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Message From the Chair

By Jonathan Gerst, Former AEG Carolinas Chapter Chair, April 2025

The Scales Tip When a Broken Neck Leads to an Early Farewell

In mid-March 2025 and at age 42, I broke my neck while biking with my 8 and 10 Y.O. sons at Croft Park in Spartanburg, SC (dang roots!). In managing the subsequent tumult of several health and financial challenges, I've made the tough decision to step down early from my role as AEG Carolinas Chair for the 2025-2026 cycle. While I will continue to support AEG in a limited capacity, the hefty demands on AEG volunteers will persist. Thus, in a volunteer recruiting effort and an attempt to help others better understand the value proposition possible through volunteerism with AEG, I think it's important to reflect on my history and the pros of volunteering for AEG.

Following my 2019 presentation on McClure's Bog work that I delivered at the AEG chapter meeting in Greensboro, NC, I was asked to join the AEG Carolinas board of directors. I accepted the nomination in hopes that involvement with AEG would improve my professional knowledge base (which it has) and develop work opportunities for my private practice, Peak Hydrogeologic, PLLC (verdict is still out on that). I've served as AEG Carolinas secretary (2021-2022), vice chair (2022-2024), and chair (2025-present). Some things I'm proud to have accomplished through volunteerism on the AEG board include: 1- transitioning the board to use a data tracking system for email communications (to cope with the horrible SPAM bounce rate from previous Gmail use for mass emails), 2- coordinating numerous chapter meetings/socials in western NC and upstate SC, 3- visiting professional itinerary preparation, 4-

reviewing/selecting scholarship applicants, 5- coordinating field trips, 6- financially sponsoring AEG, and 7 - authoring several documents for AEG (e.g., letters to representatives, meeting announcements/flyers, roles/responsibilities for board members, internal guidance documents, meeting minutes, newsletter articles, and drafting/responding to emails with members, the AEG Carolinas/SE Region/National and other partnering organizations).

Some will say that what you get out of volunteerism is equal to what you put into it. It ought to be, but the proof is in the pudding. Here's some AEG pros I've observed: 1- network with other professionals, 2 - earn continuing education credits, 3- help students get into a geosciences career via field camp scholarships and free meals at chapter meetings, 4- the ability to meet prospective employers/employees, and 5 - fun/interesting field courses. There's real value in these benefits, and so I hope you'll rise to the challenge of the moment by pursuing a supportive role on the AEG Carolinas Board. It's a great challenge for the right people.

Cordially,

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AEG Carolinas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

January 27, 2025

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

1. Call to Order— January 27, 2025; 12:35 called to order by JG

2. Roll Call – Jonathan Gerst - JG, Laura Elliott - LE, Erin Greene - EG, Walt Plekan - WP, Paul Weaver - PW, Jennifer Thomas - JT, Colleen Ranieri - CR, Meredith Ambrose - MA

3. Carolinas Chapter Finances (Walt) — Review of current chapter finances.

A) Checking \$869.07 // Savings \$13,241.14 // PayPal \$2,631.71

B) Need to provide new sponsor information and some additional money to Brad Iles for costs. Additionally, account summaries for the 4th quarter have not been submitted to National yet

National Meeting Sponsorship discussion & vote?

JG - Email exchange regarding this possibility in NOV, and how much to contribute to the National Meeting with initial lukewarm reception, then a few folks suggested sponsorship and consideration of past contributions.

WP - confirmed budget for this, limit to \$250-300

JG - Motion to allocate \$300 of the AEG Carolinas Chapter budget for sponsorship of the AEG National Meeting.

JT - Traditionally sponsor a coffee break and in favor of that

All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

PW provided direct contact information for Heather Clark

C) All refunds processed from cancellation of Asheville meeting and Chimney Rock field trip?

Yes - still getting money back from PayPal to finalize the canceled Asheville meeting

Needing checks/ money returned from people who were accidentally reimbursed for the Greensboro before we finalize payback for the canceled Asheville meeting

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AEG Carolinas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting, Cont.

January 27, 2025

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

Question: Was somebody actively seeking sponsorships/ contributions, or did they renew sponsorship on their own?

CR - sent out an email to Sponsors on Monday, but can't see their responses. Request help with that information to confirm who has paid sponsorship dues.

4. Upcoming Meetings and Socials

A) Charlotte- 2/13/25 chapter meeting. Erin update and support needs?

update on meeting, menu, check card reader, etc -

EG - Card reader and brochures received. Will plan and submit menu by this Thursday (1/30). Looking for any helpful advice

Two people at the registration table, JG will be there,

Status of venue deposit? WP reimbursed Rick \$500 for down payment.

B) Asheville- 3/13/25 JT and Jennifer Bauer update and support needs? Flyer?

JT - correct date. JG, is the flyer/ picture up to date? JT - will send the document out when ready

JT - Unsure of the venue deposit status, in light of Helene and cleanup/ recovery efforts. Venue confirmed new date, and did not ask for additional deposit, but JT will confirm nothing else is needed.

C) Raleigh- 4/10/25 venue? Colleen update and support needs? Flyer?

CR - responded to Tobacco Road brewing, they'll need a deposit, bev minimum \$1200, food \$20-30 plate/person

MA - what are general experiences with getting the venue \$\$? WP - Chapter meetings generally end up costing more than we take in. Field trips and sponsors offset that financial loss. EG offered drink ticket info from Charlotte meeting. MA asked about increasing the price. PW-one area of loss is students eat free

LE - agrees with increasing prices and offering sponsors an option to cover drink/ dinner.

