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## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

By Paul Weaver, PG, Carolinas Section Chair

Greetings to all from the Chair of the Carolinas Section. I hope this edition of GeoNews finds you all doing well and weathering the economy to as great an extent as possible.

I hope you are as excited as I about the upcoming national AEG meeting in Charleston in September. We have all been working hard to assure that this meeting will be a success and I feel very optimistic that it will be. We have an intense three days of technical sessions and symposia planned and, as Chair of the Technical Sessions/ Symposia Committee for the meeting, I can assure you that you will find talks that will enhance your knowledge in whatever area of geology you practice. In addition, we have some exciting field trips on the agenda for the meeting, as well as short courses that you may find invaluable in your current or future work. The AEG 2010 Flyer is on page 19.

If you haven't already, I urge you to go on-line to the AEG website (www.aegweb.org), click on the Charleston meeting icon in the middle of the page, and register to attend the meeting and whatever field trips and short courses appeal to you. I also would like to point out that we still need student volunteers to assist with various aspects of the meeting. If you would like to volunteer (as an incentive, you get your entire meeting registration paid for with 8 hours of volunteer work for the meeting). please contact Norm Levine at levinen@cofc.edu. We are also in need of additional sponsors to help underwrite the costs of the meeting, so if you think your company or one of the vendors you use might be interested in being a sponsor, please contact Jane Gill-Shaler at janehgill@aol.com. A listing of sponsors and exhibitors starts on page 5.

Now, on to other news...We had a very good turnout at our April meeting at the Fox & Hound Pub and Grill in Raleigh. This meeting featured talks by represen-

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tatives of Engineers Without Borders and by Bonnie Ware with NCDENR. This meeting also gave us a chance to use the Section's new sound system. I believe that, with a little "tweaking", this sound system will be of great benefit to our Section, especially to those of us who listened to a little too much Rush at ear-splitting volume in college, in allowing us to actually hear what our distinguished speakers are saying.

We will be having a summer Section meeting on August 13 in Asheville (please see the meeting announcement on page 4 of this newsletter). At this meeting, we will hear presentations from several people who were intimately involved in evaluating and repairing the rockslide that closed off a section of I-40 west of Asheville this winter. I think this will be a very interesting and informative presentation and I hope that all of you who can possibly attend will do so.

You will see in this edition of GeoNews that it is getting close to that time of year again when we elect the Section Board members for the coming year. I'm sad to say that Kristen Lloyd has decided not to run for the Secretary position again. We do appreciate her past work for the Board and she will continue to be involved in other work for the Section. Alex Rutledge of Schnabel has agreed to run for Secretary this year, Dave Duncklee has agreed to run for Treasurer for another year, and Brad Worley of the NCDOT has agreed to run for Vice Chair again. You are free to send us additional nominees for Board positions, to be added to the ballot if you so wish, and instructions on where to send your nominees is included on page 28 of this issue of GeoNews. The Chair position of the Carolinas Section is now a two-year term and I will be starting my second year as of the Charleston national meeting in September. Ballots will be sent out to all Carolinas members in August.

I represented the Carolinas Section at the AEG National Board meeting in April in St. Louis. Among the most exciting decisions that were made at this meeting was that AEG National will no longer charge for student memberships. As you know, the Carolinas Section has had this policy for some time (we paid the membership fees for our student members out of our Section monies). National took its clue from our section, based on the success that we have had with this policy, and decided to follow our lead and take this policy national. This new policy will be a big boost for our section in that we will no longer have to send \$25 per student member to national each year, thus saving us a fairly large yearly expenditure and allowing us to continue to charge only \$25 to members for attending our section meetings. The Mid-Year Board Meeting Report is on page 20 of this issue.

The Carolinas Section needs volunteers to help out with the various committees that allow us to remain strong advocates for our profession. We have committees for membership, field trips, and student outreach, in addition to serving on the Carolinas Section Board of Directors. In addition, Jane Gill-Shaler, who has faithfully put

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## JOINT DINNER MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 WITH AEG CAROLINAS AND NC SECTION, WESTERN BRANCH OF ASCE

The Carolinas Section of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists and The Western Branch, North Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers present guest speakers Jody Kuhne and Shane Clark, NCDOT Geotechnical Engineering Unit, Asheville Regional Office, at a special joint dinner meeting at the Asiana Grand Buffet in Asheville on Friday, August 13, 2010. The meeting is being held on a Friday to allow members who live a great distance from Asheville to spend the weekend and enjoy the cooler mountain air and tour the amenities of the Asheville area.

The talk will be on last fall's huge rock slide that blocked four lanes of Interstate 40. Details and contacts for reservations are in the blue box, below, and directions are detailed on this page.

## AEG CAROLINAS and ASCE WESTERN BRANCH SPECIAL JOINT DINNER MEETING FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

Program: STABILIZATION OF A LARGE PO-TENTIAL WEDGE FAILURE ALONG IN-TERSTATE 40 IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 2009

Speakers: Jody Kuhne and Shane Clark, both with the NCDOT Geotechnical Engineering Unit, Asheville Regional Office

Place: Asiana Grand Buffet-South; 1968 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, North Carolina

Date: Friday, August 13, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM social, 7:00 dinner, 8:00 speaker Cost: Members/Non-members \$20, includes one beer/wine ticket, Student free with college ID

**Reservations:** Please make reservations with Kristen Lloyd or Jill Heimburg by Wednesday, August 11th, 2010

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## Abstract:

STABILIZATION OF A LARGE POTENTIAL WEDGE FAILURE ALONG INTERSTATE 40 IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. OCTOBER 2009

In October 2009, a slide of approximately 50,000 yds3 blocked all four lanes of Interstate 40 at mile marker 2.5 in Western NC. Geologic mapping determined that the failure was a large wedge, with a remaining 310,000 yds3 of rock, perched at the edge of stability, to be removed or stabilized. This presentation will review the design and construction process required to stabilize the mass, including: design assumptions, peer review, utilization of SWEDGE software, survey work (DTM generation and LiDAR), construction under a 60-day contract for 47,000 linear feet of anchor installation, design changes during construction and the installation of a comprehensive monitoring system. The discussion will cover most geologic and engineering aspects of the mitigation.

## Speakers' Bios:

Jody Kunhe's bio: Jody loves large Asian buffets, and lives in Asheville with his wife Andrea and son Jeremy. He has worked for the Geotechnical Engineering Unit of NCDOT for 18 years, is licensed in geology and civil engineering, and conducts investigations and performs engineering design with a specialty in slope failures.

Shane Clark's bio: Shane is a graduate of NC State, and has been practicing Geotechnical Engineering for the last 10 years, with the past 6 as a Geotechnical Design Engineer with NCDOT. His areas of work include bridge foundations, retaining walls, slope stability evaluation, hurricane repairs, rock slides, and whatever else seems to come up. He enjoys living in "Beer City USA" with his wife Kelly and two children, Canter and Anna Kate.

**Directions:** Asiana Grand Buffet, 1968 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville, NC 28803

**From the East**: Take I-40 to Exit 50A, Hwy 25 South/Hendersonville Rd. Travel about 4 miles south. Asiana will be on the left (east) side of the road.

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From the South: Take I-26 to Exit 37, Long Shoals Road. Turn right (east) and travel 1.8 miles. Turn left (north) onto Hwy 25/Hendersonville Road. Travel 0.4 miles north. Asiana will be on the right (east) side of the road.

For added interest, you can see the video of the rock slide and progress to date at the NC DOT YouTube site, http://www.youtube.com/ncdotcommunications#p/a/u/1/yJQZOcGlxzc.

## SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS CURRENT LINEUP FOR AEG 2010 IN SEPTEMBER

We have some great Sponsors and Exhibitors lined up for AEG 2010. Some are old and trusted members of our AEG Carolinas Sponsor Family, and others are from other Sections of the country, or are new to AEG entirely. We have listed the background information for our trusty regular Carolinas Section supporters on the back two pages, and listed here are a few newbies that you may not know anything about. Let's give them all a big welcome when we meet them in Charleston!

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January 1 through March 31, 2010 By David Duncklee, Treasurer

AEG Carolinas Section Treasurer's Report January 1 to March 31, 2010

Balance As Of December 31, 2009	
Checking Account	\$3,880.63
Money Market Account	\$12,088.78
Charleston Planning Account	\$2,527.48
INCOME	
Dinner Meetings	\$1,295.00
Sponsorships	\$3,625.00
AEG Dues rebates	\$0.00
Defined donations	
AGI Toolkits	\$0.00
Scholarships	\$0.00
Short Courses	
AEG Short Course Sponsors	\$0.00
Interest	
Charleston 2010 Account	\$0.56
Money Market	\$1.22
SUBTOTAL	\$4,921.78
EXPENSES	
Dinner Meetings Concord Meeting	\$69.59
Concord Meeting Venue	\$1,326,29
Educational Programs	\$1,320.28
AGI Toolkits	60.00
Book for Concord Speaker	\$0.00 \$49.95
Jahn's Lecturer expenses	\$322.24
ECU Visiting Professional Visit	\$211.74
Student Memberships	\$550.00
Student Travel Grants	\$0.00
Chair Travel Grant - St. Louis	\$439.80
Sound system for meetings (approx.)	\$200.00
Website	***************************************
Jon Watkins web design	\$775.00
Charleston 2010 National Meeting	***************************************
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$0.00
	\$3,944.61
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BALANCE As Of March 31, 2010	
Checking Account	\$4,856.02



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together GeoNews for seven years, needs someone to assist her and eventually take over the majority of the work she currently does as newsletter editor. Also, Tami Idol, who has served as our webmaster for many years, would like someone to work with her and eventually take over the webmaster duties so that she can have a break. The Carolinas Section is the envy of much of AEG nationwide because of the strength of our section, and none of that would be possible without our many dedicated volunteers. So please, consider volunteering your time and energy to keep the Carolinas Section going strong well into the future.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas to help make the Carolinas Section of AEG even stronger. I look forward to seeing and meeting each of you at one of our quarterly section meetings, and I look forward to seeing you in Charleston in September.

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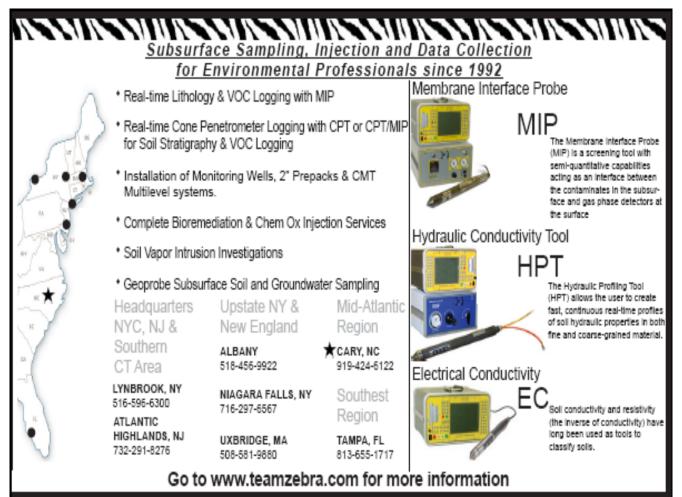
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By David Spears, PG, VA State Geologist

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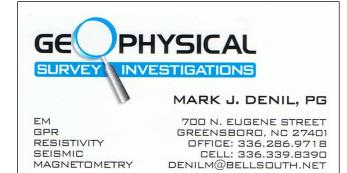
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## GEORAMBLINGS

By Dr. Charles W. Welby

This epistle starts its life as I sit in a hotel in Anaheim, CA following the combined meeting of the Cordilleran Section of GSA, the Pacific Section of AAPG and the Western North America Regional Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Where once in this area one could stop at a small roadside stand by an orange grove and purchase a refreshing glass of orange juice for ten cents and as a cool refresher in a lengthy motor trip across the area, today it is pavement, buildings, roller coasters, and big-eared "mice" running about. (Ed: My husband and I remember that, too!)

Stephen M. Testa, Executive Officer of the California State Mining and Geology Board, has recently had published a book, One Man's Planet, in which he brings together with some humor a number of ideas about geology, its relationship to our lives, and how people react politically, sensibly, insensibly, and otherwise. It is available through the American Geological Institute. In the introduction he discusses the source of the aphorism, "Civilization exists by geologic consent," noting that there is some question about how it arrived on the scene. The general attribution is to Will and Ariel Durant in association with their monumental history of human civilization.

The work was published from 1935 to 1975. At Anaheim, geologists and engineers clearly established the importance of understanding the earth as an ongoing operation. and civilization's needs to adapt to the rigors and controls of our earthly environment.

Out of the combined meeting arrangement came the opportunity to enjoy papers about the petroleum industry and production of oil and gas. What was particularly striking in some of the Society of Petroleum Engineers papers was the recognition of the need to understand the geologic framework of the accumulation. That is to say, we must pay attention to the nature of the materials within which the petroleum accumulates, fracture patterns within the rocks, the wetting characteristics of the reservoir materials, and similar physical and chemical matters. So, a good course in fluid mechanics could be useful. Thus the need for a good understanding on the part of the petroleum engineers of the origin of the reservoir rocks as well as the hydrocarbons and manner of accumulation of the oil and gas. Such an understanding aids in choosing the appropriate methods of production to maximize production.

Clay mineralogy, mineral surface chemistry, and geotechnical factors which are more often associated with buildings and infrastructure design become important. This understanding is important not only from the perspective of petroleum production but also in the consid-

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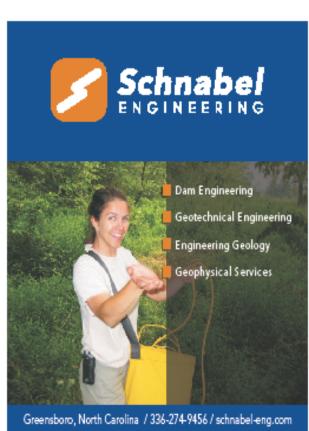
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eration of carbon dioxide underground disposal. Whether or not carbon dioxide can be used to enhance oil and gas recovery is an environmental and resource production question. And the question of whether or not carbon dioxide can be used to enhance ground water cleanup is another important question.

Stephen Testa presented a noon lecture in which he discussed some of the early history of the California Geological Survey. He noted that one of the early State Geologists, Whitney, announced at one point that there were no petroleum deposits found in California. Well, this pronouncement occurred shortly before people began mining the asphaltum deposits near McKittrick, CA and transporting the solid material about 10 miles to be refined (heating) into kerosene for lighting and warming San Francisco. Also, obviously, it was before the Lakeview Gusher began its excitement about 35 miles southwest of Bakersfield, in the heart of what was to become the Midway Sunset oil field. That well spewed over a million barrels of oil across the desert landscape. Its economic effect was to drive the price of oil down to 10 cents a barrel and to create major economic problems in California and such places as Texas. No one raised the question of the ecologic effect upon the jack rabbits, the sagebrush, the ground squirrels, the chipmunks, a few assorted BIG rattlesnakes, and probably a few other unnamed organisms. This is the year of the 100th anniversary of that event. Is history repeating itself in one way?

