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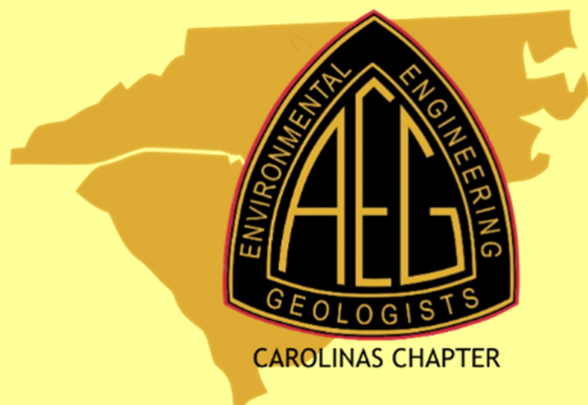
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(can be flexible depending on events)

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Message from the Chair

By Laura Elliott, P.G.

I hope you are having a fantastic summer! I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of the new graduates of all of our wonderful Carolinas universities' geology programs. I hope that you will check with our sponsors for internships and new hire opportunities across the Carolinas. I also encourage you to take the Fundamentals of Geology Exam while the information is still very fresh in your memory!

The speaker for our upcoming September Asheville Chapter Meeting will be Susan Avritt and she will give a presentation on thermal remediation at various sites with differing end goals. The date and location are forthcoming.

The Annual AEG Meeting will be held in Chattanooga, TN, on September 14 (virtual day), and 16-18 (in person), 2026. It's drivable for a lot of you in North and South Carolina, so please consider attending at least some of it, and we will have a Carolinas AEG booth and casual meet-up during the week. There are also a student professional networking session and a riverboat cruise to attend! Early Registration ends August 1. <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/>

The North Carolina Environmental Conference (NCEC) is holding its first annual conference in Winston-Salem, NC, on October 6-7, 2026. I encourage all AEG members to sign up for this wonderful event. The talks appear to be widely encompassing, and it will be a great meet-up opportunity for us to showcase all that AEG has to offer from our booth and our members' attendance. There are student and government employee discounts, and a Student Scholarship Golf Tournament on October 5. <https://northcarolinaenet.com/>

In big mineral and economic development news, the Kings Mountain lithium mine in Cleveland County, NC, dormant since the 1980s, was purchased by the U.S. Dept. of Defense for \$90 million from the 800-acre Albemarle site in 2023. The USGS wrote in May 2026 that researchers [identified an estimated 2.3 million metric tons of recoverable lithium](#), largely concentrated in the Carolinas, worth an estimated \$64 billion. Google tells me that amount of lithium could produce roughly 287,500 electric vehicle (EV) batteries, or about 575 million smartphone batteries.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer in all the best ways, and I also hope to see you at an AEG event very soon. As always, thank you to our faithful sponsors and board volunteers for making the meetings, field courses, socials, and scholarships possible!

Thank you,

Laura R. Elliott, P.G.

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Chapter Finances

By Walt Plekan, P.G., Carolinas Chapter Treasurer



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CHAPTER REVENUE

	First Quarter Jan-Mar	Second Quarter Apr-Jun	Third Quarter Jul-Sept	Fourth Quarter Oct-Dec	YTD Total
Chapter Dues		\$ 670.00			\$ 670.00
Subscriptions					\$ -
Meetings	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 683.00			\$ 2,425.00
Short Courses					\$ -
Field Trips	\$ 640.00	\$ 186.00			\$ 826.00
Publications and Other Sales					\$ -
Bank/Investment Interest	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27			\$ 0.55
Contributions/Gifts/Sponsorship	\$ 5,310.00	\$ 825.00			\$ 6,135.00
Advertising: Web & Newsletter					\$ -
Other Income					\$ -
Accounts Receivable					\$ -
Unaccounted					\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,692.28	\$ 2,364.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,056.55

