

# AEG St. Louis Chapter Newsletter

## May 2022

*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 5/18:** Maddie German, P.G., President of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists, will present on two topics: “The State of AEG” and “A Not So Routine Hydrogeological Study.”

Doors open at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6pm. Location TBD, look for an update soon.

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### **Missouri Board of Geologist Registration Seeks Officers**

The Missouri Board of Geologist Registration needs new Board members. There are five seats on this Board, and all five seats are either vacant now or are held by members who continue to serve even though their official terms have already expired.

As a result, all five seats need to be filled by new members. The Board meets quarterly in Jefferson City (or virtually, depending on public-health recommendations). The Board oversees issuing licenses, license exams, testing questions, discipline issues, exam pass/fail rates, licensing issues, etc.

If you, or someone you know, are qualified and willing to serve, please visit <https://pr.mo.gov/geologists>

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### **St. Louis Chapter Seeks Officers**

The current officer terms for the St. Louis Chapter expire in May 2022. We are seeking nominations for the May 2022 to May 2024 term! This opportunity to join our exciting leadership team only comes around once every two years. Reach out to Jessie Goodwin ([jgoodwin@geotechnology.com](mailto:jgoodwin@geotechnology.com)) to

nominate yourself or one of your peers for a position. Elections will be held after the April 2022 meeting.

While any member is welcome to run for any position, we are specifically looking for a secretary to join our leadership team. Primary responsibilities include maintaining the Chapter email list and sending out monthly newsletters. The secretary also contributes to Chapter decisions as a valued member of the leadership team!

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## **AEG Membership Spotlight**

Please follow the link to the Membership Spotlight page. A lucky person will be spotlighted in the Insider and on AEG social media.

<https://aeg.memberclicks.net/membership-spotlight>

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## **St. Louis Chapter Seeks Monthly Meeting Sponsors**

The St. Louis Chapter is seeking sponsors for our meetings. A monthly meeting sponsorship is \$300. 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](mailto:lducey@geotechnology.com)) for more information.

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## **Chicago Chapter Virtual Meeting**

The Chicago Chapter will hold a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. J. Cory Pettijohn, Assistant Professor and Heather Miller, Online Program Coordinator for the School of Earth, Society and Environmental will speak on "Providing Educational Opportunities for Working Professionals – Certificate and Master's Degree Options in Environmental Geology at Illinois." [Register here.](#)

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## **Employment: Job Seekers & Open Positions**

### **EMPLOYERS:**

**The below students are looking for employment!** Click on each name to download the student's resume.

[Ms. Alexandra Hirsch](#) will graduate from St. Louis University in May 2022 with a B.S. in Geology.

[Mr. Kaya Kamou](#) will graduate from Missouri University of Science and Technology in May 2022 with a M.S. in Geology and Geophysics.

[Ms. McKayla Mateer](#) will graduate from Missouri University of Science and Technology in May 2024 with a B.S. in Geological Engineering.

**To all Jobseekers and Employers** – Please contact the newsletter editor, **Ben Luetkemeyer** ([ben.luetkemeyer@terracon.com](mailto: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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#### **News and Information for Region 7 AEG Members From Phyllis Steckel, RG; AEG Region 7 Director**

On April 30 and May 1, the AEG Board of Directors met in Kansas City, Mo. This is the “Mid-Year Board Meeting” (MYBM – a tricky acronym that usually reminds me to “mind your own business). The main agenda of this meeting is to address and move forward with business of AEG. Key topics included:

- The AEG Board discussed the need for **each AEG chapter to have a succession plan**. Many AEG chapters are voting on new officers around this time. While new officers will bring a new approach to the chapters’ activities, it is a good time to identify those who may want to be included in a succession plan. Chapters may have a one-year or two-year term for their officers, which usually comes around quicker than anyone thought possible. So, if anyone is interested in helping their chapter, please make yourself known to the current officers.
- We heard an interesting approach to chapter meetings that was presented by the AEG Las Vegas Chapter: they have an active, but modest, treasury that they actually *use regularly* instead of letting it ‘sit and grow.’ Their meeting planner will **bring in well-known speakers from all over the country**, put them in a hotel for a night or two, take them to dinner, and show them around a bit. Their regular chapter meetings often have 50 to 60 attendees. Same with field trips, which are hosted at least once or twice a year in Las Vegas. Sponsors are lined up to support such events. If your chapter’s speakers’ roster needs to be perked up, do it! Chapter treasuries may not need much more than two or three thousand in them. Think about your chapters’ real needs – then plan to energize your roster of meeting speakers.
- AEG has a Calendar of Events of its website ([www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org) and log-in first). Please **add your chapters’ events, such as meetings, field trips, workshops, etc. to the AEG Calendar of Events**, especially if the event is virtual or hybrid (in person and virtual). By advertising the virtual option, you may attract distant members who are interested in the topic.
- AEG also has a “**Chapter Toolkit**” that should be your first stop for questions and information about your chapter leadership and management. It is also on the AEG website ([www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org) and log-in first).
- AEG offers a **monthly Zoom event hosted by the Chapter Support Committee**. This is regularly scheduled for **11:30 am (Central Time) on the third Friday** of most months. Email Sheri Maskow ([manager@aegweb.org](mailto:manager@aegweb.org)) to get regular email reminders and links for these Zoom events. Topics

include upcoming deadlines for scholarships, grants, annual reports, etc.; at-large AEG events; professional registration news; and more. If you have questions about somethings, this might be an easy way to get an answer.

- Each AEG chapter should have **full contact information for Chapter officers** on file with the AEG Manager, Sheri Maskow ([manager@aegweb.org](mailto:manager@aegweb.org)). Please make sure your new chapter officers have provided this to Sheri as soon as possible.
- Upcoming AEG Annual Meetings will be held in these cities:
  - **2022; September 12-17; Planet Hollywood; Las Vegas, Nevada;**
  - 2023; Marriott Downtown Waterfront; Portland, Oregon;
  - 2024; Hilton Penn's Landing; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
  - 2025; Westin Chicago River North; Chicago, Illinois;
  - 2026; TBD – Albuquerque maybe?
  - 2027; TBD – Fairbanks maybe?
- Chapter Treasurers must share their chapter's monthly treasury account balance with the AEG manager. Contact Sheri Maskow for more information ([manager@aegweb.org](mailto:manager@aegweb.org)). This is simply an accounting requirement for the Association.
- The legal address of AEG has been in California since the early 1960s. However, the legal requirements needed to manage AEG as a "California Association" have become burdensome and expensive – a California-licensed attorney is often needed for the Association's day-to-day business. As a result, **the AEG Board has voted to move the legal address and business operations of AEG from California to the State of Ohio**, which is much easier and simpler – and usually does not require the assistance of an attorney. Also, the AEG Business Manager, J&M Business Solutions, is located in Brunswick, Ohio. AEG's main point-of-contact with J&M is Sheri Maskow, company owner and general manager. This is for AEG only; the AEG Foundation is still located in California.
- That's it for now. Have a safe summer and stay healthy!

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**AEG St. Louis Chapter Officers, August 2020 - May 2022**

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