CR - discussions with Rick about how sponsors may be present

Walt- Would this be a blanket price increase or are there price differences according to region? Have not looked into this data/ cost comparison.

General consensus to emphasize that increasing meeting attendance costs will increase opportunities to support student membership/ involvement

JG - Motion to increase to the pre-registration costs for attending AEG Carolinas Chapter meetings to the following:

AEG or ASCE Member \$40 // Non-Members \$50 // Educators & public-sector employees \$25

Students to remain free with college ID // Registration/ payment at the door to remain \$5.00 more

Price increase to take effect following the April 2025 meeting. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

AEG Carolinas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting, Cont.

January 27, 2025

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

Following discussion regarding sponsorship -

Modify/ update the flyer format for meetings to include a method for sponsors to contact AEG if they are willing to sponsor drink tickets or some portion of the dinner, and reminder of benefits for sponsorships (table 1 time per year, write-up, etc) - JG will prepare the information and send to board for review

Paul recommended making sure we keep up with the sponsors ½ page advertisement

EG - is this a motion or just a discussion? JG - may be information for folks that have not renewed

D) Greenville- Jonathan planning with SCAEP and Synterra. Summer or Fall 2025

JG - thinks this meeting would be a great opportunity to co-host and cross-sell, review the meeting format/ approach.

5. Field Course Committee (Rick)

A) Lake Marion/Moultrie Santee Cooper Hydro Fieldtrip (dam tour and kayak trail) with SCAEP; Chair of SCAEP is with Santee - need to schedule when the dam is open for tours. JG open to promote the meeting, kayak tour, etc

B) Other ideas? Contacts?

C) New committee chair to relieve Rick?



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AEG Carolinas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting, Cont.**January 27, 2025***By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary***6. GEO Newsletter (Meredith and Colleen)**

A) Rick stated we are past 1/21/25 internal deadline...

B) JG - MA & CR - always open to content, still waiting on message from Chair, JG owes flyer,

Outstanding: Message from the chair. Others?

C) Additional interesting content from board and members?

7. Membership Committee (Meredith)

A) Erin has updated email listserv with new Q4 contacts

B) Can everyone who hasn't already (thanks Rick) please reach out to at least 2-3 personal contacts that are non-renewals to request they renew and provide feedback for improvement?

C) Other updates from Meredith? — MA asked for an updated non-renewal members list

8. Social Media Committee (Adam)

A) Facebook? LinkedIn?

B) Partner cross-posting requests?

9. Sponsorship Committee (Colleen)

A) Colleen has sent sponsorship renewal requests. Thank you! Updates?

B) Rick- what is AEG BOD and Chair benefit RE: free advertising and sponsorship?

10. Student Liason & Visiting Professional Committee (vacant)

A) Visiting Professionals

B) Outstanding tasks?

11. Volunteer needs:

A) Student Liaison

B) Field Trip Chair

C) Others?

12. AEG National support needs**13. Other business**

February Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

On February 13, 2025, the Carolinas Chapter welcomed Patrick Gannon, P.G. to Charlotte, for our first Quarterly Chapter Dinner Meeting at Olde Mecklenburg Brewery in Charlotte, NC. Patrick flew all the way down from an icy Syracuse, New York (I didn't ask how his arms were), only to be met with rainy and over-cast weather typical of winter in the North Carolina piedmont. Patrick is a Geologist at EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. PBC, where he serves as a project manager for site characterization and remediation projects, as well as being a subject matter expert, concerning the fate and transport of contaminants in fractured bedrock systems. An astounding 70 people attended to network and listen to Patrick give a presentation on "A Tale of Two Discrete Fractured Networks: CVOC Impacted Bedrock Aquifers in Upstate New York." His talk was well-received and gave many folks new insights to the methodologies involved with contaminant fate and transport. Patrick is welcome back to The Old North State any time, and I think he'd take us up on that!



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February Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

Of our 70 attendees (we outgrew the reservation and spilled onto the patio and an adjacent room!), 34 students from Appalachian State, UNC Chapel Hill, and UNC Charlotte came to meet outstanding professionals in the environmental field, and began to make connections for their future. Representatives from Enviro-Equipment and M&W Drilling were gracious drink sponsors, and had display tables with company information and giveaways. The Winter meeting was a rousing success, with many thanks to the staff and management at Olde Meck, our sponsors, Board Members and Chairs, and all our members.



February Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary





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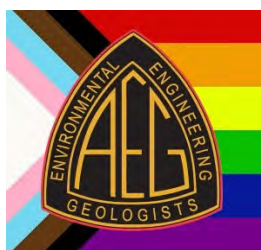
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Carolinas Chapter

Field Course to Explore the Geology of the Deep River Rail Trail in Franklinville, North Carolina

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 10:00 AM to ~2:00 PM

Field Course Leader: Phil Bradley- North Carolina Geological Survey

Event: Exploring the Geology of the Deep River Rail Trail in Franklinville, NC

Details: Geological hike along a portion of the Deep River Rail Trail in Franklinville, NC. We will “island hop” from rocks of the Hyco volcanic island arc to rocks associated with the Albemarle volcanic island arc. Lunch while on the trail – bring your own in a backpack with water. The hike is approximately 3 miles round-trip.

