



AEGF QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Greetings fellow geoscience professionals, students and people who are still reading! I sincerely hope the New Year finds you, your family and your friends well. In Past President Ken Neal's November message, and year end donation challenge, he thanked 4 of the Directors who served the AEG Foundation well and went above and beyond by serving terms longer than the standard. Those 4 individuals deserve recognition for their loyal, dedicated service (Jason, Loren, Bill and Bob.). There is one Director that was not thanked, and that Director is Past President Ken Neal. He is a modest and humble leader who doesn't seek the spotlight and truly wants what is best for the AEG Foundation. Ken, thanks for your dedicated service as the AEG Foundation strove to attain state-level compliance, sought outside counsel on a number of items to be reviewed, initiated a program and plan to comply with the myriad of requirements of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), and dealt with a last-minute change to the Foundation's CPA. Those were all on top of the normal, day-to-day, week-to-week and month-to-month duties of an AEGF President. Thanks Ken!

It is important to note that another situation Ken dealt with, in his second year as AEG Foundation President, was the market volatility in 2022. Luckily, the AEG Foundation has an amazing advisor and Investment Manager in Past President John Peck. As Ken reported, in 2022 the AEG Foundation awarded \$50,000 to 18 capable and deserving students – the future of our profession. The AEG Foundation was afforded the opportunity to make a record dollar amount of awards in no small part due to the years-long efforts of Investment Manager Peck. Thanks John!

Our total donations in 2022 were \$66,313.72, and our total in-kind donations from Directors and volunteers were \$22,027.28. In-kind donations include such things as travel (flights, ground transportation, meals and hotels) to participate in Mid-Year and Annual Board of Directors Meetings, items donated to auctions/fundraisers, paying for hotel rooms to host the Donor Reception, time spent working on AEGF programs and the like. In kind donations are not donations made to a Fund, they are out of pocket expenses incurred by Directors for which they do not seek reimbursement.

Now, let's look forward. We are currently populating and searching for ways to improve upon our/your web presence/experience. We will keep you posted as this process moves forward, and we also want Directors/donors/the public to find a new, user-friendly experience. As this letter is being written, we have started the process of sending 2023 scholarship/grant applications to the selection committees. Look for announcements on that front. Speaking of announcements, we

have created a communications plan, so we make sure we are reaching target audiences (in a timely manner.) Do you prefer receiving communications via email, website browsing, blurbs in the AEG Insider, other? Last, our Programs Committee is in the process of reaching out to Fund founding donors and Fund Champions to review Fund Charters, not only to explain our UPMIFA-compliance efforts, but also discuss past and current intents for Funds.

I'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, as I can usually reply to email quickly unless I'm travelling to see a concert or go bass fishing somewhere. My email is below. Please consider helping the AEG Foundation drive our donations, so we can increase the amount of money available for scholarships and grants, and we can continue to increase the amount of money awarded – every year.

In this Quarter's Newsletter, our Director Spotlight is shining on Anna Saindon – who is also Vice President of the AEG Foundation. I encourage you to read the profile from Anna. We will Spotlight the rest of the Directors, and we will feature the remainder of the AEGF's funds, on a rotating quarterly basis over the course of the year. Please take an additional moment to review this quarter's featured funds, below. Enjoy this pic from my Show Me State.



Respectfully, Duane.

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QUARTERLY FEATURED FUNDS

Tilford Fund. This Fund distributes grants to graduate and undergraduate students in support of field studies.

Lemke Fund. The Fund provides support to AEG Student Members presenting at professional meeting where the AEG plays a substantial role.

Johnston Operations Fund. The Fund directly supports the AEGF's business operations. Contributions to this Fund reduce the support burden on operational funds.

Jahns Fund. This Fund supports a speaker program, the Jahns Lecturer, selected by the AEG and the Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.

Diversity Field Trip Fund. This Fund aims to introduce middle and high school student from diverse backgrounds to the geosciences as a possible career path.

Stout Fund. The Stout Fund supports graduate and undergraduate students in environmental and engineering geology.

1ST QUARTER 2023 AEGF DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Pay it forward.

If it wasn't for all the time and donations by professionals working towards the future of the profession, I wouldn't have made it to college, let alone be here today. I serve on the AEG Foundation Board so that I can pay it forward to the next generation of geoprofessionals and help those who have the dream but not the means.

I'm an engineer and a geologist which makes me uniquely able to laugh at the differences and the similarities between the two professions. The most important similarity is that as geologists, engineers, geoscientists, and environmental professionals are working towards preserving and improving the world for all. The most interesting difference is the timelines that we look at while we do what we do.

My hobbies range from Garimot Arnis Training (Filipino martial arts), painting, sewing, gardening, board games, and am just now getting into forging with my godson.

Anna Saindon

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