One of the ongoing concerns is the manner in which geologic information in a useful form can be utilized for the benefit of the public. We talk among ourselves about the importance of geologic information/data in the making of political decisions about environmental matters. Dr. Lucille Jones of the USGS was the Keynote Speaker at the Anaheim meeting. Her topic, When the Mountains Come to Main Street: Helping California Live with Natural Disasters, described the work she is guiding for the USGS. The following paragraphs summarize a few of her comments and observations.

The basic question is simply, "How to get pertinent



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Debris flow warning systems developed so far have some potential to provide approximately two-years warning of their occurrence in Southern California, perhaps. The most fully developed system has been the one for earthquakes: "What to do when an earthquake takes place." The most basic of the needs is establishing communication systems before the event transpires so that it can be used after the event. In developing the program in conjunction with the USGS, those responsible recognize that Social Science, Engineering, and Earth Science disciplines all have a role to play in the planning and implementation of any plan or procedure.

Out of the work done for Earthquake Hazards a drill called "SHAKE OUT" was developed. It has been utilized at least once, and there has been widespread participation. More information about it reportedly can be found on "www.Shakeout.org" on the web.

Other similar programs are in development. One, "ARKSTORM," with debris flow and flood warning components, has been developed but not yet tested. Elements in the flood warning program involve choices in the decision-making. Questions such as, "Do we lower the level of the reservoirs to lower the chance of flooding and to conserve water for the future (summer)?" and "Which areas are we going to allow to be flooded?" become important political decisions.

We in the East think of hurricanes as being our major storms which create the greatest havoc. Major storms on the West Coast, the "Pineapple Express" in some circles, bring conditions for mass wasting and flooding on many scales. Meteorological evidence provides evidence that storms coming into the West Coast can be characterized as "atmospheric rivers" in contrast to the hurricanes that pass through the Carolinas. The storms in the West provide

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drinking water as well as irrigation water.

The one-in-200 years storm for California occurred in 1861-1862 when rain fell in California for 45 days straight. The Central Valley was flooded, and conditions were almost ripe for drainage of the whole valley to be into San Francisco Bay. The questions are, therefore, "When will the next 200-year storm appear?" and "What preparations and education are needed to handle the associated conditions?" Obviously, the political decisions about whether to hold water prior to the storms or not and about which areas are to be flooded become crucial and difficult. One has to insert at this point the question of what about the levees in the Delta Area?

From a Social Science perspective three observations seem appropriate. (1) Avoid use of probabilities, especially in evaluating earthquake hazards. (2) People will relate to past experiences and be guided by what they have experienced. (Personal Note: Think legislature personnel, in particular.) (3) Emphasize on arriving at a consensus when solving the problem.

A quick review of the Preliminary Program for the Annual AEG meeting in Charleston shows that the sessions have important things to be heard. It appears that the landslide sessions will be of particular value for the mountainous areas of the East, and they continue some of the work that was begun in studies of the landslides along the Blue Ridge Parkway in the 1960s by Leith and Fisher (NCSU Engr. Res. Div. Publication, approximate date

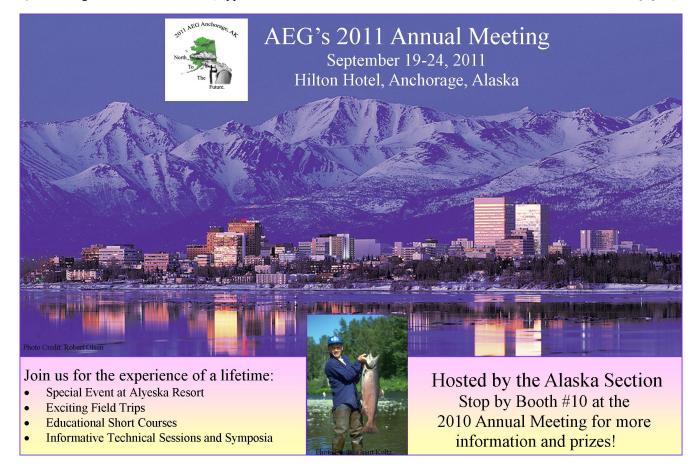
1964). At the time of the 1985 AEG Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem a major landslide just before the meeting provided an important to look at landslide hazards on relatively new I-40 and the opportunity for a field trip for the meeting. And perhaps we all can learn something new about matters related to presenting our knowledge of hazards: mass wasting, coastal erosion, seismic activity, and others that can become important in assessing hazards with which the public needs to be concerned.

And so in conclusion: Problems, Problems, Problems with geologic implications come to mind!!!!!!!!

Charles W. Welby

PS: In the April 21, 2010, edition of the Raleigh News and Observer John M. Riddle, Alumni Distinguished Professor of History, Emeritus at NCSU, had an "Other Opinion" article. It was written in response to the news about the Iceland volcanic eruption delaying air traffic in Europe and elsewhere. In summary, the article describes events that have been reported worldwide from the years 535 and 536 of our era. He describes a severe climatic change that swept the entire earth, being recorded in Europe, Iraq, Arabia, China, and Indonesia. The world turned cooler, there were massive floods, and the sun apparently was obscured for 18 months in Asia. In Mexico the empire known for its pyramids, Teotihuacan, came to an end, and rats bearing the disease "Black Death" came

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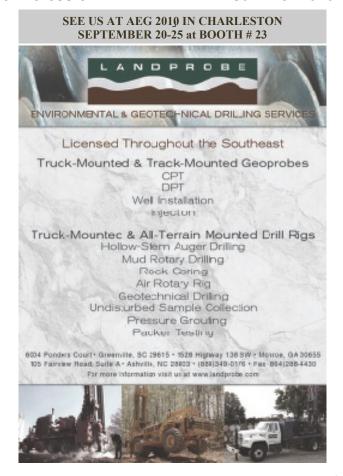
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from their habitats and destroyed the strength of the Byzantine and Persian empires. A near-arctic climate enveloped northern Europe. Professor Riddle notes that it is believed that Krakatoa in Indonesia was the culprit in causing these climate changes.

Simon Winchester, in his book, *The Day the World Exploded; Krakatoa*, describes the effects of the August 3, 1883, explosion of Krakatoa. In the 19th century, a nearby volcano exploded in 1815, and the year 1816 became known as "The Year without a Summer" in New England and northern Europe. Crops failed and the people were in considerable distress. More recently Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines exploded in 1991, causing great havoc in the Philippines, and the airborne ash from it apparently contributed to cooling of the atmosphere for a period of time.

So, if one can make an editorial comment, the present volcanic activity in Iceland pales in comparison with some of the past volcanic explosions that the world has had. And so the tale continues – and "Time Marches On.