Location: Meet at the Deep River Trail parking lot off Andrew Hunter Road in Franklinville, NC. There is limited parking – please try to carpool: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LdVuVvuPb7Rotp9V7>

Cost: \$15 for AEG members and teacher members; \$25 for non-members; free for student members of AEG

Registration: Register online at www.aegcarolinas.org/news. **Reservation deadline: 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

Field Trip Waiver: Please sign/date and return field trip waiver to Rick Kolb at rick.kolb1@gmail.com by April 30th or bring it with you to the field trip.

Continuing Education Credits: 4 hours for North and South Carolina geology boards

Background: The field trip will be a 3-mile hike along the well-maintained Deep River Rail Trail. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the starting point (we encourage car-pooling) and for their own lunch. Bring a backpack for your lunch and water. After coffee and doughnuts from Dunkin' (as usual; AEG will provide), the hike includes crossing the Deep River on a pedestrian bridge and visiting Faith Rock (a local landmark). Participants will then turn around, re-cross the river and follow the river toward the east, passing historic industrial buildings, while stopping at outcrops along the way. The last outcrop of interest is approximately 1.7 miles from the starting point. Participants will then walk back at their own pace. Total walking distance approximately 3 miles of easy walking.

Field Trip Description: The hike will visit several outcrops of rock associated with the ca. 630-615 ma Hyco Formation of the Hyco arc and transition into younger rocks associated with the ca. 550-530 ma Albemarle arc. Along the way, we will discuss the findings from recent NC Geological Survey mapping and age-date work in the area.

Post-Field-Course Final Stop: For those interested, we will stop after the field course at the Thirsty Skull Brewery in Siler City, 17 miles east of Franklinville, for adult beverages. The Field Trip Chair will attest to beer quality and venue ambience. <https://www.thirstyskullbrewing.com/>

Links:

Deep River Trail Info: <https://franklinvillenc.org/about-franklinville/deep-river-rail-trail/>

<https://trails.nc.gov/state-trails/deep-river-state-trail>

<https://www.visitnc.com/story/ZTaG/deep-river-rail-trail-and-more-near-franklinville-and-ramseur-north-carolina>



March Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting

By Jennifer Thomas, Past Carolinas Chapter Chair

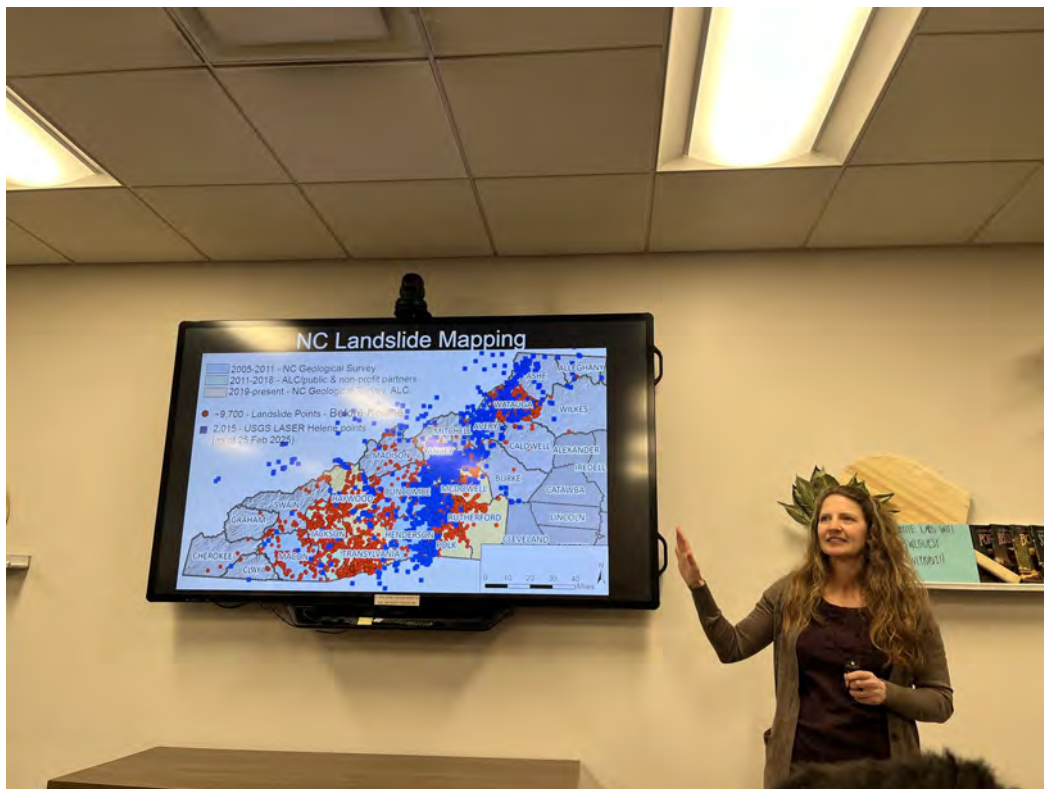
On March 13, we gathered in Asheville at White Labs. It was a beautiful spring evening and we took advantage of the outdoor space available for social and networking time before most of us moved inside for pizza. White Labs doesn't have a bar upstairs at the meeting room but the staff did a great job of delivering drink orders promptly. I enjoyed catching up with everyone at the entrance table in between signing in attendees.

