., Ph.D. Here is a chance to hear Anna's presentation on coal ash basics and design options for in-place closures if you could not attend our February meeting. To register:

Members: <https://aeg.memberclicks.net/login#/login>

Non Members: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/138727994753044748>

September 18 – 26, 2021: Rock-n-the River San Antonio 2021 AEG 64th Annual Meeting, Westin Riverwalk-San Antonio, Texas. For more information: <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/>

Student Educational Award

Students: You have two more chances to enter for the Student Educational Award at the April and May Chapter Meetings!

The St. Louis Chapter Student Educational Award is a drawing for a \$500 award made to a student's account with their university. Due to COVID, the Student Educational Award was not awarded in 2020. As a result, two Student Educational Awards will be presented at the May 2021 meeting.

Each Chapter Meeting attendance by a student will count as an entry for the Student Educational Award. Attendances during fall 2019 and spring 2020 in-person meetings as well as attendance at digital events during fall 2020 and spring 2021 will be counted as entries for the two awards.

St. Louis Chapter Seeks Monthly Meeting Sponsors

The St. Louis Chapter is seeking sponsors for our virtual spring meetings. We are offering the opportunity to sponsor our virtual meetings at \$200 – half the cost of an in-person meeting sponsorship! Our virtual attendance has been comparable to our in-person meetings, so this is an excellent opportunity to speak to professionals in the field.

As a monthly meeting sponsor, your company will be featured in the meeting announcement and on our Chapter website, and you will have an opportunity to speak for 3-5 minutes about your company prior to the presentation at our virtual meeting. (Slides may be provided to present during this time.) Please contact the treasurer, Luke Ducey (lducey@geotechnology.com) for more information.

Employment: Job Seekers & Open Positions

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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