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## AEG CONGRESSIONAL VISITS DAY

By Brad Worley, NC DOT

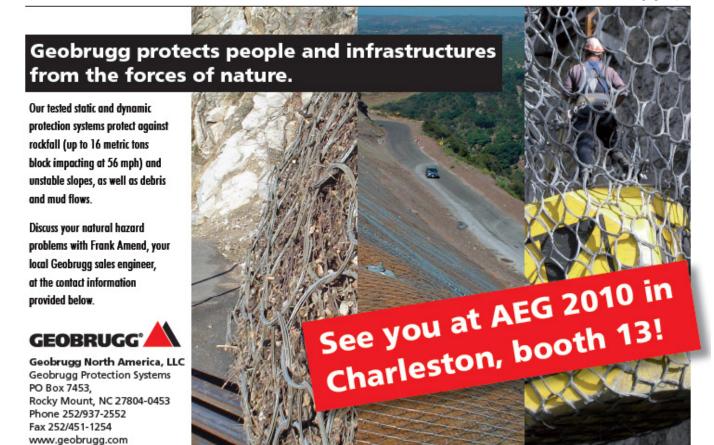
On April 28-29, I was given the unique opportunity to attend the Science, Engineering, and Technology Congressional Visits Day (SET-CVD) in Washington, DC. I traveled up to the DC area after work on Tuesday, April 27. Working in Raleigh, NC, it's about a four hour drive. I had attended the Geosciences CVD in September, 2009, so I had a good idea what to expect. Being a representative of AEG, all of my schedule was coordinated through the American Geological Institute's (AGI) Government Affairs Office. I was actually the only AEG representative at this year's SET-CVD.

On Wednesday morning, I attended the Earth and Space Sciences Briefing Workshop for Earth and Space Scientist at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Headquarters. The geosciences briefing covers how to speak with legislators, and provided an overview of the federal budget and appropriations process. The briefing included talks by Dr. Michael Uhart (NOAA), Marge Cavenaugh (NSF, Deputy Assistant Director for Geosciences), Tim West (USGS, Congressional Liaison Officer), and Anna Palmisano (DOE Office of Science). During the morning's briefings we were paired with other

geoscientists from our state. There were two others from North Carolina. I was accompanied by Arcot (Raja) Rajasekar (UNC Chapel Hill) and David Kahler (Duke University). During the morning the briefing also covers the core message topics that one should talk about during the congressional visits.

Wednesday afternoon, we headed over to the American Academy for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Headquarters for the "Views from the Administration and Congress" briefing. Speakers included Kei Koizumi (White House Office of Science and Technology Policy), Patrick Clemins (Director, AAAS R&D Budget Program), and Dixon Butler (Majority Staff Assistant, House Appropriations). This briefing was more broadbased and covered budget concerns for all the sciences in general. A particularly "hot" topic was the termination of NASA's Constellation project. Wind energy and carbon capture are reoccurring themes as well. Being an engineering geologist by trade, I was happy to hear concerns about infrastructure such as highways, bridges, slope failures, etc. Also mentioned frequently is the fact that USGS has prospered the least of all federal geoscience-related agencies in the past couple of budget years. Wednesday evening ended with the Laser Fest Exhibition and Reception in the Rayburn House Foyer, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the laser.

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the Rayburn House Building. The Honorable Vern Ehleres (R-MI, House Committee on Science and Technology) spoke about the need for a scientist on Capitol Hill. My group from North Carolina had four scheduled visits on the Hill that day. Our first meeting was in Congressman David Price's office (D-NC, 4th District). We met with Maile Mercer, legislative assistant to Rep. Price. It is important to note that groups are accompanied by a staff member of a correspond-

ing agency. We were assigned staff members from AGU and AGI throughout the day. Next, we visited Senator Richard Burr's (R-NC) office and met with legislative assistant Kara Weishaar. We had met on my previous visit to that office during the Geoscience CVD.

Our next visit was to Senator Kay Hagan's (D-NC) office to meet with legislative assistant Patrick Brennan. During the Geoscience CVD I had the chance to meet with Mr. Brennan and Senator Hagan and learned that the Senator's daughter had just finished her PhD in Geology. For that reason, Senator Hagan seems to have a "soft spot" for the geosciences! Later in the afternoon we met with Congressman Bob Etheridge (D-NC, 2nd District) and legislative fellow Dr. Jean Camp. I run into



Left to right: Brad Worley, (NCDOT), David Kahler (Duke University), and Arcot (Raja) Rajasekar (UNC CH).

Rep. Etheridge on occasion and we have come to know each other fairly well. That visit went very

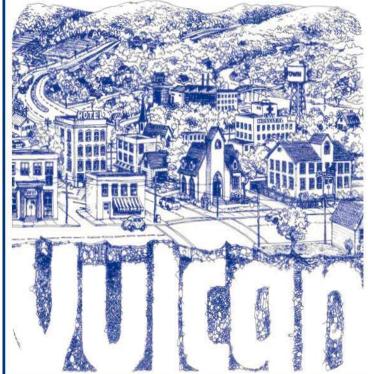
In retrospect, our group's visits were very positive. Having done Congressional visits in the past helped me to center our message, which is for steady federal investments in Earth and space science R&D. Visiting some of the same offices during the SET-CVD, I see the merits of returning yearly (if not twice a year) to remind our elected officials of the importance

of science-related funding, especially when many of the projects that we geologist are involved with are either directly or indirectly federally funded.

Most importantly, participants of CVD become a resource for the legislative offices they visit. Although many representatives have very science-oriented staff, they may not be knowledgeable in geotechnical or geoenvironmental matters. It is not uncommon to be contacted by legislative staff, well after a CVD, and be asked to help provide background information on upcoming science-related legislation.

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## AEG MID-YEAR BOD MEET -SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Matthew Morris – AEG Secretary

The AEG held its Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting on May 1st and 2nd, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. The AEG Board of Directors (BOD) is comprised of the twenty-five Section representatives and five Executive Council members, totaling thirty Directors. A total of fourteen Section Chairpersons and three Section proxies were present for the Mid-Year Meeting along with the Executive Council.

The Executive Council, COO Roland, and various committee chairs provided reports to the BOD to update them on recent events within the Association and the status of action items from previous meetings. The following items are key points from the reports as well as decisions made by the BOD during the meeting.

- President Kreuger informed the Board that he would welcome additional invitations to additional Sections and Chapters over the summer.
- Vice President Hilton is coordinating the efforts of the existing operating committees and solicited the BOD for potential members to serve on committees.
- Treasurer Bauer summarized the investment allocations made in the Treasurer's Reserve Account and discussed its improved performance (12 percent gain) over the last quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010. In addition, the BOD approved the Treasurer's Reserve Investment Policy. This policy will be used by the Executive Council to select and monitor investments, ensuring the continued responsible investment of AEG's reserve account.
- Treasurer Bauer reported that AEG is currently operating at a \$9,300 deficit through the first quarter of 2010. This is primarily due to reduced advertising income and increased publication costs. In order to improve the projected budget deficit, AEG is actively soliciting new advertisers, sponsors, and exhibitors. AEG will also be publishing the E&EG Journal electronically beginning with the May 2010 Issue.
- The AEG Foundation announced that the Beardsly-Kuper Scholarship fund has been established to support students attending field camp. The Foundation Board encourages the BOD to widely publicize the scholarship opportunities to students within their Sections. The BOD raised \$2,600 for the Foundation and two donors contributed matching funds of \$2,000, for a total contribution of \$4,600.
- Chief Operating Officer Roland reported that AEG membership has held steady over the last quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010. Phoenix AMC is currently contacting non-renewing members in an effort to maintain and bolster the membership. All AEG members are asked to recruit new AEG members amongst their colleagues. Please contact COO Ro-