The meeting was originally scheduled on September 26 but did not take place. Western NC residents will remember what happened instead for a long time. Jennifer Bauer gave a presentation about Hurricane Helene and the resulting landslides in the region, complete with some very dramatic pictures. The talk included the role of the National Weather Service and NOAA in warning the public of dangerous weather since landslides are often triggered by large rain events. The topic was of interest to many and the re-scheduled meeting was well attended.



March Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Jennifer Thomas, Past Carolinas Chapter Chair

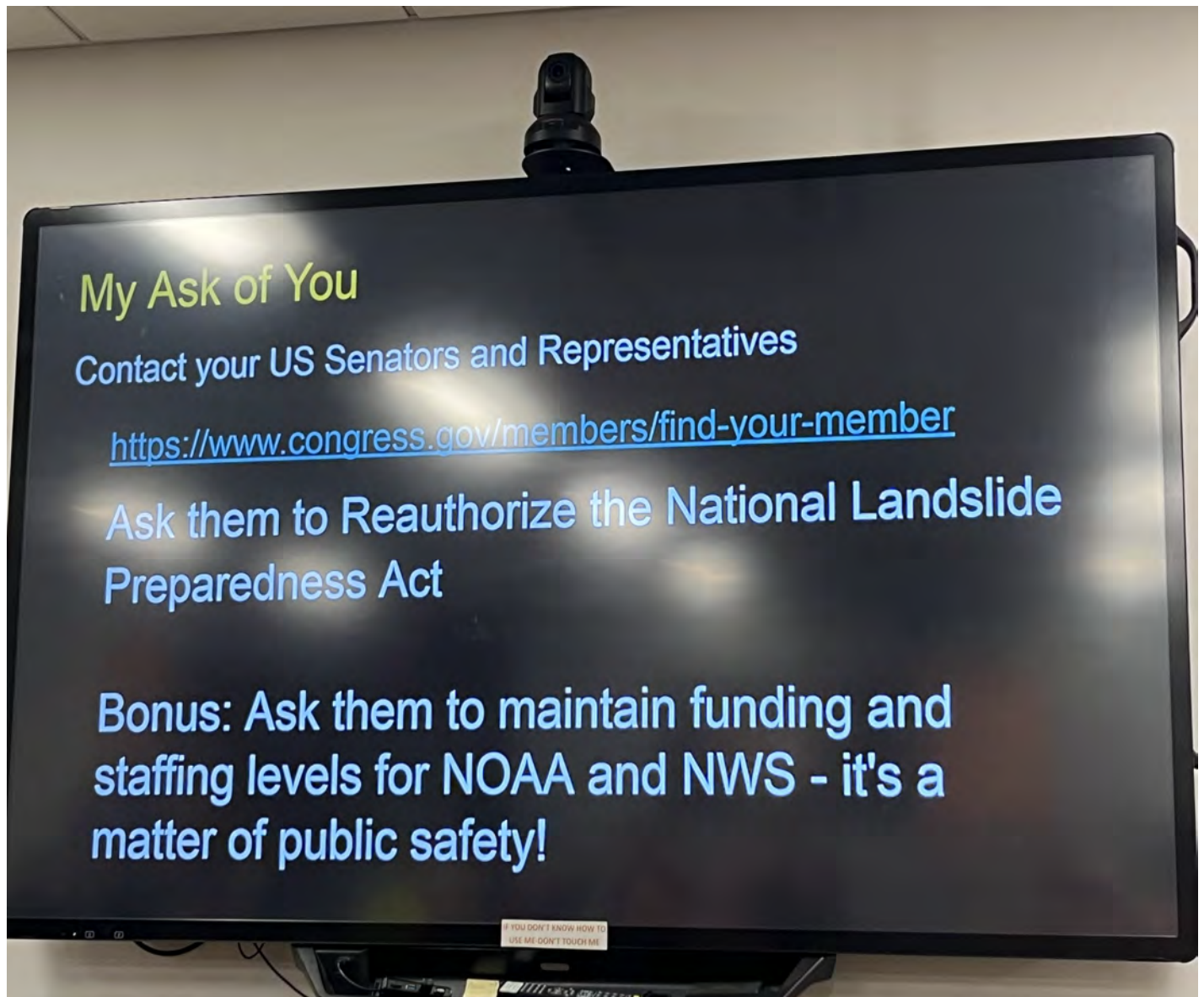


March Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Jennifer Thomas, Past Carolinas Chapter Chair

At the end of her presentation, Jennifer urged the attendees to contact your US senators and representatives to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act. If you're interested in doing so, please visit <http://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Bonus: Ask them to maintain funding and staffing levels for NOAA and NWS — it's a matter of public safety!





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Jahns Lecturer Dr. John Kemeny Visits to North Carolina and April Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting

By Rick Kolb and Meredith Ambrose

The Jahns Lecturer is supported by AEG and the Engineering Geology Division of GSA. Each year, AEG and GSA select a new lecturer, who tours the country, giving talks on their specialty(ies) to the geologic community and at universities. The primary objective of the Jahns Lecturer is “to present an annual series of lectures at academic institutions in order to increase awareness of students about careers in Engineering Geology.” The Carolinas Chapter began hosting the Jahns Lecturer in 2007, when we arranged John Moylan’s presentation to the MEAS department at NC State University and a presentation at our chapter meeting in Raleigh. Our chapter has now hosted twelve lecturers, with one or more presentations at every college/university (and Wake Tech) in North and South Carolina, with Dr. Kemeny being the latest. Typically, we arrange a week of presentations at schools in North and South Carolina, and schedule the week to include a presentation at a chapter meeting.