CHAPTER EXPENSES

Meetings	\$ 2,599.80	\$ 3,963.24			\$ 6,563.04
Short Courses					\$ -
Field Trips					\$ -
Publications					\$ -
Advertising					\$ -
Printing, Postage	\$ 94.33				\$ 94.33
Student Support					\$ -
Merchandise Purchases					\$ -
BOD Meetings					\$ -
Banking Fees	\$ 293.44	\$ 65.23			\$ 358.67
Website/E-Communication					\$ -
Lobbying/Political Outreach					\$ -
Other Expenses:	\$ 170.00				\$ 170.00
Unaccounted					\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,157.57	\$ 4,028.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,186.04
Quarterly Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,534.71	\$ (1,664.20)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,870.51
FY Balance	\$ 16,135.04	\$ 14,470.84	\$ 14,470.84	\$ 14,470.84	\$ 14,470.84

Bringing Environmental Professionals Together: Announcing the Inaugural North Carolina Environmental Conference

By David Mook

Having had the pleasure of working with our Steering Committee developing our new North Carolina Environmental Conference (NCEC), I'm excited to invite members of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) Carolinas Chapter — and all environmental professionals across the region — to join us for our inaugural event on **October 6–7, 2026**, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

For more than 22 years, my team has successfully produced the Annual Georgia Environmental Conference (GEC) on Jekyll Island each August and the Tennessee Environmental Network Show of the South (TENSOS) in Chattanooga each May. These events are premier gatherings for environmental regulators, consultants, engineers, attorneys, industry leaders, and government officials. Building on this proven model and deep regional relationships, we are now launching NCEC to fill a critical need for high-quality, comprehensive environmental education right here in North Carolina and the broader Mid-Atlantic region.

The **North Carolina Environmental Conference** will be the largest and most diverse professional environmental event in the state. We expect strong attendance from local, state, and federal government officials, consulting firms, engineers, developers, attorneys, agribusiness leaders, energy experts, public health professionals, academics, and Environmental & Engineering Geologists — the exact community AEG members serve and collaborate with every day.

What to Expect at NCEC 2026

- **Our Mission** is to provide Fresh, New, High Value, Well-balanced, Diverse, and Relevant educational content with a positive impact on current and future practitioners and the environment of North Carolina and the Mid-Atlantic region.
- **Timely Technical Sessions** covering key subject areas such as air, assessment and remediation, brownfields and land use, emerging contaminants, energy and transportation, digital infrastructure, mining, natural resources, coastal and wetlands, sustainability and natural disasters, waste, water and aquatic resources, and regulatory updates.

Bringing Environmental Professionals Together: Announcing the Inaugural North Carolina Environmental Conference, Cont.

- **High-Caliber Speakers and Panels** featuring leading experts from government, industry, and academia.
- **Robust Exhibit Hall and Networking Opportunities** designed to foster meaningful connections and business development.
- **Continuing Education Credits** to support your many self-reporting professional development requirements.
- **Special Programming** including student scholarships, early-session workshops on emerging technologies and AI tools, and focused opportunities for geologists and engineers.

We have constructed a strong program with significant input from our Steering Committee. Early registration and sponsorship opportunities are now open. Whether you plan to attend, present, exhibit, or sponsor, your participation will help shape this new flagship event for North Carolina's environmental community.

I personally invite you and your AEG Carolinas colleagues to join us in Winston-Salem this October. This is more than just another conference — it's the beginning of a new platform dedicated to advancing environmental knowledge, compliance, innovation, and collaboration across our region.

For more information, to register, or to submit a presentation proposal for next year, please visit northcarolinaenet.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!





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The North Carolina Geological Survey's Rock Lady

By Amy Pitts, MS, P.G.