- land for more information on renewing your membership or recruiting new members.
- Contracts have been signed for all Annual meetings planned through 2013. AEG is currently soliciting applications for the 2014 Annual Meeting, and would like Sections to consider sponsoring a joint meeting between two sections, as the Sacramento and Great Basin Sections accomplished in 2009. Please contact Bruce Hilton for more information on planning joint meetings.
- The AEG Special Publication "Living with Unstable Ground" is available for purchase and sale at the Section level. Contact COO Roland for more information
- AEG is encouraging AEG members to consider staffing the AEG booth at Geological Society of America (GSA) meetings throughout the next year.
- Past President Molinari discussed his activities working with the Nominations Committee and Technical Working Groups. AEG members are encouraged to participate in a Technical Working Group, and contribute technical information for the AEG News and new Website.
- A workshop was held to support the Advertising, Sponsorship, and Exhibitors Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Becky Roland or Jennifer Bauer. The committee is actively promoting AEG's new advertising packages and will be appointing a new Chairperson in the coming months.
- Strategic Planning Chair Paul Hale presented the Strategic Planning Report and informed the BOD that the focus of the Committee will be on completing individual projects in order to keep volunteers engaged and involved in the projects in which they are most interested.
- Website Committee Chair Dale Andrews presented the beta version of the new website and emphasized that the goal of the new website is to streamline the information transfer process and provide a dynamic tool for the membership. Key features include discussion forums, enhanced advertising capabilities, current news feeds, and an improved events calendar.
- The Licensure Committee has appointed Ken Neal (WA) as their Chairperson. The committee is researching the variety of state board licensure models in an effort to leverage AEG's position in maintaining and promoting geology licensure.
- The Student/Young Professional Support Committee (SYPSC) encouraged all Section Chairs to become members of "New Geologist" Facebook page. The Section Chairs and their members are invited to contact SYPSC if they are interested in participating in the Visiting Professionals Program.
- President Kreuger provided an update on the Joint Task Force document prepared by the AEG, the American Institute of Professional Geologists

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## SUMMER 2010 REVIEW COURSES for the ASBOG® GEOLOGY LICENSING EXAM

The Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) is pleased to announce the Summer, 2010 series of review courses for the ASBOG® geology licensing exam taught by REG REVIEW, Inc. AEG and REG REVIEW, Inc. have partnered to provide these courses since 1992. In the Summer of 2010, ten one-day review courses for the ASBOG® licensing exam will be offered regionally throughout the U.S. These ten courses will be spread out into the following regions, the Pacific Northwest, the Southeast, the Central East Coast, the Northeast, the North Central, the Central Midwest, the Central West, as well as the regular Northern and Southern California locations (which are now presented in 2 sections - 1 day for the ASBOG® and part of a day for the CA Supplemental). Specific locations in the southeast are listed below. Other locations may be found by going to the REG website at http://regreview.com.

REG REVIEW's approach is to give you the focus and direction needed to appropriately study for the exams. The emphasis of the topics in the course is based on the emphasis on the exams. We cover the approach of the exam and highlight the types of information you would need for exam level questions. For specific information on our course content and study materials please visit our website at regreview.com. Who should take this class? Anyone who feels they need help getting the focus and direction needed to be able to streamline their studying process to adequately address the topics covered by the exam.

Course dates and locations are as follows:
(For more specific location information please go to our website at http://regreview.com/summer2010courselocations.htm)

Eastern US Courses - Summer, 2010 Pittsburgh PA - July 18, 2010, 8am to 4pm

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## PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING

On Monday, June 7, 2010, President Barack Obama named 103 mathematics and science teachers as recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The educators will receive their awards in Washington, D.C. later this year.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established in 1983 and is awarded annually to the best K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators. Each year the award alternates between mathematics and science educators teaching Kindergarten through 6th grade, and those teaching 7th through 12th grades.

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also receive an expensespaid trip to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and science agency leaders.

The individuals receiving the 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching this year for North Carolina are Maria Hernandez, The NC School of Science and Mathematics, Durham (Math) and Judith Jones, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill (Science).

Ragan S. Spain, NBCT is a Science Consultant with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and may be reached at rspain@dpi.state.nc.us

Ed: AEG Carolinas has participated in K-12 science education for several years by funding the purchase of hundreds of AGI Earth Science Kits, which we give to science teachers at the annual NC Science Teachers Association conference.

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## RETURN TO YOUR ALMA MATER AS A VISITING PROFESSIONAL

By Rick Kolb, MACTEC

As many of you know, section members have been making presentations on careers in geology through AEG's Visiting Professional program. Since we began our visits in 2006, section members have presented at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington, NC State University; Appalachian State University; the College of Charleston, Western Carolina University, Guilford College, Furman University, East Carolina University, Wake Technical Community College, East Tennessee State University, Virginia Tech and Radford University.

Are you an alumnus of a college or university in North or South Carolina, Virginia or Tennessee? Would you be interested in going back to campus as a practicing professional and talking to the geology majors there? Typically we arrange for groups of three professionals

from both the public and private sectors to visit a college.

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Rick Kolb is Student Liaison Coordinator and past Section Chair of AEG Carolinas.



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REG REVIEW, Inc. has been teaching these courses in California since 1985. In March 2000, we began to direct our teaching towards the ASBOG® geology licensing exam. The pass rate for students in classes since 2000 has ranged from 85 to 99%. The courses are taught by Patti Sutch, California PG 3949, CEG1641, and CHG 25, Lisa Dirth, California PG 3951, CEG 1240, and North Carolina RG by ASBOG exam, and Elisabeth Ervin-Blankenheim, Pennsylvania PG and past student of REG REVIEW.

Current information on study manuals, flash cards, and courses, including specific locations, may be found online on REG REVIEW, Inc's website at http://regreview.com

To contact REG REVIEW Inc.: e-mail - regreview@aol.com; mailing address - 2035 Bluebell Ave, Boulder, CO 80302; telephone - East Coast call Lisa Dirth at603-714-4841. West Coast (evenings) Patti Sutch at 916-456-4870.

Please pass this information on to any geologist that you know that might like our help for preparing for the state licensure examinations.



## HELP AEG DELIVER THE GEOSCIENCE MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON

By Rick Kolb, MACTEC

The American Geological Institute, of which AEG is a member society, will host the third annual Geosciences Congressional Visit Days (CVDs) in Washington, D.C. on September 21 and 22, 2010. AGI will cosponsor the event along with nine other Earth and spacescience societies that work together on geoscience policy issues as part of the Geopolicy Working Group in Washington, D. C. Last year, nearly 60 geoscientists from across the country conducted over 100 congressional visits with members of Congress, congressional staff and congressional committees.

Each geoscientist communicated a message about the importance of investing in geoscience R&D and geoscience education at the federal level. Geoscientists had an opportunity to explain their work and its value at a local, state, regional, national and/or international level. AEG was represented by AEG President Mark Molinari, AEG COO Becky Roland, and Carolinas Section Secretary Brad Worley. See the accompanying article on page 16 of this issue, about Brad's experience at the recent Science-Engineering-Technology (CET) CVDs in April.

Are you interested in representing AEG at the CVDs in September 21 and 22 this year? You would spend the first day learning about how Congress works, the current state of the budget process, and how to conduct congressional visits. On the second day you will visit members of Congress and their staff. Practicing geologists are the ideal advocates for our profession; we see first-hand the benefits of our profession to society, and are the best advocates to transmit our message to Congress and the staffers. In addition to the workshops and visits, participants will get to meet other geoscientists and federal science agency representatives.

The 2010 Geoscience CVDs conflict with our annual meeting in Charleston, so EC members will not be able to attend the CVDs. However, we would still like to have AEG represented. If you do not plan to attend our annual meeting, how about a trip to Capitol Hill instead?

AEG considers participation in CVDs to be so important that this year, for the first time, we will provide financial assistance to cover some of your expenses to attend. For additional information, contact Rick Kolb, chair of AEG's Advocacy Committee, at rkolb0915@aol.com, or rakolb@macctec.com, or at (919) 831-8054.