This year, Dr. Kemeny made presentations at the University of Florida in Gainesville, the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, and Florida International University in Miami the week before he flew up to Charlotte. His flights east to Florida encountered some weather/closed airports, so he missed his connecting flight to Tallahassee and was unable to make his scheduled presentation at the start of his tour at Florida State University. John presented at UNC-Charlotte on April 7, Wake Tech on April 8 (side note - Wake Tech has AEG’s only student chapter at a community college), ECU on April 9, NC State on April 10, and UNC-Chapel Hill on April 11. After two weeks on the road, John returned home to Tucson on April 12 as scheduled, unlike his flights east.



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Jahns Lecturer Dr. John Kemeny Visits to North Carolina and April Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Rick Kolb and Meredith Ambrose

John was also the guest speaker at our Raleigh chapter meeting Tobacco Road on the evening of April 10. We had about 40 people attend our Raleigh meeting, with about 10 of those being students from Wake Tech Community College, Appalachian State University, and UNC at Chapel Hill. A big thank you to Andrew Harris with **Waypoint Analytical** for being our drink sponsor for the meeting!! After socializing for a while, we all sat down to a delicious dinner and enjoyed a cake the Carolinas Chapter bought to celebrate.



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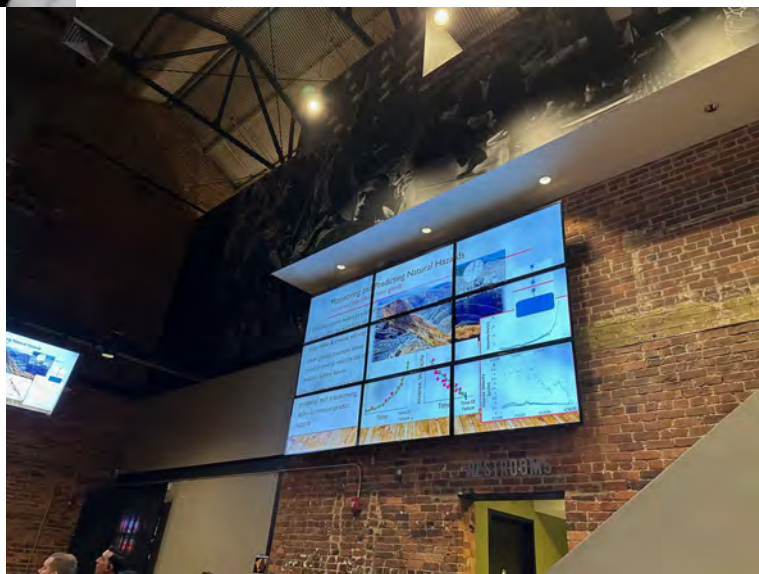
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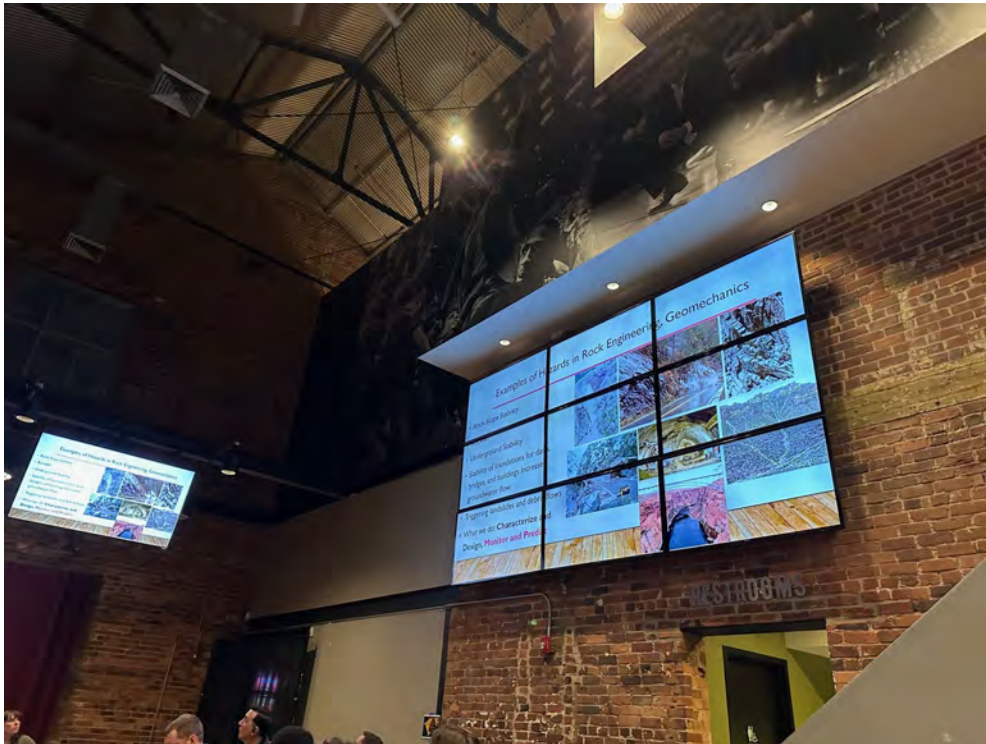
Unfortunately there were some technical issues in our rented space, so John was able to give his presentation in a much larger area using TV screens normally used for broadcasting sports. Dr. Kemeny's presentation highlighted the numerous ways artificial intelligence (AI) is being used to collect data and predict natural disasters. This is being done by utilizing neural networks to develop new monitoring and characterization strategies to help combat the increasing geologic and hydrogeologic hazards associated with climate change. Some photos of his visit are below. The Carolinas Chapter enjoyed John's presentation and spending time with the 2025 Jahns Lecturer.

