

AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

February 2021

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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.

LATE BREAKING EVENT!!!

February 16, 2021 – 7 PM – Bill Meyn will present “How can you improve professional introductions?”

February 23, 2021 – 6 PM – Dr. Anna Saindon, P.E., R.G. of Geotechnology will present “What We’ve Learned Since Kingston TVA Ash Spill – Safety Closing Coal Ash Ponds.”

March 18, 2021 – 6 PM – Tandis Bidgoli of the University of Missouri Department of Geological Sciences will present on earthquakes in the Midwest.

The 2021 Earthquake Insight Field Trip has been moved to Fall 2021.

LATE BREAKING EVENT: FIRST IMPRESSIONS (Virtual)

February 16, 2021 – 7 PM – Bill Meyn will present “How can you improve professional introductions?”

In the course of conducting business or community functions, we meet people at formal and informal meetings including, clients, regulatory officials, subcontractors, attorneys, etc. First impressions can help or sabotage working relationships. A fumbled introduction makes a poor impression. ***How can you improve professional introductions?***

This will be an enjoyable and informative *one-hour* practical training on the courtesies for introducing people for business.

Bill has been a Toastmaster International since 1981. His Leadership in Toastmasters includes service as District Governor leading a team of 200 volunteers providing support for 3000 Toastmasters in 150 Toastmasters clubs in Northwest California.

Please send your RSVP to **Kimberly Shiroodi** (kimberly.shiroodi@woodplc.com) or **Andrew Stumpf** (astumpf@illinois.edu); and they reply with the link to the event.

February Chapter Meeting (Virtual)

Join us on Tuesday, February 23, at 6 pm for a webinar from Dr. Anna Saindon of Geotechnology. Dr. Saindon will present “What We’ve Learned Since Kingston TVA Ash Spill – Safety Closing Coal Ash Ponds.”

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://geotechnology.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEod-usrD8iEt1nnL7Sltj6sUung-vzLRos>

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.

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.

Student Educational Award

The St. Louis Chapter Student Educational Award is a drawing for a \$500 award made to a student’s account with their university and is generally presented at the April Chapter Meeting. Since the April meeting was not held due to COVID, the Student Educational Award was not awarded in 2020. As a result, two Student Educational Awards will be presented in April 2021.

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 (or in-person) events during fall 2020 and spring 2021 will be counted as entries for the two awards.

Employment: Job Seekers & Open Positions

Illinois Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund (IMSIF; www.imsif.com) is looking to hire a Geotechnical Investigator in our Caseyville, IL office. Please contact Trish Bednarek (tbednarek@imsif.com) for more information.

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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