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May Meeting

Student Night!

Abstracts due May 15, 2026.
Students can register their presentations [here](#).

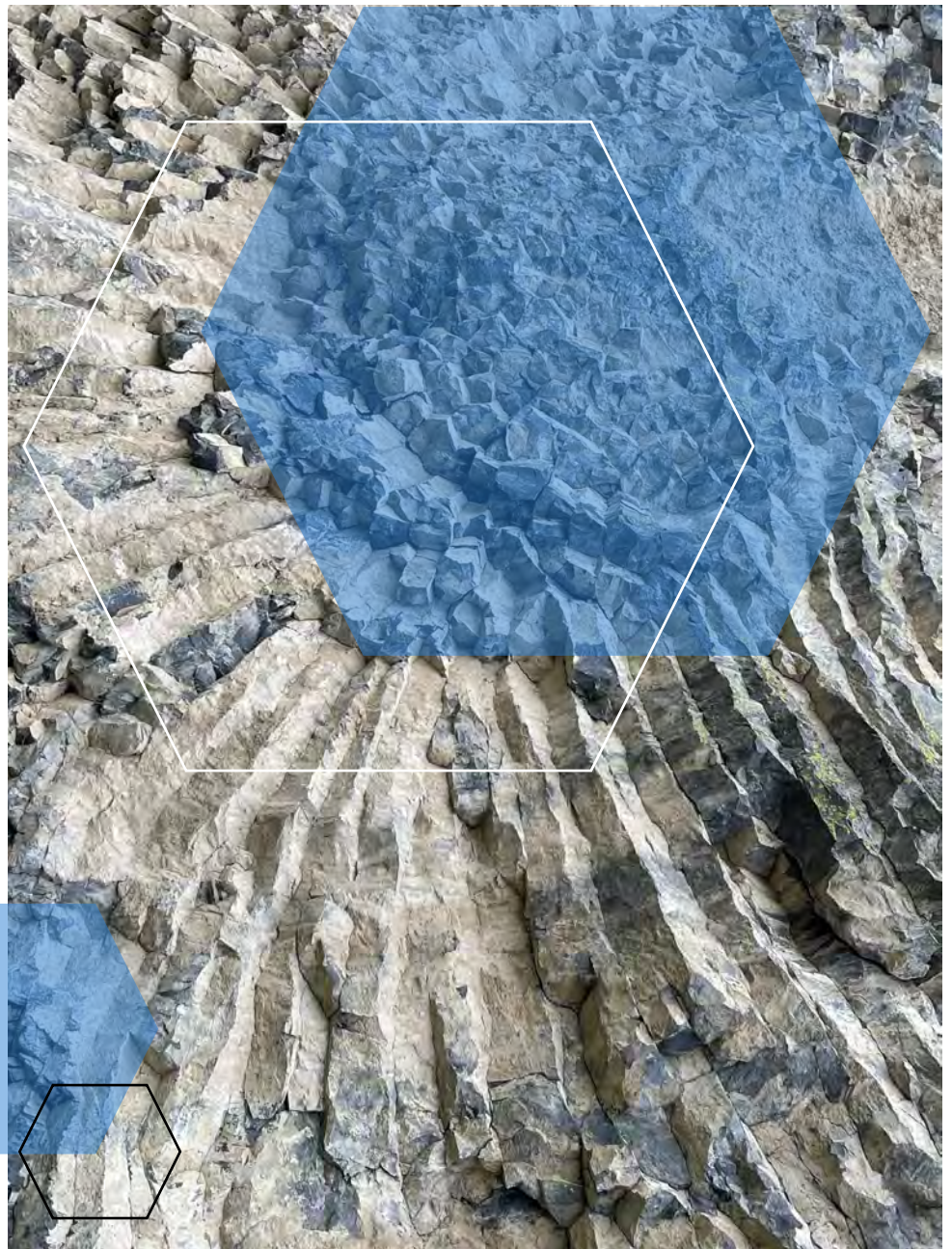
No RSVP needed to attend—event is free.

Letter from the Chair

Enjoy the ride.

AEG Oregon Bulletin

Local industry goings-on.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY 19, 2026

Student Night!

Old Market Pub

6959 SW Multnomah Boulevard

Agenda:

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Students may arrive early to set up
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Social
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dinner
7:00 p.m., Presentations

SHORT COURSE: JUNE 12–13

Kenneth Neal, *The Field-Developed Cross Section*

A two-day course including one day of classroom instruction and one day of field application. 16 PDHs/CEUs. Space limited. [RSVP here](#).



ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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AEG STUDENT NIGHT!

