

# ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS

## NEWSLETTER

**Allegheny-Ohio Section** 

October 2014

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#### It's That Time of Year!

Renew your AEG membership for 2015!

Most memberships expire December 31st. Don't let yours lapse!

Renew online here:

http://www.aegweb.org/ home/join

Full Member: \$140 Affiliate Member: \$100

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Section Dues: Only \$20!!!

Have you recently graduated or will you be graduating this Spring? AEG has a graduation gift for you: 1 FREE year of professional membership! Email AEG Headquarters at contact@aegweb.org to claim your graduation gift!

Student membership is **FREE!** 

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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!!!**

The AEG Annual Meeting each September marks the end of Section officer terms. Therefore, as we have mentioned previously, we will be holding elections *this month* for Allegheny-Ohio (A-O) Section Officer positions.



Please see PAGE 2 of this newsletter for a list of available officer positions and responsibilities.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, send your name, contact information and a short, relevant biography (1-2 paragraphs) to Nate Saraceno at nrsaraceno@gmail.com

If you would like to nominate another member for one of these positions, please include their name and contact information. We will contact that person to verify their interest.

## Nominations DUE no later than 5pm Friday, October 17th, 2014!!!

Following receipt of all required information for each nominee, an electronic ballot will be distributed via email to all voting Allegheny-Ohio Section members (full members of the association).

#### **NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE:**

• FEBRUARY 4, 2015 - DINNER MEETING:

Eldon Gath, 2014-2015 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer

Penn Brewery, Pittsburgh, PA. More details coming soon!
Read Dr. Gath's biography and abstracts here: <a href="http://www.aegweb.org/about-aeg/awards/jahns-distinguished-lecturer/2015-jahns-lecturer/">http://www.aegweb.org/about-aeg/awards/jahns-distinguished-lecturer/2015-jahns-lecturer</a>

• APRIL 1, 2015 - DINNER MEETING:

Dan Bole, Hayward Baker

Details to come.

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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: AEG Section Officer Descriptions**

Please submit all nominations to Nate Saraceno (nrsaraceno@gmail.com) by 5pm FRIDAY, OCT 17, 2014.

Please feel free to contact Nate with any questions.

Officer Positions, Requirements and Responsibilities

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### Requirements:

- Must be Professional Member of AEG, having full member benefits in good standing.
- Represent the Section at AEG Board of Director meetings (see responsibilities below)

#### Responsibilities:

- The Section Chair serves as a Director of the Association and is, therefore, expected to attend all Association Board of Director (BOD) meetings. These are held twice per year, once at the Annual Meeting; the second time typically during March at a to be determined location.
- Conduct Section business meetings (at least once per year)
- Submit Annual Report to the Association
- Track Section membership (active/lapsed)
- Ensure other officers are completing their responsibilities, and offer assistance as needed/able.

#### **VICE CHAIR**

#### Requirements:

Must be Member of AEG in good standing

#### Responsibilities:

- Organize regular Section meetings, collect RSVPs and work with Treasurer to collect fees from attendees
- Assist in organizing field trips, short courses and other events with other Section volunteers
- Work with Section Secretary to ensure proper promotion/announcements of Section events and with Treasurer to determine budgets

(<u>TREASURER</u>) — Position is currently held by Nichole Wendlandt and is not open to nominations Requirements:

Must be Professional Member of AEG, having full member benefits in good standing.

#### Responsibilities:

- Create annual Section budget and manage Section bank account
- Work with Vice Chair to budget for dinner meetings and events, and collect fees from meeting attendees
- Submit Annual Section Treasurer's Report to Association (by Feb 28 each year)

#### **SECRETARY**

#### Requirements:

Must be Member of AEG in good standing

#### Responsibilities:

- Maintain Section member mailing list
- Send timely Section announcements and regular Newsletters to Section membership
- Work with other Section officers to ensure all Section/Association news reaches Section members

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## AEG 58th Annual Meeting • Pittsburgh, PA • September 19 - 26, 2015

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists is coming to Pittsburgh!!!

Get ready for the best AEG Annual Meeting yet! We may be biased, but we're excited to bring such an incredible event to our hometown. We also want to show geologists from across the country everything that Pittsburgh has to offer, from our numerous environmental and engineering issues to our top notch companies and organizations that deal with them.