We expect to host next year's Jahns Lecturer, and hope by that time we have a new Student Liaison who will take care of scheduling the lecturer and organizing our Visiting Professional program.



Jahns Lecturer Dr. John Kemeny Visits to North Carolina and April Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting, Cont.

By Rick Kolb and Meredith Ambrose



Carolinas Chapter Board Open Positions

Would you like to be involved more with the AEG Carolinas Chapter?

Each year, our chapter holds elections for the four board positions: **Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary**. The Chair serves a 2-year term and the other three positions are for 1 year. The former Chair serves for 2 years as Past Chair and remains on the board, so it comprises five geologists. Our chapter will hold elections for all four board positions in **August**.

Don't want to be on the board but still want to volunteer? Ask about potential openings for our other committee member roles such as:

Field Course Committee Chair, Student Liaison Committee Chair, Newsletter Contributor, and Chapter Meeting Coordinator.

The upcoming 68th AEG Annual Meeting is being held in Chicago in September 2025 and the Carolinas Chapter is looking for volunteers for chapter liaison for the national meeting. Please contact Paul

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We are currently accepting abstracts for this program. Topics of interest include (but not limited to): groundwater monitoring, management and development. Please send abstracts and inquiries to Sara Chudnoff (sara@agwt.org).

CEUs will be available for self reporting licenses.

For more information visit www.agwt.org/events

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AEG Annual Meeting Virtual Day— Monday, September 22, 2025

Do you need PDH but are not able to attend the annual meeting in Chicago? Join us for AEG's Annual Meeting Virtual Day. This will be an online only day of technical presentations for those that would like to participate in the Annual Meeting but are unable to attend. Registration for this event will be included with all Annual Meeting full and student registrations. Presenters for this session will receive a free virtual day registration. All presentations will be recorded for later viewing. 5.5 PDHs will be available for this session.

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AEG Carolinas Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

April 25, 2025

By Erin Greene, Carolinas Chapter Secretary

1. Call to Order— April 25, 2025; 1:05 called to order by JG

2. Roll Call – Jonathan Gerst - JG, Laura Elliott - LE, Erin Greene - EG, Jennifer Thomas - JT, Meredith Ambrose - MA, Rick Kolb - RK, Adam Philips - AP

3. Carolinas Chapter Finances (Walt)

A) Review of current chapter finances.

Checking \$5,700.57 // Savings \$13,214.47 // PayPal \$1,171.55 (scheduled to transfer to checking account week of 4/28/25)

B) Need to provide new sponsor information and some additional money to Brad Iles for costs. Additionally, have account summaries for the 4th quarter been submitted to National yet?

C) National Meeting — Carolinas Chapter sponsorship confirmed

D) All refunds processed from cancellation of Asheville meeting and Chimney Rock field trip?

Questions about refunds for Asheville, JT offered perspective, MA offered to ask WP

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4. Upcoming Meetings and Socials (Adam)

A) Greenville, SC – JG planning but meeting location off table. Doesn't suit Synterra, but they are interested. JG offered financial support and such, but still not interested in expanding their current meeting model - but they would support if someone else organized a meeting

B) Spring or Summer Socials?

JG - not able to coordinate.

AP - Where do we want to have next social? Charlotte, Greensboro, or Greenville SC, JG offering suggestions, AP - taking on GWPNC model for drink sponsors, MA offered AIPG as potential sponsor via co-worker who is in contact with LE

C) Greensboro – October 2025 Chapter meeting



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D) Asheville – Fall 2025 – potential speaker? Rob Young at WCU would be outstanding (sea level rise), though Erin and Rick have contacted him in the past about presenting and had no replies. Rick still suggesting Rob again. Ask Jen Bower for additional ideas. JG - ASCE folks were in attendance to the previous meeting

E) Summer Meeting in Wilmington — Rick is talking to Adam about this (Friday night for weekenders at the beach?) but multiple people in favor. One of the field trip attendees from last year, who lives in Wilmington, is not a member. Rick asked him why, and he said the meetings are too far. We had a good social down there a couple years ago. Adam has suggested a few venues. Rob Young would be a great speaker at the coast, though it's almost 400 miles from Cullowhee.

F) Rick giving information about AGWT August Groundwater Conference in Raleigh — our role, who will man the booth, schedule booth delivery w/ HQ. Someone needs to talk to Bill (DMV chapter) to coordinate our efforts; MA will add information to the upcoming newsletter

5. Field Course Committee (Rick)

A) Spring Field Course - Deep River Rail Trail Franklinville, NC - MAY 3, 2025 (Last Email Reminder Today!). 24 registered as of this morning; 11 are non-members - EG will send out reminder after this meeting

Rick suggested a membership for the field course leaders

JG - Motion: Move to pay one year membership for Phil Bradly, passed.

B) Lake Marion/Moultrie Santee Cooper Hydro Fieldtrip (dam tour and kayak trail) with SCAEP - September 13th.