Show of hands – who knows that the NC Geological Survey has a dedicated Education and Outreach program? For the few of you who have your hands up, my guess is that you know/knew Randy Bechtel. For the first two years in this position with the NCGS, I was referred to as “The New Randy”, partly because he ran this program for nearly 15 years and partly because he’s awesome! But now, five years on the job and my name has morphed from The New Randy to “The Rock Lady”. Yes, that’s right. Far and wide, from the coast to the mountains, I am fondly referred to as The Rock Lady by educators across the state and I could not love it more. We'll explore the origins of that name later, but first let’s talk about our program.



The North Carolina Geological Survey's Rock Lady, Cont.

The NCGS Education and Outreach (E&O) program has the privilege of promoting the geologic literacy of the citizens of every county in North Carolina by teaching geology/geoscience/earth science to anyone who wants to learn. The E&O program is based in Raleigh and is planned, researched, imagined, implemented, and operated by me - Amy Pitts (talk amongst yourselves while I don my Wonder Woman garb). All kidding aside, our E&O program is meant for any citizen in North Carolina, in any of its 100 counties, who is interested in learning about the earth sciences and about the work of the Survey.

You might be thinking to yourself “Wow, Amy. That’s a lot of territory to cover!” and you would be absolutely correct. My “field area” is all 100 counties. Now you also might be asking yourself “Wow! How does she do it?” Coffee, meditation, and love for this job. Every day brings a new question, a new insight, a new meeting, a new task – all of which makes this the best.job.ever. I also consider it an essential job because every citizen deserves to know where the resources come from that we use every day, whether we realize we use them or not. Every citizen deserves to know where geologic hazards exist and how to stay safe. Every educator should have the resources to teach their students about Earth and the geosciences. Every citizen who wants to learn about the rocks and minerals on their land should have that option. So, yeah, I think it’s an essential service we provide.



The North Carolina Geological Survey's Rock Lady, Cont.

How, exactly, does the E&O program accomplish this mission?

- **Free visits:** I visit schools and classrooms to help educators teach the NC DPI Earth Science K-12 curriculum. My car is usually loaded up with my rocks, minerals and fossils, ready at a moment's notice to head out to a school near you! Beyond rocks and minerals, I get a lot of requests for geologic history (including NC), plate tectonics, volcanoes/earthquakes, and I've been including critical minerals whenever I can. Free visits can be requested by visiting our website: www.deq.nc.gov/geoscience-education
- **STEM Events:** Often times, connections I've made in the classroom lead to evening and weekend STEM events such as speaking engagements, tabling at an event, exhibiting, and/or guiding field trips.
- **Career Days/Career Panels:** I love to use my unique path as a woman in the geology profession to encourage students to pursue this pathway.
- **Website:** The E&O program is responsible for maintaining and updating the NCGS website (side note: LOTS of new changes coming soon, stay tuned). Within the [Geoscience Education](#) page, I maintain free, downloadable activities, lesson plans, and fun geology stuff for all ages.
- **Educator Workshops (Geology):** Over the past few years, I've developed a series of Educator Workshops for formal and nonformal educators who teach earth science and are interested in learning more about the science, learning new activities, or even learning new ways to teach what they already know. Since the NCGS does not have a dedicated education space, I rely on partnerships with companies and other state/county/local agencies to provide a space for my traveling workshop.
- **Educator Workshops (DEQ):** In addition to my E&O position with the Survey, there are other Divisions within DEQ that have dedicated education and outreach staff. Air quality, Land Resources, Water Resources, and Coastal Management have E&O staff, and together, we provide free workshops for educators across North Carolina. We have named ourselves 'In AWE of DEQ' (Air, Water, Earth) and we hold two free workshops each year that provide educators with the free resources that all of our [Divisions](#) offer.
- **Outreach Events:** As a program of one, I have to rely on volunteers to help with larger outreach events, such as our NC Science Festival event. This event is a free geology-themed outside event, full of games and activities for kids (and their families) who are love rocks as much as we do! 2026 was going to be our 5th annual ROCKin' Geology Party! but due to lack of volunteers and support, we had to cancel. Fingers crossed for 2027.