We are excited to invite all students focused on Geology, Engineering Geology, and Environmental and Earth Sciences to present at our annual student poster night.

EVENT DETAILS

Eligibility: Bachelor, Master, and PhD students generally focused on geology and earth science studies – though others with relevant topics are welcome.

Poster Topics: The subject should be directly related to geology and earth sciences but within a myriad of topics including environmental, engineering, soils, field mapping, GIS, technology, chemistry, etc. The project area does not have to be in Oregon. Posters associated with a senior project, master's thesis, or PhD dissertation are all acceptable, including in-progress work.

Prizes:

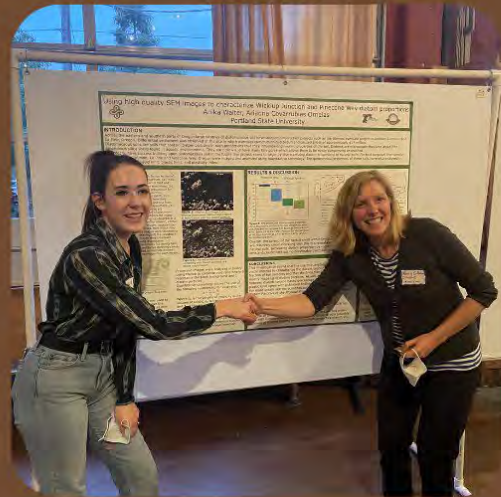
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Most Relevant to Environmental Geology Practice - \$200
Best Undergraduate - \$250
Best Graduate - \$250
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Plus, each accepted submittal will receive a \$25 gift card! One gift card per person if multiple submittals are provided. One award per poster or person if multiple submittals. Space is limited to the first 30 poster submissions.



Submission: Submit your your topic and an abstract by May 15th, 2026, at <https://forms.gle/iTrjH5yDf rQJ9uz66> or by scanning the QR code.

Students or groups of students who may need assistance attending due to driving distance or cost should please reach out to Portland AEG by emailing aegoregon@gmail.com for sponsorship options.



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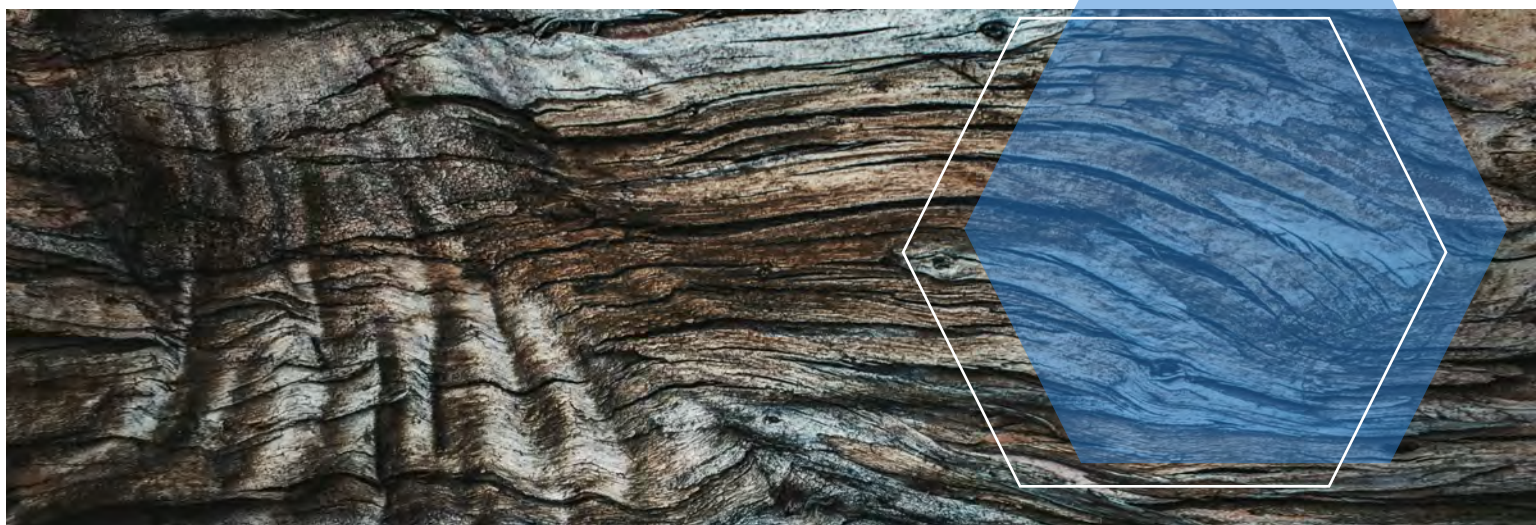
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

ENJOY THE RIDE

AEG Oregon,

We often operate under the assumption that reaching a milestone—be it a major project, a personal goal, or a life event—will bring a definitive sense of fulfillment. While that is occasionally the case, my experience has often been different: the completion of one goal simply reveals the next. There is always more to be done.

