

Section News April 2010

Topics:

- 1) The Section held the February meeting at Growler's in Sunset Hills. T. Mike McMillen gave a presentation entitled "What is Unusual about St. Louis Underground". Mike covered a variety of topics including geotechnical, groundwater, and hazards associated with the area. Thank you Laclede Gas for being our meeting sponsor! Comments continue to be positive about the lighter food fare and lower associated cost, therefore we will continue with this menu at Growler's.
- 2) The Section held the March meeting at Limestone's in Maryland Heights. Duane Kreuger gave a presentation entitled "Environmental Consulting – Where We Are and Where We're Going". Duane discussed many technical facets of the business and involvement in the region over the past several years. Thanks to Teklab for sponsoring the meeting! Going back to our traditional meeting place was pleasant after being away for a while. Some new faces as well as old friends and students attended the meeting.
- 3) The April meeting will be held on the 26th at Limestone's in Maryland Heights. Dr. Paul Marinos will give a presentation entitled "Geology of Greece" as this year's Jahns lecturer. Harriss Drilling has agreed to sponsor the meeting. Thank you! Please refer to the email announcement (4/6/10) for further information about the meeting
- 4) If you have not submitted any news this past year for our section's portion of AEG News, please take five minutes to write a short news update. Please forward newsworthy items this month to Anna Saindon rmsain@gmail.com since Greg Hempen is out of town. The deadline is April 28, 2010.
- 5) Washington University held a panel discussion on non-academic career paths in the earth sciences on 4/12/10. AEG STL Treasurer, Teresa Nienhaus, was one of five panelists who advised that students get involved in local professional organizations. Teresa further encouraged attendees to form an AEG student chapter. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 students in the Earth and Planetary Sciences, Environmental Studies-Geoscience, and Environmental Engineering departments, several of which plan to attend future AEG meetings.
- 6) The Section continues to offer two exciting books for your collection; Missouri Field Trip Guidebook, the new Living with Unstable Ground book. Prices are \$10 each with proceeds to support the AEG Foundation.
- 7) The Section welcomes your suggestions for future meeting topics, presenters, and sponsors. This is an opportunity to hear presentations of greater interest to you or to present your own topic. Please contact a Section officer with ideas; rmsain@gmail.com, bill.kipp@atcassociates.com, stefanie_voss@urscorp.com, or teresa.nienhaus@charter.net. Thank you.
- 8) 2010 Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina; September 20-25. Registration forms are available on AEG's website (www.aegweb.org).

- 9) The 2010 AEG Annual Meeting Planning Committee is diligently putting together the technical program for the meeting. In doing so, they've noted a few technical sessions that could use a few more papers. One of these is Environmental Characterization, Investigations and Reporting. If you would like to submit an abstract, you still can! Check out the website for details. (www.aegweb.org)