The North Carolina Geological Survey's Rock Lady, Cont.



My focus, no matter which of the activities I listed above, is to make a connection between geology and people's lives. Those minerals that you're testing – where are they used? That rock you're observing – did you know it's used to make concrete? Did you know that every cell phone is made of over 40 unique minerals? Did you know the color on your TV and laptop are possible because of minerals? Nothing gives me greater joy than watching the "lightbulb go off" moment - whether it's a student, educator, citizen, or a fellow scientist. That moment when I know I've made a connection.

Although I educate on much more than rocks, my reputation as The Rock Lady started when people were still transitioning from knowing Randy Bechtel to knowing me. When they couldn't remember my name, the person describing me would say "Oh, you know – the rock lady!" and instantly that person made the connection and knew they were talking about me. Alas, the name has stuck and it's a title I wear proudly.

The North Carolina Geological Survey's Rock Lady, Cont.

If you'd like to learn more about the NCGS Education and Outreach program, you can visit our website: www.deq.nc.gov/geoscience-education. All state government agencies are updating our websites to comply with the new federal accessibility law, so you might see that some of the free resources are not available to download while they are being updated. They're still available with an email to me: amy.pitts@deq.nc.gov. If you're interested in volunteering for future NCGS outreach events, please send me an email and I'll keep you on a list of potential volunteers. If you have kids in school and you think their teachers might like a visit, or even if you're part of an organization that might want a general geology talk, please send them my way. There's a fillable form on the website to request a free visit.



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Please contact AEG Headquarters (contact@aegweb.org) or the Carolinas Chapter Membership Chair (Katie Adkisson, kaitlinadisson@gmail.com) if you have questions or need assistance. You are always welcome to call Member Services to renew over the phone at (727) 940-2658 x 2004.



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GWPNC Spring 2026 Mini-Conference Recap

By Kaitlin Adkisson

The Groundwater Professionals of North Carolina (GWPNC) hosted its 2026 Spring Mini-Conference on June 11, 2026, at Frontier RTP in Research Triangle Park.

This year's program featured presentations on microplastics, petroleum site assessment and remediation, professional ethics, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), offering insights into both emerging contaminants and established environmental challenges.

The morning technical session examined the growing concern over microplastics in the Carolinas. Presenters discussed current research on the occurrence, movement, and potential environmental impacts of microplastics in groundwater and surface water systems. A featured presentation highlighted ongoing research at North Carolina State University exploring the use of biomimetic networks to capture microplastics from water. Other speakers discussed advances in analytical methods, ongoing regional studies, and the importance of continued research as scientists work to better understand the long-term implications of microplastics.



GWPNC Spring 2026 Mini-Conference Recap, Cont.

Another featured presentation addressed petroleum site assessment and remediation, highlighting current investigation strategies, site characterization techniques, and innovative remediation approaches. Speakers shared practical examples from field projects, emphasizing methods that improve remediation effectiveness.

As part of GWPNC's commitment to professional excellence, the conference included a session dedicated to environmental ethics. Presenters went through case studies, ethical decision-making, professional responsibility, and the importance of maintaining public trust while serving clients and protecting environmental resources.

NCDEQ gave a presentation on the DSCA Program PFAS Pilot Study, providing an update on efforts to investigate PFAS at selected dry-cleaning sites in North Carolina. Speakers reviewed the objectives of the pilot program, discussed investigation methodologies, and highlighted the growing significance of PFAS assessment as regulatory frameworks continue to develop. The session reinforced the need for collaboration among environmental professionals to address these complex and persistent contaminants.



GWPNC Spring 2026 Mini-Conference Recap, Cont.

In addition to the technical program, the Spring Mini-Conference provided valuable opportunities for networking and knowledge sharing among professionals, government agencies, academic institutions, and private industry.