Chair of SCAEP is with Santee - need to schedule when the dam is open for tours. JG open to promote the meeting, kayak tour, etc

EG - do we have a date? JG - Santee rep is helping coordinate. Drafting a flyer, we're determining price, then need approval from licencing board for the continuing education credits. Rick - NC

C) Other ideas? Contacts?

New committee chair to relieve Rick? Rick hopes to talk to a couple people who commonly go on these trips during the next field trip. He may not be able to attend, but will find an AEG person to be the site contact if he cannot. - Rick will ask specific individuals to fill the role

Hopefully another field course in the fall in western NC, to be set up by the new chair.

6. GEONewsletter (Meredith/Colleen)

JG— do you have everything you need

MA— still waiting on info from Walt; need message from Chair (JG); EG will send over draft meeting minutes to include in newsletter, MA to edit as needed

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7. Membership Committee (Meredith)

A) Have we figured out how to download the 3/31/25 membership list? Meredith unable to access/download the updated chapter membership list initially but will look into it after meeting. JG— will also look into downloading the file and sending it to MA and RK. Hoping to contact non-renewals shortly after.

8. Social Media Committee (Adam)

A) AP touched on some things earlier - told us to send any posts in his direction, he's been using AI to generate posts. Discussion about FB vs Instagram. AP to create new FB and will share password with us. MA - do we have a LinkedIn? Adam - will send us admin access to the LI account.

9. Sponsorship Committee (Colleen)

A) CR has sent sponsorship renewal requests and RK sent reminders to non-renewals on March 20th. Typically (and last year) we bring in about \$8,000/year in sponsor fees, and between the scholarship and free dinners for students/sometimes losing on paying dinners, too, we need that money. Should we discuss limiting the number of free dinners for students (e.g., XX per school)? Updates?

B) EG - 34 students in attendance for no costs (CLT meeting in February); JG/JT- we're in AEG for BD, it's hard to make those connections, with students and vendors. JT- not best organization for getting clients. MA - using AEG for networking and professional development. Students don't necessarily negatively impact vendors business— don't have to talk to students if they're able to talk with potential clients.

C) RK- what is AEG BOD and Chair benefit RE: free advertising and sponsorship? Historically, the only "benefit" of being the chair was to be on the sponsor list and have a business card ad in the newsletter. Initially we made the chair's company a Silver sponsor but that appears to have been upgraded to Gold. I note that Jenn's company is still shown on the chapter website as a Gold sponsor and Jonathan's company is not shown. This need to be updated? Or did Jenn become a paying Gold sponsor? We should have Brad Isles remove the non-renewals from the Sponsor page of the website now that we're in the second quarter.

D) MA putting the question - JG, are you resigning your position as Chair of AEG Carolinas? JG, yes, effective immediately.

10. Student Liaison & Visiting Professional Committee (Vacant)

A) Visiting Professionals – RK is meeting Michael Daniels Monday evening to discuss taking over this position. He had volunteered/worked with Brad when Brad was the Liaison. Meredith identified Michael as a potential target (thank you, Meredith!!). Typically we do the VP visits during spring semester, but there's no reason we couldn't do these in the fall.

B) Outstanding tasks?

11. Volunteer Needs

A) Field Course Chair

B) Others — still up in the air

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12. AEG National support needs?

A) Who is going to the annual meeting? (late September.) RK was on the annual meeting planning call yesterday. The abstract deadline is 5/1 but Heather says we have received few abstracts (commonly the deadline is extended). There was much discussion about public sector geologists, who commonly present talks, and how the political situation is curtailing travel for everyone, and how that could affect attendance at the annual meeting. Rick has sent out over 100 emails with meeting and abstract details to people inviting them to submit abstracts for environmental talks but have had few replies.

B) The 2026 annual meeting will be in Chattanooga and RK is pretty sure the Nashville Chapter will need our help.

13. Other business?

A) LE - Do we need to have a separate meeting to discuss? Consensus is that yes we will have another meeting to discuss leadership transfer.



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AEG Carolinas Chapter 2024 Annual Treasurer's Report

By Walt Plekan, Carolinas Chapter Treasurer

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	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	YTD Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
Chapter Dues	\$ 540.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,445.00
Subscriptions					\$ -
Meetings	\$ 1,601.00	\$ 842.00		\$ 140.00	\$ 2,583.00
Short Courses	\$ 282.00	\$ 357.00			\$ 639.00
Field Trips					\$ -
Publications and Other Sales					\$ -
Bank/Investment Interest	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.43
Contributions/Gifts/Sponsorships	\$ 5,295.00	\$ 3,025.00			\$ 8,320.00
Advertising: Web & Newsletter					\$ -
Other Income					\$ -
Accounts Receivable					\$ -
Unaccounted	\$ 0.96				\$ 0.96
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,719.41	\$ 4,824.32	\$ 200.33	\$ 245.33	\$ 12,989.39

CHAPTER EXPENSES

Meetings	\$ 3,330.43	\$ 3,186.30	\$ 867.50	\$ 1,549.36	\$ 8,933.59
Short Courses					\$ -
Field Trips				\$ 854.69	\$ 854.69
Publications					\$ -
Advertising					\$ -
Printing, Postage					\$ -
Student Support					\$ -
Merchandise Purchases					\$ -
BOD Meetings					\$ -
Banking Fees	\$ 280.57	\$ 166.90			\$ 447.47
Website/E-Communication	\$ 109.36		\$ 137.80		\$ 247.16
Lobbying/Political Outreach					\$ -
Other Expenses:					\$ -
Unaccounted					\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,720.36	\$ 3,353.20	\$ 1,005.30	\$ 2,404.05	\$ 10,482.91
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FY Balance					\$ 14,048.21