My advice, although I admit it is difficult to follow, is to recognize that fulfillment when reaching a milestone is fleeting. This is the hedonic treadmill concept—life events that we perceive will have a big impact on our happiness usually do not in the long term. As life gets better, your expectations increase, setting a new baseline.

If you find yourself exhausted by the pursuit of the next achievement, remember that the finish line is constantly moving. That realization can be liberating. Life is open ended, and that fact ensures that opportunities for growth, refinement, and reinvention remain. Rather than fixating on a destination, I encourage you to find value in the process itself.

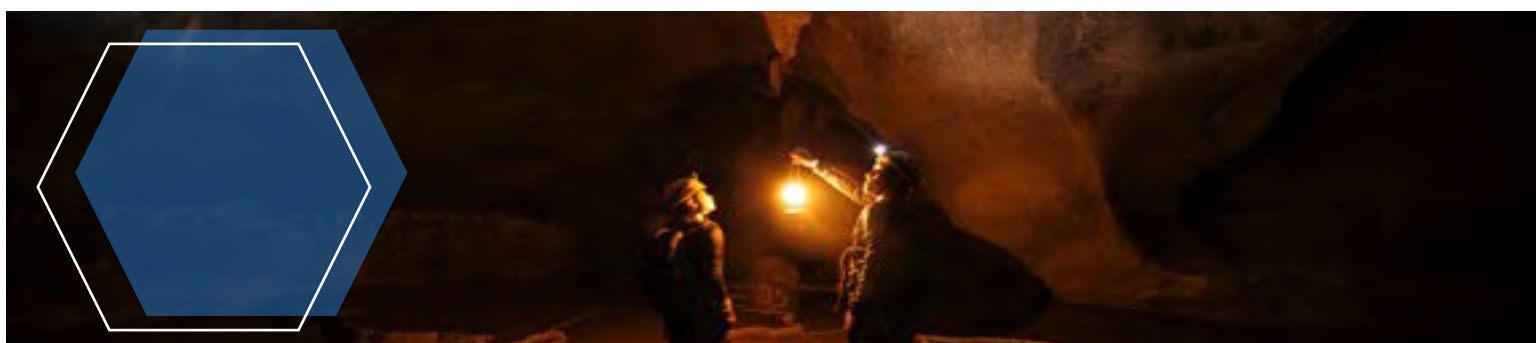
This marks my final message as AEG Oregon Chair. It has been a distinct honor to serve in this capacity, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to this community and our dedicated volunteers. Of course, in keeping with my philosophy, I am still on the treadmill; I look forward to continuing my contribution to the community next year in my role as Past Chair.

Upcoming Events & Announcements:

- **Student Night Poster Session (May 19):** A perennial favorite and a fantastic way to kick off the summer season.
- **Short Course (June 12–13):** *The Field-Developed Cross Section*. Registration is now officially open!

Regards,

Nicholas Farny, AEG Oregon Chair





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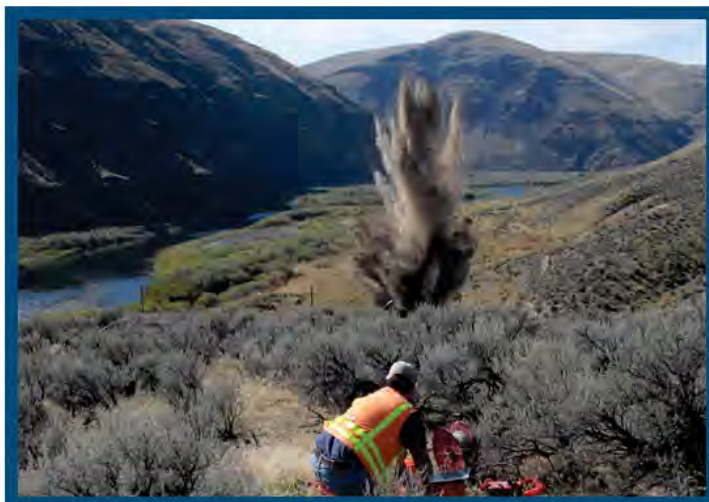


