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**NEWSLETTER**

THERE IS NO SECTION MEETING THIS MONTH.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

After a stern warning about reservations for monthly meetings, about 70 members called for reservations. However, when the dust settled, only 58 dinners were served. The restaurant, based upon past experience, was told to expect 80 diners, and the room was set for 100. As a consequence, the local section was handed a bill for 80 diners. (That translates as a \$300 loss for our Section in September. Note: If you cannot keep your reservation, you need to notify us by the Friday deadline so that we don't end up buying dinner for the no shows. Luminaria's is much less tolerant than Steven's Steak House when it comes to the final head count.) In spite of that, the meeting proceeded with a short topic by Don Lamar, discussing apparent dip methods. The talk was well illustrated with one hastily drawn chart.

Dr. George E. Heim, Vice President of Leighton and Associates, presented an informative documentation of the accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station in Russia. Dr. Heim felt that the lessons learned from the Chernobyl accident could be applied to the geologic and hydrogeologic studies required for hazardous waste sites.

Joe Cobarrubias announced that the demise of CAL OSHA has resulted in the loss of permission for geologists and engineers to enter unshored excavations. Buzz Spellman discussed the merits of Assembly Bill 1727 which amends the public resources code with respect to qualifications for the position of state geologist. The bill proposed that the state geologist need not be registered as a geologist in the state of California. Kris Johnson with Smith Emery Company, announced that they are looking for a registered engineering geologist. The office is located in downtown Los Angeles. Chairman Byer asked for a vote on the continuation of the short topic as a part of the meeting agenda. The overwhelming majority of members attending indicated that the short topic was a good idea and should be continued into the Don Lamar era. Don Lamar indicated that those raising their hands would be called upon for short topics.

In April, 1987, the AEG Board of Directors voted to award the 1992 Annual Meeting to the Southern California Section, and Rick Kent was to be Chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee. The Kents recently relocated to Walnut Creek. After considerable thought and soul searching, John Byer volunteered to be Chairman of the 1992 Annual Meeting. We hope to have the location and hotel selected by the end of September for presentation to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The committees and members of the Annual Meeting staff will be formulated and selected following the October meeting. By November, anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact John Byer (818) 980-0825 or (213) 877-2757. Those members who submitted their names to Rick Kent should resubmit their names to insure their positions.

As your outgoing Chairman I wish to thank all members for their support during the past year. Attendance at the meetings was very good, and as of May we have picked up 21 new members in the Section. It is apparent that the Association continues to need the support of the consulting industry. The Association provides a place for the sharing of technical information. As a final note, I would like to thank the other officers who have served this past year. Don Lamar has done an excellent job in securing speakers for the monthly meetings. Bob Zweigler has done double duty as secretary, and during the last few months as treasurer, and has helped me prepare the final reports for presentation at the Board meetings.

We have approximately 60 Guide Books from the Field Trip left; the price for Section members is \$20. The remaining books will be taken to the Atlanta meeting where they will be sold to the general membership for \$30 to help offset the losses generated by the Field Trip.

International Association of Engineering Geology, Commission on Engineering Geological Study of the Continental Shelf and Littoral Zone announces that the First International Symposium on "Engineering Geology of the Shelf and Continental Slope of Seas and Oceans" will be held in Tbilisi, USSR, from September 26 through October 1, 1988. North American engineering geologists are particularly encouraged

to participate and present papers. An abstract volume will be published at time of the Symposium. Also, a two-day post-Symposium geological excursion will take place in the Sukhumi-Poti-Gagra (Black Sea) area, thus providing the North American geologist a unique opportunity to visit Soviet applied research institutions and to observe many "engineered" structures.

The Delegate Registration Fee is US \$120.

For abstract forms and complete registration materials, please contact, as soon as possible:

Prof. J.M. Buachidze, Director, Sector of Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology, Academy of Sciences of the Georgian SSR, 31 Rustaveli Avenue, TBILISI, 380008, USSR.

### ELECTION RESULTS

1987-88 Southern California Section

The new Section officers are:

DON LAMAR, Chairman

JEFF HOLT, Vice Chairman

BOB ZWEIGLER, Secretary

JERRY TREIMAN, Treasurer

Many thanks to Alice Campbell and her committee for all their hard work handling the details involved in the election.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

GEOLOGIST, 60K + equity. World class consulting firm seeks registered geologist for key environmental position leading to Director of Hazardous Waste Division. S. Martino (213) 477-4433.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST, registered, for Smith Emery Company. Could be full-time, part-time, or at an associate level. Call Kris Johnson for information (213) 749-3411 ext.254.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST. Five years experience in urban development in Southern California and registration as an engineering geologist. Second party review capability. Good communication skills required. Contact Michael Scullin, RSA, Inc., 15414 Cabrito Road, Unit A, Van Nuys, CA 91406-1439, (818)989-5338.

SOILS TECHNICIAN. Five years experience in grading fill control in Southern California. Contact Al Guerrero, RSA, Inc., 15414 Cabrito Road, Unit A, Van Nuys, CA 91406-1439 (818)989-5338.

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November Newsletter.....OCT 22  
December Newsletter.....NOV 19  
January Newsletter.....DEC 17

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