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MAY MEETING: LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

- 1) **Topic:** "Advances in Tunnel Technology and an Update on the AEG from a National Perspective"
- 2) **Date:** T h u r s d a y , M a y 2 3 , 1 9 9 6
- 3) **Location:** Hilton Hotel
2nd Floor
921 SW 6th, Portland
telephone: 226-1611
- 4) **Schedule:** 6:00 PM Attitude Adjustment
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Program
- 5) **Cost/Menu:** \$20 Menu: Lasagna, tossed green salad, fresh seasonal vegetables, Fruit Shortcake, rolls, coffee, tea or milk.
- 6) **Reservations:** Call Charlie Hammond at 452-9770 ex 103 for reservations by **Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 PM**. You can leave messages on his machine.
- 7) **Speaker:** Susan Steele-Wier, National President, AEG

MESSAGE FROM THE OREGON SECTION CHAIR:

I represented the Oregon section at the mid-year board of directors meeting in Denver April 13th and 14th. The important issues discussed included:

- 1) Approval of two honorary members;
- 2) This has been our biggest year for new members but also is the biggest year for non-renewals of membership, therefore there has been a slight reduction in total members.

3) The membership count has caused the budget to remain essentially the same as last year. We continue to be financially strong, but we are looking for ways to increase our revenues in order to fund projects supporting our profession such as special publications.

4) Ways to increase membership and attendance at section meetings were discussed.

5) The following candidates were approved: Eldon Gath, President, Paul DuMontelle, VP, James May, Treasurer, Rex Upp, Secretary.

6) AEG now has a WEB page on the Internet and it is: <http://GEOWEB.TAMU.EDU.AEG/>

7) The journal is getting more papers than ever. They want and need more environmental type papers. They are looking for reviewers so please consider volunteering for it is the set of reviewers that maintains the quality of our publication. International papers are now being accepted.

8) The other section chairs have really appreciated receiving the other section's newsletters and have requested that this continue. (I have a collection of them if anyone wants to see them.)

9) There is a \$500 student member scholarship available through the LA section named the Martin Stout Scholarship. Contact Scott Burns or me for details.

10) No nominations have been received for the following awards: Holdredge Outstanding Paper Award, Johnston Service Award, and Piteau Outstanding Young Member Award. A description of each award is in the AEG Directory that you just received.

11) The national office in Sudbury is going to be getting an email address. They will be providing email addresses of the membership if you request it.

This is my last message to the section as Chairperson. It truly has been an honor serving the Oregon Section of AEG. I'm looking forward to see you at our May meeting and hope we have a good turnout for Susan Steele-Wier, AEG president. The nominations for the next slate of officers is included in this newsletter. Please vote and either bring your ballot to the meeting or mail it to me at: Sue D'Agnese, ODOT, 3500 NW Stewart Parkway Blvd., Roseburg, O 97470.

Sue D'Agnese
Chair, Oregon Section

IN MEMORIAM

You will probably see that the format of the newsletter has gone back to the style of a few years ago when I was editor. This is not permanent, but was done out of necessity. Dave Michael has been doing a great job as our newsletter editor, but tragedy struck this past week so I have come to the rescue. His wife of many

years, Angie, passed away after a long period of cancer. We will all miss Angie, who also worked at Oregon Department of Forestry in Forest Grove. She was a super individual who was always full of energy and life. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Dave and his two sons during this difficult period of time. There will be a memorial service for Angie on Sunday, May 19, 1996 at 2:00 PM at the arboretum next to the offices of the Oregon Department of Forestry on Gales Creek Road in Forest Grove. If there is bad weather, it will be moved indoors to the nearby Forest Grove High School. Some of us from AEG will be there at the service.

Scott Burns

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

1) **Last Month: GSA meeting in Portland:** Many of our members enjoyed the Cordilleran meeting in Portland. There were over 500 papers with 1017 official registrants. If you include the students who helped and the local Portlanders who attended the free evening lectures, we had about 1300 participants at the meeting. Since we were co-sponsors of the conference, we will make some money from the meeting.

2) **Rock Slope Stability Conference at PSU:** We had a very successful rock slope stability workshop that AEG sponsored and was held last month at PSU. There were about 30 participants which made the meeting a real success. When all of the bills are paid, we should make some money.

3) **Landslide Workshop (FEMA), May 4:** FEMA supported a landslide workshop as a followup to the events of February of this year. It was organized by Len Palmer (FEMA), Scott Burns and Trevor Smith (PSU), and John Beaulieu (DOGAMI). We had about 125 registrants and many conclusions came out of the meeting. They will be summarized in the fall newsletter.

4) **AEG Case Histories Book on Oregon:** The editors met last night to discuss many topics. We will pursue getting Star Publications to do the book for us. It will not need any money upfront and the risk to the section is minimal. We could also make some money from the deal. We have 68 titles of papers so far. First drafts of the papers will be due July 1st. A packet of information will be sent to authors in about a week. There is still room for a few additional titles. For further information, call Scott Burns, 725-3389. Next meeting of the editors will be **June 27, 1996 at PSU.**

5) **National Meeting Update:** The organizing committee for our national meeting in Portland in 1997 met with Julie Keaton (AEG meeting coordinator) and had a good session in April while she was at the GSA. Many thanks to all of you who helped with the AEG booth at the meeting.

BARNEY RESERVOIR FIELD TRIP:

- 1) When: June 23, Sunday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- 2) Where: Leave Portland State University, SW Corner of Broadway and Mill (park your car in the parking garage at PSU on the SE part of the intersection for free).
- 3) Visit to: Barney Reservoir in the Coast Range. They are going to be raising the dam to get more water storage capacity, but many engineering geology problems have arisen. How were they taken care of??
- 4) Topics Discussed: Key trench construction, borrow sources, spillway construction, wetland construction, problems of building on soils with smectites and halloysite!
- 5) Price: \$20 (includes a handout, gourmet lunch, van transportation)
- 6) Limit: 40 participants
- 7) Reservations: Call Charlie Hammond, Trip organizer, 452-9770 ex. 103.

MEMBERSHIP:

For application forms for Membership in the National AEG, call Ed Stearns who is our membership chair at 661-0462 (h). He will also have copies at the monthly meetings. Membership is on a calendar year basis. If you are a national member, the national AEG will collect our local dues of \$10 which just covers our newsletter costs. If you would like to subscribe to the local newsletter (comes out 9 times a year) without being a national member, fill out the form below and mail to Charles Hammond. **Note: the following form is only for people and organizations who wish to subscribe to the Oregon AEG Newsletter without being members of the national AEG.**

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP IN OREGON SECTION, AEG:

NAME _____

AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Mail form and \$10 to Charles Hammond, Cornforth Consultants, Lincoln Building Suite 111, 10250 SW Greenburg Rd., Portland, OR 97223.