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***NEWSLETTER – July 2008***

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**Meeting Date: \*\*\*Tuesday, July 15th\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Location:** Steven's Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, Commerce, California

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.-Social Hour; 7:00 p.m.-Dinner and discussions

**Cost:** \$30 per person with reservations, \$35 without reservations, \$15 with a valid Student ID. Food will be from Mexican Specialties menu.

**Reservations:** Please e-mail Peter Thams at [thams.peter@gmail.com](mailto:thams.peter@gmail.com)

**Speaker:** There is no scheduled speaker this month. We will have an Officer's meeting, and everyone is welcome. We'll be discussing section issues. These will include revising (if we can find them) or formulation (if we can't) of SoCal Section Bylaws, kick-starting the inactive committees, ideas for a field trip, a proposed committee regarding guidelines for performing Residential Geologic Evaluation for ownership transfer, student participation and support, and any other items of interest to the membership.

<b>Chair Column</b>
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Roz Munro

Legislative Committee member Hugh Robertson and I joined Sacramento Section Chair John Pfeiffer, and AEG President Dorian Kuper for a legislative meet and greet in Sacramento with our lobbyist Judy Wolen on Tues. June 24. Bill Godwin, the San Francisco Chair was called out of town unexpectedly and couldn't make the trip. Dorian was coming to Sacramento that day as Speaker for the Sacramento Section monthly meeting so she flew down early to join us (she's still registered in California and practiced in the past in the San Diego area.)

Judy prepared a full agenda for us. We met in her office, where she provided us a package including names, photos and contact information for all of the California officers, Senators, and Assembly Members, Anatomy of a Bill, How a Bill Becomes Law, recommendations for legislative interviews and calling a legislator, and a format for letters. These will be posted on the SoCal website sometime this month. After our orientation and briefing (and a great lunch, she paid), we walked across the street to the Capitol building for a brief tour (the original Capitol building portion has been refurbished and is beautiful) and meetings with consultant, Assembly Members, Senator, and Staff member. This was the last day that bills could clear committee, so some members weren't available due to hearings and there was a lot of schedule jostling and climbing of stairs from office to office.

It was an enlightening experience. In our first meeting, GV Ayres, Consultant, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Committee, gave us a heads up on that morning's outcome of AB 1925 that affects the regulation of professional boards, including the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists. As our meetings progressed, the contrast in personalities and their approaches to contact with constituents and stakeholders of those we met was extreme.

Some important points came out of this (which were generally already known but need to be reinforced). 1: The opinion of the California Sections of AEG can make a difference. The three Section Chairs have sent letters with joint signatures supporting or opposing a number of bills. 2: The opinions of individual constituents are more important. A letter from AEG may only influence stakeholders in a bill. Letters to individual legislators from their constituents (check the ca.gov website to find yours) can be very influential. Letters don't have to be long or detailed. Even a yea or nay can be adequate. Or send an email. A letter format will be posted on the SoCal website, as mentioned above, sometime this month. We will post on the website or email letters that the Chairs send for reference. We are a diverse group of people, and despite our shared passion for our profession, be sure to present your own point of view. You don't have to agree with anything the Section supports or opposes. But the yea's and nay's are tallied, so communicate your opinion.

Judy Wolen's importance to us was demonstrated during this trip. Everyone we talked to praised her work on our behalf. That included not only the consultant, Assembly Members, and Senator, but also staffers and other lobbyists we randomly ran into in the halls and elevators as we ran around the building.

**\*\*\*Golf Tournament Announcement\*\*\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Martin Stout Fund:  
Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> at Tierra Rejada Golf Course in Moorpark.  
\$90 includes golf with cart, breakfast coupon and prizes.  
Additional information to follow...**

**Announcement**

Charles Nestle

The 2008 County of Los Angeles Building Code (Title 26) was expected to be available in technical book stores around the end of March. The new code may also be accessed at either of the following links: <http://www.bpcnet.com/codes/lacounty/> or <http://ordlink.com/codes/lacounty/index.htm>. Click on: "Title 26. Building Code."

**Public Service Announcement**

Charles Nestle

**ZIP-A-DIPS Are Still Available!**

How many of you have given up trying to find replacement for your faded and warped Zip-A-Dips? Zip-A-Dips are available from Don and Jeannine Lamar, who have lived in retirement in Reno for the past six years. Jeannine said that they don't plan on having any more made when they exhaust the present supply of Zip-A-Dips. She said, "It sure is nice to know that some geologists are still using ZADs."

Order your Zip-A-Dip by phone: (775) 322-5344. The price for 1 is \$4.00, or order 2-10 for \$3.50 ea., 11-49 for 3.00 ea., and 50+ for \$2.50 ea.



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- Dams/Levees
- Environmental Geology
- Forensic Geology
- Geophysics
- Geotechnics
- Groundwater
- Landslides/Slope Stability
- Professional Practice
- Remote Sensing/GIS
- Rock/Soil Mechanics
- Seismic Hazard
- Site Characterization
- Subsidence
- Tunneling

#### Symposia

- Hurricane Katrina and Mechanism of Failure
- New Madrid Earthquakes
- Coastal Geology and Coastal Hazards
- Environmental Remediation
- Coastal Protection – New Orleans
- Tunneling

#### Field Trips

- Slope Stability – Mississippi River Bluffs
- Hurricane Katrina Devastation Area
- Avery Island Salt Dome & Tabasco Tour
- Civil War Military Geology – Vicksburg Campaign
- Coastal Geology – Barrier Islands
- NASA – Stennis Space Center

#### Short Courses

- GIS
- OSHA 8-hour HAZWOPR Refresher
- Technical Photography

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#### Special Event

Mardi Gras Parade and Reception through the French Quarter – with the procession led by a traditional N'awlins jazz group.