Michael Daniels Steps Up to Serve as Chapter's Student Liaison

By Rick Kolb

Michael Daniels, GIT, a geotechnical geologist at Falcon Engineering in Cary, has volunteered to serve as our chapter's Student Liaison. He replaces Brad Worley, who had mentored Michael when they worked together at Summit Engineering and encouraged him to become more involved in the Carolinas Chapter. Brad had been the Student Liaison since before the Covid era but other circumstances precluded him from filling this role since the Covid era declined. Michael spoke to Meredith Ambrose, our chapter's Membership Chair and Newsletter Co-editor, at the recent chapter meeting in Raleigh, and expressed to her a desire to "give back" to the profession. Thank you for volunteering, Michael.

The major responsibilities of the Student Liaison are 1) to oversee our chapter's Visiting Professional (VP) program and arrange presentations by practicing geologists to geology students at universities in North and South Carolina and occasionally Virginia and Tennessee, and 2) to arrange the annual presentations by the Jahns Lecturer to geology students at universities in North and South Carolina. Other AEG members have recently organized VP presentations and tours by the Jahns Lecturers while we sought a new Student Liaison. It'll be nice for both the chapter and the universities to have one contact at AEG Carolinas to facilitate interactions between students and our chapter.

Our chapter started VP visits in 2007, often taking an engineering geologist, an environmental geologist, and a public-sector geologist to schools, where the geologists discuss their careers and advice on how to become a practicing geologist. In the past, we've made these visits during the spring semester. The students enjoy these presentations and gain job-hunting information that the faculty typically cannot supply. If you are interested in being one of the presenters at our next round of VP visits, contact Michael via email at msd6309@gmail.com.

Our chapter is also seeking a new Field Course Chair. Typically we offer two field course each year, one in eastern North Carolina and one in western North Carolina, and the leaders are typically geologists at the North Carolina Geological Survey. If you are interested in serving in this position, contact Rick Kolb at rick.kolb1@gmail.com. He's ready for a break.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2025

Geological Events in the Carolinas

Courtesy of AEG Carolinas Chapter—www.aegcarolinas.org. Last updated January 24, 2025

Send updates/corrections to Rick Kolb, rick.kolb1@gmail.com

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

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Event: Deep River Rail Trail Field Course

Location: Meet for coffee and doughnuts at 10:00 AM in the Deep River Trail parking lot off Andrew Hunter Road in Franklinville, NC. There is limited parking – please try to carpool.

Cost: \$15 for AEG Members and Teacher Members, \$25 for non-members, free for AEG Student Members

Details: Geological hike along a portion of the Deep River Rail Trail in Franklinville, NC. We will “island hop” from rocks of the Hycos volcanic island arc to rocks associated with the Albemarle volcanic island arc. Lunch while on the trail – bring your own in a backpack with water. The hike is approximately 3 miles round-trip.

CE credits: 4 hours

Registration: www.aegcarolinas.org

Date: May 21, 2025

Event: Groundwater Professionals of North Carolina Spring Mini-Con 2025

Location: Frontier RTP, The Classroom at 800 Park Offices Drive, Research Triangle Park

Details: No cost. Conference is 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Check out the GWPNC LinkedIn page for details - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/kw5847s/lp/932f3e8d-226a-4046-aebd-3c56f1f641f2>

CE credits: 6 hours

Dates: August 12 & 13, 2025

Event: American Ground Water Trust’s Mid-Atlantic & the Carolinas Groundwater Conference

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport Brier Creek, 8021 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh

Details: Call for abstracts through Friday, April 25 for 30-minute presentations and 1-1½ hour

panel discussions. <https://agwt.org/event/midatlantic-and-the-carolinas-groundwater-conference/>

CE credits: TBA, estimating 10 to 12 hours

Date: Friday September 5, 2025

Event: Ground Water Professionals of North Carolina Annual Golf Tournament

Location: Bryan Park Golf Course, 6275 Bryan Park Road, Browns Summit, NC

Time: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM

Details/More Info: GWPNC LinkedIn page when available

Date: September 23-27, 2025

Event: AEG 68th Annual Meeting: Windy City Geology

Location: Westin Chicago River North; Chicago, Illinois

Details: <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org>

Date: October 2 and 3, 2025

Event: ASBOG FG and PG Exams

Location: The Prometric Testing Centers in North and South Carolina

Contact: www.ncblg.org and <https://llr.sc.gov/geo/>

Date: October 19-22, 2025

Event: Geological Society of American Annual Meeting – GSA Connects 2025

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Details: <https://community.geosociety.org/gsa2025/home>

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Date: April 28-29, 2026

Event: 2026 Emerging Contaminants in the
Environment Conference (ECEC 26)

Location: I Hotel and Conference Center;
Champaign, Illinois

Details: <https://publish.illinois.edu/emerging-contaminants-conference/>

Date: September 13-19, 2026

Event: AEG 69th Annual Meeting: Rivers,
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Location: Westin Chattanooga; Chattanooga,
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Details: <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/future-aeg-meetings>



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