



AEGF 2nd QUARTER NEWSLETTER

Greetings fellow geoscience professionals and enthusiasts, and donors!

At the AEGF's Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting in March, we held a matching dollar-for-dollar donation drive. Then, AEG President Nate Saraceno was kind enough to invite me to attend a portion of the AEG's Mid-Year BOD meeting virtually in April. In addition to updating the AEG on our initiatives, I challenged the AEG BOD to donate in the spirit of the AEGF's donation challenge. We are pleased to report that the challenge and matching donations netted \$2,200 for the AEGF! Thanks to everyone who donated. Speaking of donations, scholarships and grants, we are launching a mid-year appeal for donations. We are all passionate advocates for education and the positive impact it can have on individuals and society as a whole. I firmly believe that every student deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams and unlock their full potential. Through the AEGF's scholarships and grants, we provide financial support to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in the fields of environmental and engineering geology. These funds are crucial in helping students overcome financial barriers and empower them to pursue their academic goals. However, we cannot achieve our mission without the generous support from individuals like you. I humbly request your assistance through a financial contribution to the AEGF. By investing in our cause, you will be directly impacting the lives of students and professionals. Giving is easy, check out our new website to review the scholarships and grants the AEGF offers.

We are completing the scholarship and grant review and approval process. As of the writing of this letter, we have approved awards for over \$47,000 to 13 students. So, here is a special thanks to the scholarship committees who review applications and make recommendations to the BOD.

Our new website is launching June 1. Check it out and tell us what you think. www.aegfoundation.org. Watch for an announcement regarding a planned AEGF Town Hall in July! Reach out to me at any time. Also, please visit our silent auction, which will be on line until the AEG Annual Meeting in Portland. _____

Our Director's Spotlight is glowing with the profiles of Nichole Vetter, Bruce Hilton and Matt Morris. Please read their profile(s) and take an additional moment to review this quarter's featured funds, below. This quarter's pic is the AEGF BOD socializing over dinner in St. Louis.



Left to Right: Director Evans, Morris, Brunengo, Haneberg, Kreuger, Hilton, Saindon, Operations Manager Vazquez, and Director Munro.

Respectfully, Duane. dkreuger@geotechnology.com

QUARTERLY FEATURED FUNDS

Beardsley-Kuper Fund. This Fund provides financial support for field camp tuition and expenses.

Mathewson Fund. The Fund provides supporting funds to AEG Student Members studying in Texas.

West-Gray Scholarship Fund. This Fund supports undergraduate and graduate geology students in the eastern half of the United States.

Shlemon Continuing Education Fund. Supports local workshops through AEG Chapters.

K-14 Education Fund. Encourages K-14 students, K-14 teachers, and elementary, middle, high schools and technical and community colleges to explore methods and technologies to teach geology.

Marliave Fund. Supports graduate and undergraduate scholarships in Engineering Geology and Geological Engineering

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Nichole Vetter



Giving Back.

In 2006, I received one of the Norman R. Tilford Field Studies Scholarships, which enabled me to have the funds to conduct and complete my thesis field research. Without the generosity of the donors to this fund, it would have been a financial hardship to complete my thesis. I serve not only on the Tilford selection committee, but also on the AEG Foundation Board to give back to the AEGF and help create more opportunities for struggling students to fund their research and field camp.

I'm a Professional Geologist and Environmental Affairs Advisor specializing in environmental due diligence and climate change policies.

My hobbies include scrapbooking, reading, musicals, traveling with my husband (our current goal is visiting every MLB ballpark, with 10 already completed) and spending time with my family.

Bruce Hilton



Bruce is a retired Engineering Geologist still consulting for dams, highways & expert witness cases. The majority of his experience has involved management & support of major residential communities, dam evaluation & rehabilitation, and highway corridor planning, design & construction throughout the US. Bruce received his Bachelors Degree in Geology & Masters studies in Engineering Geology. He has been a long-term Member of AEG since 1978 and served as an officer from 2008-12 and President in 2011 while also serving on numerous Committees & Boards. He resided in Southern California until moving to Northern California in 1993 where he enjoys golfing, camping, hiking & carpentry with his wife Sandy, son & daughter & playing with his two beautiful grandsons.

Matt Morris



Matt lives in western Pennsylvania but you can find him working throughout North America on landslides, rockfalls, and other geohazard projects. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, skiing,

hunting, and fishing. I was introduced to geology through a physical geology college elective course, became enamored, and decided to change my major from business. I was introduced to engineering geology by Abdul Shakoor at Kent State University and decided to make that my career. I was fortunate to receive scholarships while attending Kent State and joined the Foundation to “give back” to the profession that has treated me so well. I can’t think of a better way to support Engineering Geologists than volunteering for the Foundation that helps students achieve their goals.

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