

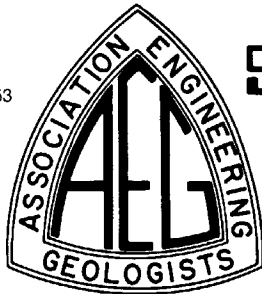
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DECEMBER MEETING

- DATE:** December 13, 1983
- PLACE:** California Country Club
1509 South Workman Mill Road
City of Industry
(Thomas Guide, Page 47, F-4)
- COST:** \$12.00; including tip!
- RESERVATIONS:** LeRoy Crandall & Associates
413-3550, Ext. 50; ask for Jan
- TIME:** 5:30 - Social Hour
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 - AEG Business
8:00 - Speaker
9:00 - Section Affairs (if scheduled)
- SPEAKER:** Keith Hughes, Attorney at Law; partner in Hartman, Haile & Hughes, South Pasadena.
- TOPIC:** Engineering Geology From an Insurance Attorney's Standpoint.

Mr. Hughes is employed commonly by insurance companies to aid in resolution of questions of coverage regarding losses due to landslides and other forms of earth movement. Keith will present a brief (no pun) history of the case law and will discuss the role of the engineering geologist as a forensic expert. Although broadly interpreted, California case law provides for coverage against loss under "All Risk" homeowner's insurance policies. "All Risk" probably takes into account the practice of engineering geology.

RESERVATIONS are required by the preceding FRIDAY at NOON.

OVERHEARD AT NOVEMBER MEETING

"Insurance carriers won't touch me" ---"won't give me more than 10 percent of my time toward registration"---"Spent as much as we wanted"---"plaintiff's expert will say anything for money"---"60 centimeters per 1000 years"---"never saw the grading inspector on the job"---"looking for a job"---"correlate rainfall with the failures"---"doubt he ever understood the standard of care"---"class action suit"---"report didn't specify colluvium"---"no movement in thousands of years"---"another damn lawsuit"---"well, I work for the City, let me buy you a drink."

DICK LOWNES says the South Coast Geological Society is planning to reprint "Geology of the Northern Elsinore Trough", originally published in 1983 and already out of print. Expect to cost \$ 15.00 per copy, but well worth it.

LUCY BIRDSALL reports the Branner Club will have Dr. Kerry Seh, Cal Tech, as its February speaker. Dr. Seh plans to discuss earthquakes and faults, etc. More about this later.

STONE GEOLOGICAL SERVICES, Canoga Park, is looking to employ two registered geologists and one registered soil engineer. Contact Monte Ray at 346-0565.

ALICE CAMPBELL relates that there is no active program to certify hydrogeologists as a separate specialty, according to JOHN WOLFE.

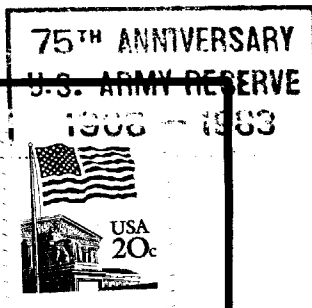
"Water, Water, everywhere" GLENN BROWN says the people in National Water Well Association are behind the idea of certification of hydrogeologists. He may have some more on this at the meeting.

There is a move afoot to send MIKE SCULLIN to Phoenix. No, not to stay, but to advise the ICBO that their plan to delete reference to geologists from Chapter 70, UBC, is unacceptable. Probably would raise hell with 309 statements in any case.

State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists have scheduled examination dates of May 18-19 and November 16-17, 1984. DON HALLINGER indicated that AIPG would like to administer a national examination.

State Mining and Geology Board office has been moved, effective 21 Nov., to 1416 9th St., Rm 1326-2, Sacramento, CA 95814.


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