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AEG Carolinas Chapter Dinner Meeting in Greenville

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Guest Speaker:



Tristan Morgan Childress, Ph.D., P.G., Economic Geologist

National Energy Technology Laboratory, Critical Mineral and Materials Program

PRESENTATION

The Race for Critical Minerals: American Resources, Policy, and Programs

MEETING DETAILS

Place: Fireforge Crafted Beer, 311 East Washington Street in Greenville, South Carolina

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

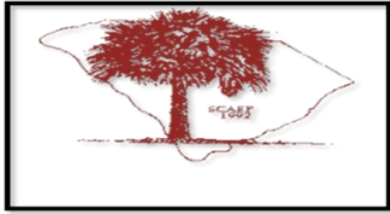
Time: 6:00 PM socializing begins, 7:00 buffet dinner, 8:00 Tristan's presentation

Cost: AEG and SCAEP members \$40, non-members \$55, AEG Student Members **free**

Reservations: Please make reservations with Rick Kolb by 6:00 PM on

Monday, October 12th on the AEG Carolinas website: www.aegcarolinas.org/news.

AEG Student Members can make reservations on the website for \$1 or (for free) by sending an email to Rick at rick.kolb1@gmail.com.



Tristan's Presentation

The United States faces critical mineral challenges across four major domains: demand drivers, domestic resource potential, policy barriers, and federal programs. Growing deployment of renewable energy and advanced technology is projected to drive critical mineral demand upward by as much as 40-fold by 2040, yet the U.S. averages nearly 29 years from mineral discovery to mine production, roughly double the global average, due to fragmented permitting authority, litigation risk, and chronic underinvestment in exploration. Domestic resources span both conventional hard-rock deposits and unconventional feedstocks including coal waste streams, acid-mine drainage solids, and oil-field produced waters, though market volatility and a projected shortage of 130,000 geoscientists compound the difficulty of developing them. Recent executive orders and trade measures, including a 50% copper tariff and expedited permitting directives, reflect the current administration's supply-side focus, though contradictory messaging on renewable energy, the primary driver of critical mineral demand, creates significant policy tension. Federal programs including the USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative, DOD Defense Production Act Title III investments, and DOE initiatives such as METALLIC and the CORE-CM Initiative represent the primary vehicles for translating policy intent into domestic supply chain development.

Tristan's Bio

Tristan is an economic geologist specializing in critical mineral resources, exploration geology, and ore deposit geochemistry. He currently supports the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), focusing on critical mineral sustainability and carbon storage. Tristan has been heavily involved in NETL's Carbon Ore, Rare Earth, and Critical Minerals (CORE-CM) Initiative, leading multiple working groups and contributing to national strategies for resource development. His experience spans academia, government, and industry, including extensive fieldwork in North and South America and multiple peer-reviewed publications on iron oxide and critical mineral systems. Tristan received his bachelors in geology from the University of South Carolina, his doctorate degree in economic geology from the University of Michigan, and is a Licensed Geologist in the state of Wyoming.



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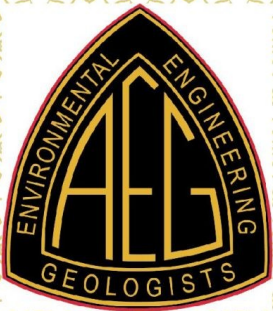


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Now accepting applications to award the first annual GWPNC Mike Stanforth Memorial Scholarships!

GWPNC is thrilled to officially launch the GWPNC Mike Stanforth Memorial Scholarship!

The scholarship is named in honor of longtime GWPNC Board member and past President, Mike Stanforth. Mike was an environmental engineer who devoted his valuable time and enthusiastic energy to leading GWPNC as President for many years.

Mike passed away in February 2021, and GWPNC – with the generous support of The Stanforth Family – is excited to honor Mike by awarding scholarships to students studying fields related to our profession at North Carolina colleges and universities. Three scholarships will be awarded each year in the amount of \$2,000 each.