## LET SCIENTISTS BE SCIENTISTS

By Marsha Mercer, free-lance writer

To try to keep scientific research free of politicians' whims, the National Science Foundation is an independent government agency, not an arm of the White House. By design, NSF's director has a six-year term that does not coincide with presidential-election years. Now celebrating its 60th anniversary, NSF has supported science and engineering research that has yielded innovations ranging from American Sign Language to magnetic-resonance imagery and cloud computing. NSF grants have helped 187 Nobel Prize winners.

Of course, no entity that relies on elected officials could ever be free of political shenanigans. Two recent anti-science episodes are reminders that we should vote carefully. On Capitol Hill, Republicans are playing games with reauthorization of the America COMPETES law, which pays for NSF and science programs in other departments. House Republicans derailed the bill May 13 by forcing a vote on an anti-porn measure attached to the bill. Democrats were faced with either voting against punishing federal workers who view porn on the job or for funding science at the full, \$85 billion level. Scared Democrats voted for the anti-porn provision, prompting the House leadership to pull the bill. On Wednesday, a second attempt to pass the bill failed, even though Democrats had agreed to the anti-porn measure and to curtail the reauthorization period to three years instead of five, slashing its costs.

Such election-year posturing is mild mischief compared with what's happening across the Potomac. In Virginia, a scientist's ethics and motives are under attack. Among the researchers NSF has supported over the years is Michael Mann, a climate scientist at Penn State University who formerly was on the University of Virginia fac-



ulty. Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II, who does not believe human activity causes climate change, is using the power of the state to investigate whether Mann used fraudulent data in seeking grants and conducting his research into climate change.

Cuccinelli is following up on "climate-gate." Last November, hackers broke into the electronic files of the Climatic Research Center in England and posted private emails from scientists engaged in research, including Mann. Some e-mails scorned climate-change skeptics and others were frank discussions about global warming research. Critics said the e-mails proved that the scientists were cooking their data to make it appear that humans were responsible for global warming. The scientists said the messages were taken out of context and were just honest exchanges.

Faking data is an extremely serious charge, and the British House of Commons' Science and Technology Committee, Penn State and other scientific groups have looked into "climate-gate." All have exonerated the scientists, including Mann. The findings from these and other investigations of Mann over the years have failed to satisfy critics; they always claim a whitewash.

To go after Mann, Cuccinelli is using a state law aimed at cracking down on contractors who provide false invoices to bilk the state. He has issued the equivalent of a subpoena, asking the University of Virginia to turn over a huge collection of Mann's e-mails, notes and other documents relating to five grants he had there from 1999 to 2005. Two were NSF grants, two were from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and one was a university Excellence in Science and Technology grant.

The university has engaged legal counsel. An array of prestigious, national scientific groups and more than 800 scientists and academics in Virginia have written Cuccinelli to protest his fishing expedition. So far, Cuccinelli has dug in his heels. In a statement Wednesday on the Mann matter, Cuccinelli declared, "This is about rooting out possible fraud and not about infringing upon academic freedom." The university has until July 26 to turn over Mann's notes and e-mails.

Sixty years ago, politicians had the wisdom to set science apart from politics. Now more than ever, politicians should set politics apart from science -- and let scientists be scientists.

Marsha Mercer writes from Washington. You may contact her at marsha.mercer@yahoo.com.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

ZEBRA Environmental – a leader in Direct Push, Direct Sensing and Drilling Technologies is seeking a Branch Manager for our Mid-Atlantic office currently located in Raleigh, NC. Strong communication skills, industry experience and business development skills are required. The position will include the management of direct push, direct-sensing & drilling field crews and further expansion of our client base. ZEBRA has been providing DPT & Drilling services to consulting firms on the East Coast since 1992. Since then we have completed thousands of projects involving the widest range of work scopes possible using DPT equipment.

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## GeoCorps America Fall Winter Positions available – deadline July 2, 2010

Through the GeoCorps America Program, GSA places all levels of geoscientists — college students, professionals, and retirees — in temporary positions with the National Parks Service, BLM, and the USDA Forest Service. Land managers send position descriptions to GSA, GSA posts the positions and recruits applicants through the GSA web site, a committee screens applicants for those who qualify, and supervisors interview top candidates by phone and make the final selection. Participants receive a living stipend and on-site housing (or housing allowance) during their geoscience project assignment. The Fall-Winter positions are now available for applications. Applications close 2 July 2010.

Follow the link to see: How to Apply Information http://www.geosociety.org/geocorps/apply.htm

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## NC Geological Survey Map Resease

The North Carolina Geological Survey has released an online map viewer for the Buncombe County Landslide Hazard Maps. View and utilize the maps at http://wfs.enr.state.nc.us/fist/fistMain.php? site=Buncombe Landslide Mapviewer.

### **Schnabel Announcements**

Schnabel Engineering is pleased to announce that Dr. Carlos A. Lazarte, PE, GE (Geotechnical Engineer, California) has joined Schnabel's Gaithersburg, Maryland, office as a Senior Associate. Dr. Lazarte will be responsible for providing regional offices with senior technical and project management support, as well as contributing to business opportunities. Dr. Lazarte brings over 22 years of broad professional experience that includes, among various specialty areas, foundation engineering, soft ground engineering, retaining structures, assessment and design in geotechnical earthquake engineering, solid waste, and dam engineering.

Recently, Dr. Lazarte has held leadership roles in the preparation of geotechnical engineering design manuals for various government agencies at all levels, including Federal (e.g., Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and the National Cooperative Highway Research Program [NCHRP]) and State Agencies (e.g., Maryland Engineering Service) in the topics of soil nail walls, Continuous Flight Auger (CFA) piles, lateral loads on piles, LRFD applications for retaining structures, and geotechnical applications of scrap tires. His previous consulting experience includes Woodward Clyde, URS, and Geosyntec Consultants.

Dr. Lazarte holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the National University of Tucuman, Argentina, a master's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University, and a PhD degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a registered Professional Engineer in various states and a Geotechnical Engineer in California. Dr. Lazarte has authored numerous technical publications in most of his engineering practices.

## Schnabel Exhibiting and Sponsoring at AEG 2010

Schnabel is a sponsor of the Exhibitors' Luncheon at AEG 2020 in Charleston, and will also be exhibiting at Booth #4. Twelve of their personnel will be attending and giving technical talks. See the technical program in the upcoming issue of AEG News, Program with Abstracts.

## **AEG Announcements for May 2010**

1. 2010 Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina; September 20-25. The registration forms are now available. Also, the new deadline for submittal of

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abstracts is April 15th, 2010. Click here for details of Technical Sessions, Symposia, Field Trips, Short Courses and Social Events.

- 2. E-publishing update. The Journal of Environmental & Engineering Geoscience will be available to Members electronically soon. Look for more details in the coming month. Also, the Editors of the Journal want your technical papers and peer-reviewed articles for publication! Please contact Abdul Shakoor if you need more information.
- 3. Student Members. Student Members are now eligible for complimentary AEG Membership for 2011. The Student Member does not receive paper copies of the publications, but they will be available electronically.
- 4. The 2010 Mid Year Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting was just held on May 1st and 2nd in St. Louis, Missouri. Please look for a summary report of the BOD Meeting on page 20 of this issue of GeoNews, and one of the next issues of AEG NEWS.
- 5. American Geological Institute (AGI) Congressional Visit Days (CVDs) are September 21 & 22, 2010. AEG encourages Members and other geoscience professionals to attend one of the scheduled CVDs and talk to our elected officials about the importance of engineering geology. See the article on page 23 of this issue for information on how to participate.
- 6. AEG Announces new Advertising/ Sponsorship/Exhibitor Packages. Our standard advertising-sponsorship & meeting exhibitor plans and rates are still valid. However, in an attempt to bundle some or all of the various opportunities, we have created different levels

for our vendors and potential vendors who for instance may run a full page ad in the AEG NEWS and exhibit at an Annual Meeting. See page 3 of your March AEG NEWS or contact AEG Headquarters for more information. More information is on page 10 of this issue.