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## Chapter Meetings

### Inland Empire:

For the latest information and updates, please visit <http://www.aegsc.org/chapters/inlandempire/>

### Central Coast:

Monthly meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of every month at Rusty's Pizza in Goleta. Social hour begins at 6 pm, the meeting begins at 7pm.

For the latest information and updates, please visit <http://www.aegsc.org/chapters/centralcoast/>

For more information or to be added to the CA Central Coast Chapter email list, please contact Robert Urban via email at [robert\\_urban@urscorp.com](mailto:robert_urban@urscorp.com).

### San Diego:

For the latest information and updates, please visit <http://www.aegsc.org/chapters/extremesocal/>

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\$20/month

\* The deadline for submitting an advertisement for next month's newsletter is Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**YEAR 2008 CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED**

Contributions from corporations and individual members are greatly appreciated. Contributors will be listed in our newsletter throughout the year and can post their logo or business card in the newsletter if so desired. Please mail contributions made out to **AEG** to our section treasurer, Peter Thams.

**2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

For those of you who have not yet renewed (**the deadline is November 1**), are unsure about your membership status, or did not receive your membership dues statement, please contact AEG Headquarters at [www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org). You can renew your membership online. Please update your membership if you wish to continue to receive future issues of the newsletter.

**\*\*\*NOTICE: Proposed New AEG Publication\*\*\***

**WHO'S WHO in SO CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING GEOLOGY**  
**The Evolution of Engineering Geology in Southern California**

Have you ever wondered "Whatever happened to\_\_\_?" or "I've heard of \_\_\_\_, who is he?"

The undersigned have decided to try to prepare an internet publication with the above title, which will include biographies of engineering geologists in southern California. We would like you to share your biography (autobiography) with other EGs. If you have worked on an interesting project, others would like to know about it.

If we limit each autobiography to 3 pages of text, plus photos, this publication would be more than 1,000 pages long. Therefore, we plan to utilize a proposed new AEG Foundation internet website, where there is no limit to total pages, and we can use color photos. Also, this new website will be available for no-charge access, worldwide, thus spreading the word on the history and evolution of engineering geology, and southern California's immense contribution.

We suggest (not require) three criteria for inclusion: 1. That you are a CA licensed CEG; 2. That you are now or once were a member of AEG; 3. That you have enough years of professional experience to relate one or more significant projects you have worked on. We believe there are more than 250 such EGs in southern California. This will be an evolving internet site where new autobiographies can be added.

We will also include Memorial biographies of past notable geologists in southern California. So far, we have identified 30, including John Buwalda, Ian Campbell, Tom Dibblee, Rollin Eckis, Perry Ehlig, Richard Jahns, John Mann, F.L. Ransome, Charles Richter, Dottie & Marty Stout, Gene Waggoner. Biographies of 14 of these notable geologists were published for the recent AEG Annual Meeting, in "History of the Association's First 50 Years," available from AEG HQ, contact Julie Keaton or Becky Roland.

Here is a CHECKLIST FOR YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY:

Complete NAME, address, phone, email; BIRTH DATE and place; UNIVERSITY(s) attended, major(s), degree(s), year(s); MILITARY service; FIRMS/AGENCIES you worked for; up to 3 significant PROJECTS you worked on; possibly relate a serious or humorous INCIDENT; a MENTOR you may wish to acknowledge; professional SOCIETIES, HONORS, AWARDS; HOBBIES; up to 5 PUBLICATIONS; PHOTOS of yourself and of projects (scanned images preferred).

So, if you wish to be included in this new internet publication, prepare your autobiography and email it with photos to: allen@hatheway.net and in the Subject box, type: So. Cal. Geologist. Or mail it to Allen Hatheway, 10256 Stoltz Dr., Rolla, MO 65401. Please, no more than 3 pages of text, single-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt.

Please pass this notice on to those you may know who no longer get this Newsletter.

In the spirit of camaraderie, we thank you,

Richard Proctor  
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**PALEONTOLOGICAL FIELD MANAGER  
SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

The San Diego Natural History Museum is run and operated by the San Diego Society of Natural History, a private non-profit scientific organization incorporated in 1874. The Museum's mission is to interpret the natural world through research, education and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of Southern California and the peninsula of Baja California; and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment. Within the Museum, the Department of PaleoServices (DPS) specializes in paleontological resource management. Our focus is on the recognition, recovery, and preservation of the significant and unique paleontological resources that occur in this region. The activities of DPS are helping to preserve significant fossil assemblages and are directly contributing to the growth of the important paleontological research collections at the Museum. We are currently looking to fill the following position.

Coordinate paleontological field activities (i.e., supervision of field monitors in prospecting for and collection of fossils and the recording of stratigraphic, taphonomic, geographic, and topographic data) and production of final project reports that summarize the methods and preliminary results of paleontological salvage activities. Other duties include generation of initial discovery letter reports for City, County, and/or State agency managers and generation of paleontological resource assessment technical reports. Opportunities also include paleontological field work in the Southern California region and working with the extensive fossil collections of the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Qualified candidates must have at least a B.S. Degree in Geology or Paleobiology; 2 to 3 years of relevant experience (especially sedimentary geology and paleontology); excellent supervisory/managerial, verbal, written, and interpersonal skills; and a strong work ethic, intense drive, and initiative for quality and customer service. This position is a regular, full-time salaried position with a generous benefits package (e.g., full medical and 401K plan). Compensation will be based on individual qualifications and experience (annual salary range \$40,000 to \$60,000). Please send resumes to Yvonne Kugies ([ykugies@sdnhm.org](mailto:ykugies@sdnhm.org)).



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