#### TECHNICAL PROGRAMS & SYMPOSIA

Our extensive technical program and symposia will focus on the following areas:

**Proposed Technical Sessions** 

Landslides (Identification & Mitigation)

**Rockfall Mitigation** 

Hydrogeology

**Environmental Site Remediation** 

Geotechnical Site Characterization

Seismic Hazards

Coastal Hazards

Licensure and Professional Practice

Mine Reclamation/Subsidence

Geophysics

#### **Proposed Symposia**

**Dams** 

Landslides

Rock Cut Slope Design in Coal Basin Terrain

Shale Gas Development

- Includes Hydro/Environmental Geohazards and Induced

Seismicity

**Urban Environmental Geology** 

#### **EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS**

Is your company signed up as a sponsor and/or exhibitor at next year's AEG Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh? IF not, they should be! We have less than 50 exhibit booths available, and they'll go fast! There are also plenty of sponsor opportunities, and we're always sure to shine the light on our sponsors, so don't let your company miss out on this opportunity to reach new customers and find new vendors! Contact the AEG Meeting Manager Heather Clark (heather@aegweb.org) for more information on these opportunities.

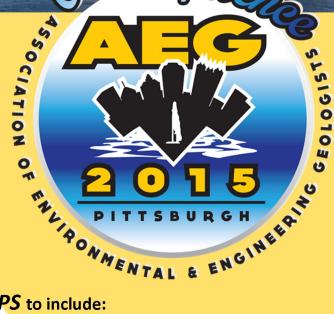
#### **KEEP UP TO DATE!**

Be sure to check the Annual Meeting page on the AEG website often to get the latest news and information. It's still early, so don't worry that there's not much there yet...but we'll be adding to it more and more as the meeting approaches!

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- Planned *FIELD TRIPS* to include:
  Landslides of Pittsburgh, rock slopes of Ohio, dams of Pennsylvania and more!
- A full schedule of outstanding **SYMPOSIA**, **TECHNICAL SESSIONS**, and **SHORT COURSES**.
- Held at the **WYNDHAM GRAND HOTEL** at the confluence of three great rivers and the point of the "Golden Triangle" in downtown Pittsburgh.





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## **Request for Technical Articles**

Show off your research and/or applied experience by having your technical articles published in an upcoming issue of AEG's quarterly publication, the AEG NEWS!

Topics can be anything environmental or engineering geology-related that hasn't been covered in the previous two issues of the AEG *NEWS*. Articles are limited to 3-4 pages (2000-3000 words; 3-8 graphics).

Any member may submit an article! If interested in writing a short technical article, please contact AEG *NEWS* editor, Anna Saindon (<a href="mailto:rmsain@gmail.com">rmsain@gmail.com</a>). Be sure to mention you are an Allegheny-Ohio Section member!



December Issue Deadline: October 31st, 2014

March Issue Deadline: January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The September 2014 issue of AEG *NEWS* (cover photo above) is available to all for a limited time. Previous issues are always available to AEG members (must sign in, then access under "publications"). http://www.aegweb.org/publications/aeg-news



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#### **Section Officers:**

Chair: Nate Saraceno
Co-Vice Chair: David Plas
Co-Vice Chair: Alex Prvanovic
Treasurer: Nichole Wendlandt
Secretary: Nate Saraceno

#### **Other Section Positions:**

Student Liaison: Brian Greene
Short Course Director: Terry Downs
VP Liaison: Vacant

Past Chair: Kristen Enzweiler

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

We're holding elections later this month and several Section Officer Positions are up for grabs!

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, see pages 1 & 2 of this newsletter and email Nate Saraceno at

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### **Connecting Professionals, Practice and the Public**

The Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) contributes to its members' professional success and the public welfare by providing leadership, advocacy, and applied research in environmental and engineering geology.

AEG's values are based on the belief that its members have a responsibility to assume stewardship over their fields of expertise. In support of serving an international network of environmental and engineering geologists devoted to excellence, AEG values are:

- Upholding sound principles of scientific inquiry with respect to the study and evaluation of geologic processes, their impact on humans, and the human impact on Earth
- Encouraging and facilitating ongoing education and training as well as supporting members in their dedication to their work
- Building public appreciation for how environmental and engineering geology contribute to public safety and the protection of property.

Learn more about AEG here: http://www.aegweb.org/about-aeg

#### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I recently had the pleasure of stepping up to represent the Allegheny-Ohio Section at the annual Board of Director's meeting taking place in Scottsdale, Arizona, immediately following the AEG Annual Meeting.

I'm happy to have been involved with several Association issues that took place during the BOD meeting, not least of which was the major issue of restructuring AEG, which many of you voted for on the latest Association ballot this past summer.

The restructuring currently proposes two major changes:

- 1. The Section Chair position and Association Director (Board member) positions will be separated into two distinct positions.
- 2. In order to accommodate the first change, the current Section boundaries will be removed and new "Region" boundaries will be drawn to define the areas for which the Association Directors will represent.

When it comes to our Section, it will be business as usual, with the exception that you will be asked to vote for both a Chair and Representative, the latter of which will be a member of the AEG Board of Directors.

The AEG Executive Council has agreed to issue quarterly announcements detailing this process, which will not be enacted before another member vote (next summer). I will let their announcements provide more detailed information, but am happy to discuss this issue with interested members. In the mean time, please be sure to read these important updates as they come!

-Nate Saraceno

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