## EBJ Honors Outstanding Environmental Firms with 2009 Business Achievement: Technology Merit Award

EOS Remediation is a winner of an Environmental Business Journal 2009 Business Achievement Award! The Technology Merit Award was granted for successful commercialization of EASTM, a sulfate-enhanced technology for in situ remediation of contaminated groundwater. The conventional wisdom for remediation of aquifers contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs) is to add oxygen. A recent EPA / British Petroleum study, however, concluded that most hydrocarbon plumes are anaerobic and depleted of sulfate and, therefore, adding oxygen is disadvantageous. Other studies have drawn comparable conclusions. EAS<sup>TM</sup> is an anaerobic degradation process (U.S. Patent No. 7,138,060) that facilitates natural attenuation of PHCs in the subsurface. Anaerobic degradation, mediated by terminal electron acceptors including nitrate, sulfate, and iron, is now firmly established and is considered to be the dominant driving force in the natural attenuation of PHCs in the subsurface.

EAS<sup>TM</sup> (Electron Acceptor Solution) stimulates biodegradation by providing a soluble, readily available electron acceptor. In the presence of elevated sulfate, anaerobic groundwater bacteria use the PHCs for carbon and energy while mineralizing the hydrocarbons to carbon dioxide and water. EAS<sup>TM</sup> enhances natural conditions and reduces the carbon footprint when compared to conventional remediation.

For more information on EOS Remediation, please call 919.873.2204 or visit www.eosremediation.com.

## **Enviro-Equipment, Inc and OxyGreen Corporation Announce Manufacturing Agreement for OxyGreen Cells and Control Panels**

OxyGreen Corporation, an engineering technology company focused on naturally oxygenating and remediating ground-water contamination quickly and cost effectively, awarded Enviro-Equipment, Inc, a provider of environmental monitoring and remediation equipment, an

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exclusive contract to manufacture the newest generation of OxyGreen Corporation's patented cells and systems controls. The contract includes software developed by Enviro-Equipment to monitor and control the OxyGreen system. The OxyGreen system is a proven, patented, green bioremediation technology that cleans soil and groundwater impacted by petrochemicals. "By recirculating large areas of oxygenated groundwater around a vertical well we are able to clean via enhanced bioremediation in any type of soil at a fraction of the current cost and time. We are able to remediate not only to Federal standards, but to further reduce contaminates to the most stringent State standards," states Ed McLaughlin, Chairman of OxyGreen Corporation. "Finding Enviro-Equipment was a big deal for us", states McLaughlin. "Not only are they a UL certified control panel manufacturer, but they also have dozens of remediation systems on trailers in their rental fleet which will allow us to target heavily contaminated sites that require aggressive action prior to the use of the Oxy-Green technology to reduce the last remnants of contamination."

According to EEI Vice President Brian E. Chew, Sr. P.G., "We are very excited about this opportunity. The exclusive contract to manufacture OxyGreen cells and controls is a great addition in our Remediation Division.

The OxyGreen system will be instrumental in helping us deliver lower cost solutions for remediation of contaminated groundwater."

OxyGreen Corporation is an engineering technology company that produces U.S. patented in situ groundwater remediation products. It's a 100% permanently and totally disabled combat veteran owned business. The Chairman, Ed McLaughlin, has a clear and simple mission, "I feel that by cleaning God's earth and water I am doing his will." To learn more about Oxygreen Corporation, visit the company's website [http://www.oxygreen.net] or call 973-967-0329.

Enviro-Equipment, Inc., a woman-owned small business founded in 1993, rents, sells, and manufactures environmental monitoring equipment used for pollution control, ground-water remediation, water and wastewater treatment, safety and industrial hygiene, and environmental assessment. The Charlotte, NC facility also offers environmental sampling supplies, safety products, equipment repair, and training. Enviro-Equipment's customers include colleges and universities, government agencies, industry, and environmental consultants in the ground-water hydrology and industrial hygiene fields. To learn more, visit the company's website [http://www.enviroequipment.com] or call 888-274-8929.

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## CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING AEG SECTION ELECTIONS

Candidates for the 2010-2011 AEG Carolinas Board are presented below. If you are a member in good standing with our AEG section, you will receive your ballot in the mail. Below are the candidates running for offices this year, but other candidates may still be proposed by members; we are accepting nominations until the meeting in Asheville, Friday August 13. Please send your nominations to Section Chair Paul Weaver at pweaver@kleinfelder.com. When you receive your ballots in the mail, please mark them and mail them to Kristen Lloyd, G.I.T., Staff Geologist, MACTEC, Inc., 7347-E West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410

Section Chair (not voted on this year): Paul Weaver, L.G., Kleinfelder. Paul Weaver is the current Section Chair, and is a Licensed Geologist in both North Carolina and South Carolina. The Section Chair is a two-year term now, so we will not be voting for a new Chair until next year. Paul will be starting the second year of his two year term in September. He has been an AEG member for over eight years. He earned his geology degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1981. Paul is currently the Manager of the Transportation/Drilling department of Kleinfelder in Greensboro, North Carolina. Paul resides in Greensboro with his wife and 12-year old son. In his free time, he enjoys wood working and performing in theatre.

Vice Chair: Brad Worley, L.G., the current AEG Carolinas Vice-Chair, is with NCDOT Geotechnical Engineering Unit. Brad graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology in 1995 from University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He then entered graduate school at UNC Wilmington, finishing in 2000 with a master's degree in geology. Brad's main emphasis during graduate school was metamorphic petrology/petrography and kinematics in metamorphic terrains. His master's research in the eastern Blue Ridge involved an in-depth and updated study of the deformational history of the Brevard Fault Zone, near the type locality of Brevard, N.C. In May of 2000, Brad began working for the NCDOT Geotechnical Unit, in the Raleigh Field Office, as a field geologist. In September of 2002, he moved to the Geotechnical Unit's Consultant Coordination Unit where he currently works as a Project Geological Engineer. Brad is a licensed geologist in North Carolina. He resides in Pine Level, N.C., and spends most of his time away from work with his 13-year old daughter.

Secretary: Alex Rutledge, L.G., E.I.T, Schnabel Engineering. Alex graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology in 2002 from West Virginia University, a master's degree in geophysics in 2004 from the University of Kentucky, and a master's degree in geotechnical engineering in 2006 from Virginia Tech. Alex's professional experience has been primarily related to dams, including

work on various dam inspections, rehabilitation projects, and new dam designs. Alex is a licensed geologist in the state of North Carolina and an Engineer in Training in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He currently works as a Project Geologist/Engineer with Schnabel Engineering in Greensboro. Alex is serving as Moderator Chair for the 2010 National AEG meeting in Charleston, SC.