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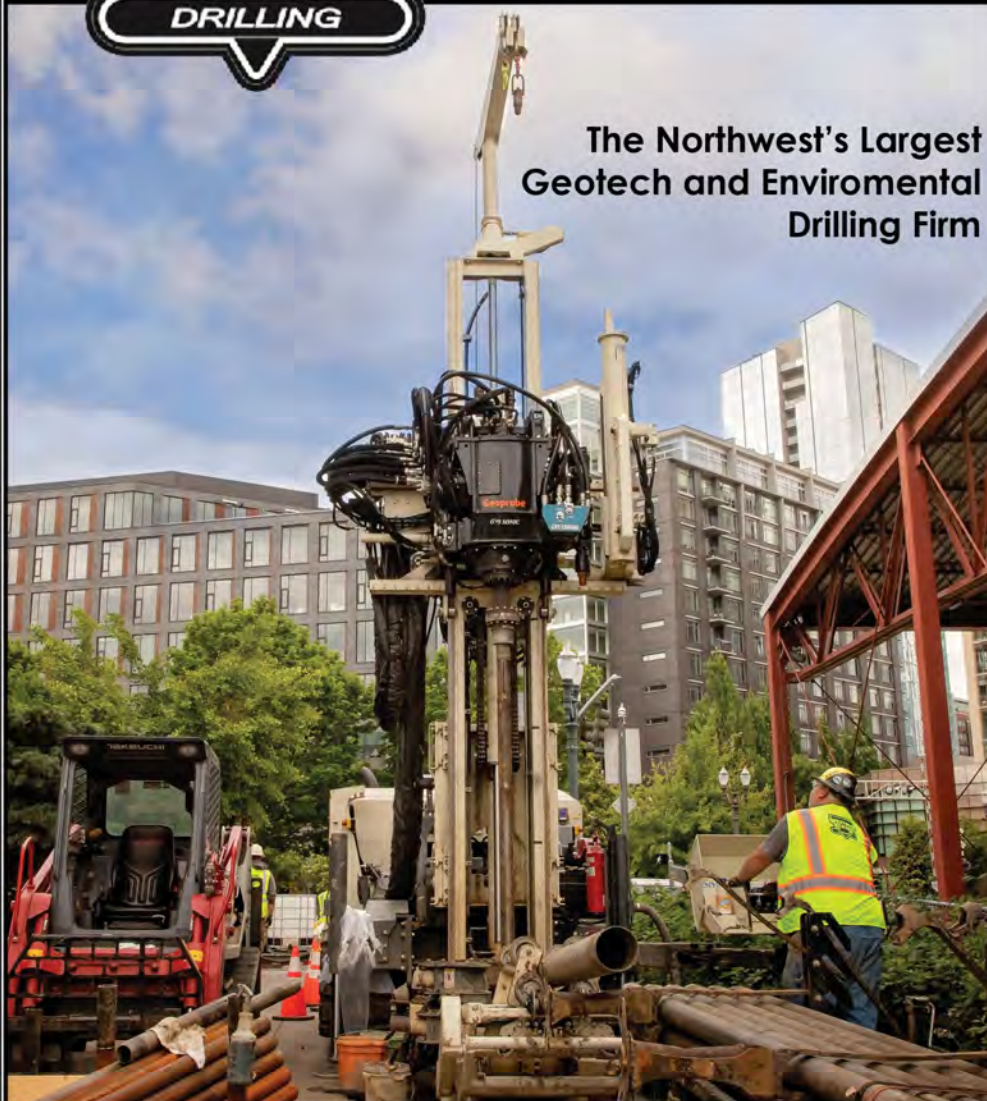
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We would love to hear from you! Tell us about your recent projects, career milestones, events, awards, and job postings or submit articles and visual elements. Send newsletter contributions to Sarah Norton at snorton@gri.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3: Friends of Mt. Tabor presents Paul Edison-Lahm, *Geology of Mt. Tabor Walk*. 2 p.m.–3 p.m., Mt. Tabor Visitors Center, Portland.

May 6: OSU, PSU, and USGS present *What Glacial Sediments Tell Us about Earth's Shifting Landscapes*. 4 p.m.–5p.m., PSU Cramer Hall, Rm. 53 and Zoom.

May 15:

- Student Night registration due.
- WOU Earth Science Alumni Camping and Rafting trip registration due.

May 27: OMSI After Dark: Geology Rocks. 6 p.m., OMSI.

June 12–13: AEG Oregon Short Course: The Field-Developed Cross Section. A two-day course including one day of classroom instruction and one day of field application. [RSVP here](#).

June 19–21: Western Oregon University Earth Science Alumni Group is putting on a Camping and Rafting Weekend on the Deschutes River as a fundraising field trip. Register by May 15. [Registration Link Here](#)

TEST DATES

June 24: 100-day deadline to apply for the October 2, 2026, ASBOG exams (FG, PG, CEG).