GWPNC is preparing to announce the scholarship to colleges and universities across the state. You can help us by telling friends and colleagues about the scholarship. We will also be accepting individual and corporate contributions to the scholarship fund. Details to follow.

Eligible applicants:

- Enrolled in accredited school in the State of North Carolina
- Declared major that advances the science and profession of groundwater.
- Eligible majors include, but are not strictly limited to, those related to:
 - hydrogeology
 - geology
 - earth sciences
 - geoscience
 - environmental science
 - environmental engineering
 - water resources engineering

Scholarship Details, Guidelines and Application:



Important Dates:

- **July 15** - Application period opens
- **August 31** - Application period closes
- **September 15** - Application review and assesment completed
- **September 18** - Winners notified
- **October 6/7** - Winners Announced*

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

Dates: August 18 & 19, 2026

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

Location: Embassy Suites at 2925 Emerywood Parkway in Richmond, Virginia

Details: <https://agwt.org/event/26magw/>

CE credits: TBA

Date: September 13-19, 2026

Event: AEG 69th Annual Meeting: Rivers, Rails, Roads & Rocks

Location: Westin Chattanooga; 801 Pine Street; Chattanooga, Tennessee

Details: <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/future-aeg-meetings>

Date: September 17, 2026

Event: Groundwater Professionals of North Carolina Annual Golf Tournament

Location: Bryan Park, Greensboro, NC

Details: 7:00AM Registration, Coffee, & Pastries; 8:00 Golf Tee Time; 1:00PM Awards Ceremony

Date: October 1 and 2, 2026

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/>

Event: First Annual North Carolina Environmental Conference

Location: Benton Convention Center; 301 W. Fifth Street; Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Details: <https://northcarolinaenet.com/mission>

Date: October 6 and 7, 2026

Event: First Annual North Carolina Environmental Conference

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Date: October 11-14, 2026

Event: Geological Society of American Annual Meeting

Location: Denver, Colorado

Details: <https://connects.geosociety.org/>

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Event: AEG Carolinas Chapter Fall South Carolina Meeting

Location: Fireforge Crafted Beer, 311 East Washington Street in Greenville, South Carolina

Cost: \$40 for AEG and ASCE members, \$55 for non-members, \$20 for public-sector employees and teachers; **free** for students w/ ID. **Registration will be \$5 more at the door.**

Details: 6:00-7:00 socializing, 7:00-8:00 buffet dinner; 8:00-9:00 speaker

Presentation: The Challenges of Critical-Mineral Development in the United States

Speaker: Tristan Childress, Ph.D., P.G., Economic Geologist, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Critical Mineral and Materials Program

Date: October 30 thru November 1, 2026

Event: Carolina Geological Society Annual Meeting and Field Trip: ***Uncovering the Stratigraphy of South Carolina's Coastal Plain in Horry County, South Carolina, Pliocene to Present***

Location: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Registration: Opens late August

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Date: November 12, 2026

Event: Groundwater Professionals of North Carolina Fall Mini-Conference 2026

Location: Lenny Boy Brewing Company, 3000 South Tryon Street in Charlotte

Details: TBA

CE credits: TBA

Details: <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/future-aeg-meetings>

Date: April 25-27, 2027

Event: GSA Southeastern Section Annual Meeting

Location: Hyatt Regency Savannah in Savannah, Georgia

Date: October 25-30, 2027

Event: AEG 70th Annual Meeting

Location: SAFE Credit Union Convention Center; Sacramento, California

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Date: September 11-16, 2028

Event: AEG 71st Annual Meeting

Location: Steamboat Grand in Steamboat Springs, Colorado



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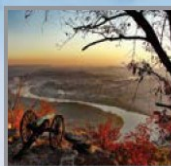
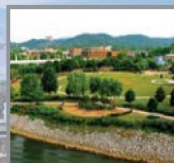
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