Treasurer: Dave Duncklee, L.G., Duncklee & Dunham, PC. Dave is the president/senior hydrogeologist of the firm and has worked as an environmental consultant for 25 years. He has served the Ground Water Professionals of North Carolina as President, and has assisted on committees with the NGWA and the ITRC. Dave is the current Treasurer of AEG Carolinas Section and also cochairs the short course committee for the upcoming AEG National Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Dave is a licensed geologist in North Carolina and Georgia, holds a BS in Geology from North Carolina State University, has performed graduate level work in geophysics there, and has an AAS degree in Business Data Processing from Wake Technical College

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(AIPG), and the American Society of Civil Engineers – GeoInstitute (ASCE-GI). A decision was reached by AEG and the ASCE-GI to work on revising the document with input from other geosciences organizations such as ASFE and ARMA. AIPG was not interested in furthering the revision process and will not take part in the joint document. No firm revision process or schedule has been jointly determined at this time.

- The BOD approved changes to the By-Laws and Policies. The By-Law changes were proposed to improve consistency and bring AEG in compliance with the new California Non-Profit legislation, enacted in early 2010.
- Peter Thams discussed the status of the California Association of Professional Geologists (CAPG) attempts to reinstate the California Board of Geologists and Geophysicists (CABGG). At this point, there appears little can be done to restore the CABGG by means of injunction or lawsuit. Future efforts will focus on passing new legislation that would create a new Licensing Board.
- The BOD approved complimentary memberships to students, beginning in 2011.
- Treasurer Bauer presented the initial priorities for the 2011 budget. Planning will begin this month and the Final 2011 Budget will be presented for BOD approval at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided herein, please contact your Section Chairperson, an Executive Council member, or COO Roland.

## **TECHNICAL SECTION**

## **GBE BARRIER AT JEMEZ CANYON DAM, NM**

By Frank Amend, Geobrugg Protection Systems

In late December 2009, the first GBE rockfall protection barrier in North America was installed at Jemez Canyon Dam, along a utility road. The dam is located in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The installing contractor was Groundhog Excavating, Inc. of Albuquerque, NM. Design and construction were supervised by USACE, Al-

buquerque District. The project was a 400 ft barrier, with 10 ft height and 40 ft post spacing.

Groundhog Excavating, a first time installing contractor, liked the relative ease of installation of this 1000 kJ barrier. The modular design and light-weight components allowed for a rapid installation. The fullyinstalled barrier took 8 days to construct.

An installation demonstration video is posted on YouTube under the title: Geobrugg GBE rockfall barrier (time:1:42). The demo barrier was installed in one hour by 5 guys.

GBE barriers are the first and only of any manufactured barriers that have been awarded the European Technical Approval certificate and earned the coveted CE Marking (European Certificate of Conformance). The stringent tests were passed by the 500 kJ and 1000 kJ barriers. The larger energy rating barriers of 2000 and 3000 kJ are currently in progress for this same approval.

Frank Amend is Southeast USA Regional Manager, Geobrugg Protection Systems. He may be reached at frank@geobrugg.com.

Photo 1: The light-weight HEA profile posts are unique in barrier construction, designed specifically to interconnect with the other barrier hardware.

*Photo 2: The mesh panels are ready to pull open. The* support ropes are pulled through the folded mesh panels and then tensioned. The opened mesh panels are then quickly and easily connected with shackles.



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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2010**

## Geological Events in the Carolinas

Courtesy of AEG Carolinas Section – <a href="www.aegcarolinas.org">www.aegcarolinas.org</a>. Last updated June 16, 2010
Send updates/corrections to Rick Kolb, MACTEC, <a href="rkolb0915@aol.com">rkolb0915@aol.com</a>.

Meeting Date, Time, and Location are Subject to Change – Please Verify Prior to the Meeting

## Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month)

Event: Engineers Without Borders monthly meeting, Research Triangle Park Professional Chapter

Location: 6:30-8:30 PM at the offices of Camp Dresser & McKee; 5400 Glenwood Avenue; Raleigh NC

Contact: Bill Buckner, Chapter President, wbuckner@nc.rr.com

Date: July 12-16, 2010

Event: The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology

Course

Location: Orlando, Florida

Contact: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.; www.princeton-groundwater.com; (813) 964-0800

## Date: Thursday, July 15, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month)

Event: South Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals monthly meeting Location: 6:30 PM at Edens and Avant, 1221 Main Street; Columbia, North Carolina

Contact: Deborah Langley, J deborah.langley@pacelabs.com

Est PDH: Unknown **Date: July 25, 2010** 

Event: Review Course for the ASBOG® geology licensing exam

Location: Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact: regreview@aol.com;

telephone - Lisa Dirth at 603-714-4841 SEE article on page 20 for more details

Date: July 26-30, 2010

Event: The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology Course

Location: San Francisco, California Contact: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.; www.princeton-groundwater.com;

(813) 964-0800

Date: August 2-4, 2010

Event: Understanding Migration, Assessment, and Remediation of Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (short course #311)

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Contact: National Ground Water Association;

www.ngwa.org; (800) 551-7379

## Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month)

Event: Engineers Without Borders monthly meeting, Research Triangle Park Professional Chapter

Location: 6:30-8:30 PM at the offices of Camp Dresser & McKee; 5400 Glenwood Avenue; Raleigh

Contact: Bill Buckner, Chapter President, wbuckner@nc.rr.com

## Date: August 12, 2010 (meetings are held quarterly at Upton Associates in Raleigh)

Event: Meeting of the North Carolina Board for the Licensing of Geologists

Location: 9:00 at Upton Associates; 3733 Benson Drive; Raleigh, North Carolina

Contact: Barbara Geiger, <a href="mailto:ncblg@bellsouth.net">ncblg@bellsouth.net</a>; (919) 850-9669

## Date: Friday, August 13, 2010

Event: Joint Meeting of the AEG Carolinas Section and the Western Branch, North Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

Speaker: Shane Clark and Jody Kuhne, North Carolina Geological Survey; Asheville, North Carolina

Topic: I-40 Rockslide of October 2009 Location: 6:00-9:00 PM; Asiana Grand Buffet; 1968 Hendersonville Road; Asheville, NC Contact: Kristen Lloyd, khlloyd@mactec.com Est PDH—1

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## Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month)

Event: South Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals monthly meeting Location: 6:30 PM at Edens and Avant, 1221 Main Street; Columbia, North Carolina Contact: Deborah Langley,

deborah.langley@pacelabs.com

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Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month)

Event: Engineers Without Borders monthly meeting, Research Triangle Park Professional

Location: 6:30-8:30 PM at the offices of Camp Dresser & McKee; 5400 Glenwood Avenue;

Raleigh

Contact: Bill Buckner, Chapter President, wbuckner@nc.rr.com

Date: September 13 and 14, 2010

Event: Applications of Groundwater Geochemis-

try (#485) (short course #485) Location: San Antonio, Texas

Contact: National Ground Water Association;

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Date: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 (meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of the month)

Event: South Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals monthly meeting Location: 6:30 PM at Edens and Avant, 1221 Main Street; Columbia, North Carolina

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Est. PDH—Unknown

**Date: September 21-22, 2010** 

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ters; Washington, D.C.

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**Date: September 17-19, 2010** 

Event: Carolina Geological Society Annual Meet-

ing and Field Trip

Location: Charleston, South Carolina Contact: Details available in June at www.carolinageologicalsociety.org

Date: September 20-25, 2010

Event: AEG Annual Meeting

Location: Francis Marion Hotel; Charleston,

South Carolina

Contact: Briget Doyle; doyleb@cofc.edu

Est. PDH: Not yet established

**Date: October 5-8, 2010** 

Event: The New MODFLOW Course: Theory and Hands-on Applications (short course #259)

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www.ngwa.org; (800) 551-7379

Date: October 25-29, 2010

Event: The Remediation Course Location: Orlando, Florida

Contact: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.; www.princeton-groundwater.com;

(813) 964-0800

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