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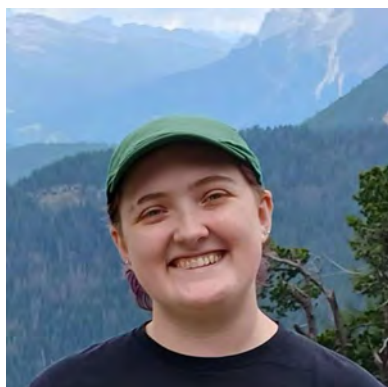
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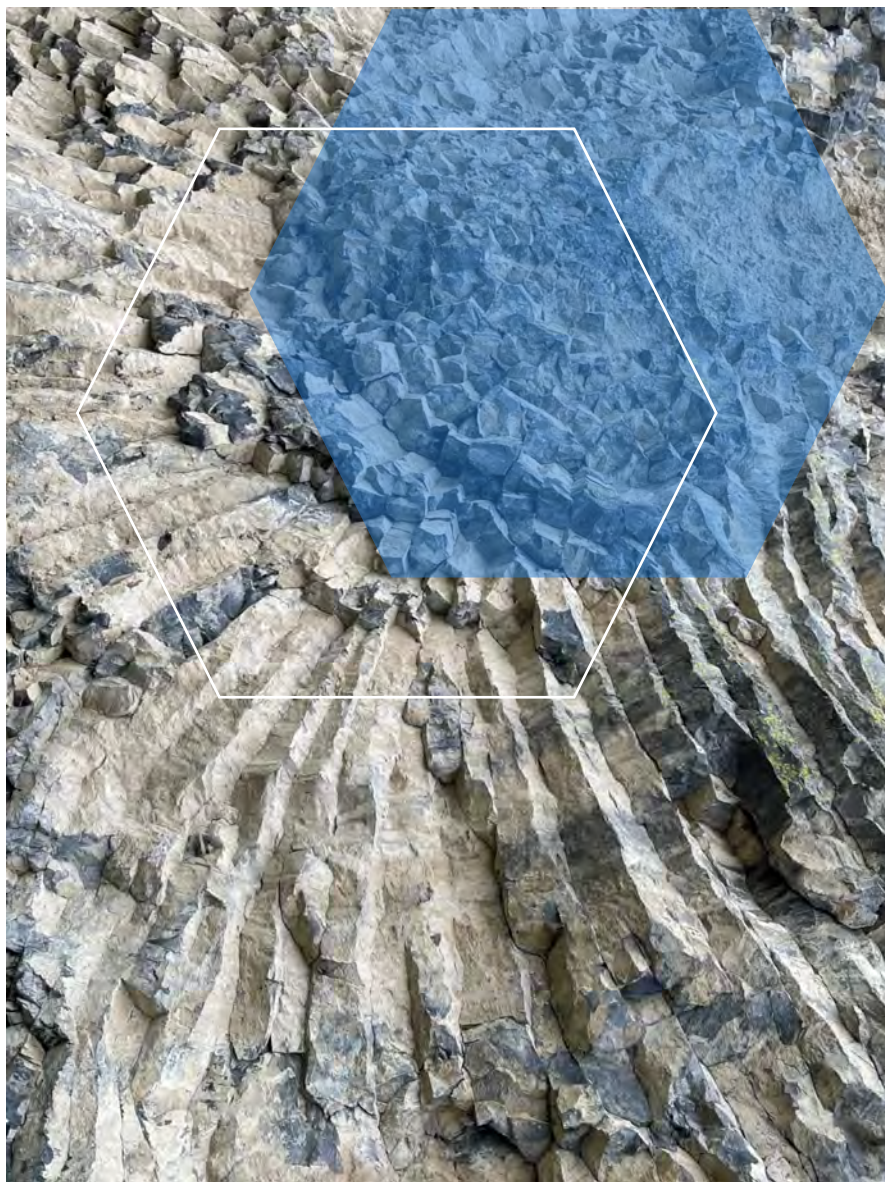
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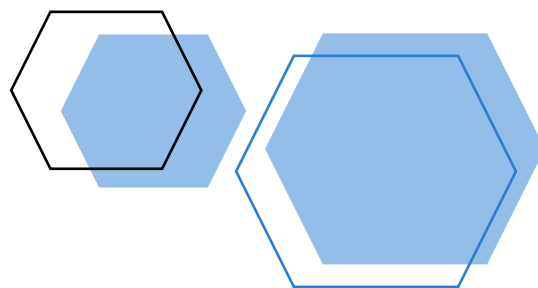
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