



The Official

# OREGON SECTION AEG NEWSLETTER

## March Meeting Details

Date: Wednesday March 18th

Location: Old Market Pub

6959 Multnomah

Portland, OR

6:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Presentation

Dinner: Pizza & Salad

\$15 Dinner (\$5 Students)

**Reservations:**  
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with "AEG Reservation" in  
the subject line or 971-222-  
2047 by 4pm Monday  
March 16th.

There is a \$2 surcharge for  
those who do not reserve by  
the deadline.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- April 21: Student Night
- May 19: Ed Medley



NOTE: Meeting Date is a Wednesday !

## The March Meeting Guest Speaker is Scott Burns from Portland State University. Presentation: Dynamic Landslides in Switzerland

Scott has been working in the Swiss Alps for nearly 40 years. He is currently writing a book called, "Swiss Alps Alive", which is about the natural history of the Swiss Alps. There will be

A reservation made is a reservation paid !

a section in it on landslides. Last summer a group of 40 geologists and

engineers of the ILRG (International Landslide Research Group) had a 9 day field conference in the Alps led by Prof. Hans Kienholz of the University of Bern. This talk will summarize many of the classic case histories of rockfalls, debris flows, and translational slides

they visited on the trip. Dorian Kuper is the president of this group. Scott will also add in many other case histories of landslides in the Alps: their causes, prevention and mitigation.

## Bio: Scott Burns, Professor and Chair, Portland State University Department of Geology

Scott has been teaching at the university level for 39 years in Switzerland, New Zealand, Washington, Colorado and Louisiana before returning to Portland (where he grew up) in 1990 to teach at Portland State. He has been chair of the Oregon Section and President of AEG. Currently, he is Vice President of IAEG. He has also been chair of the Engineering Geology Division of GSA and president of the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists. He has had 27 MS and PhD students complete their degrees under his supervision and currently has 6 students working with him. He has over 90 publications. He has been working actively with landslide for over 30 years.



Scott Burns

## Joint Task Force on Areas of Practice

Please see page 4 for detailed information.



## AEG Awards Committee Solicitation for Nominations for 2009

The AEG Awards committee is soliciting nominations for the three awards for which our committee is responsible. The Awards are: Claire P. Holdredge Award, Floyd T. Johnston Service Award, and the Douglas R. Piteau Outstanding Young Member Award. Please consider making a nomination. There are many deserving members, but they must be nominated for consideration. Send nominations to the Committee Chair (Roz Munro) for the Awards Committee to evaluate. The AEG Awards Committee consists of: Rosalind Munro (Chair), Jessica Humble, and Kenneth Neal.

and faithful service to the Association over a minimum period of nine years to coincide with Floyd's tenure as Executive Director. Contemporary Board members are not eligible until one year after leaving office. Nominations for this award are made by the membership at large to the Awards Committee. For nominations to be valid, they must be endorsed by three members having different AEG Section affiliations. Please submit a nomination with the nominee endorsed by the required three members from different AEG Sections.

nominate that individual to the Award Committee.

All Award nominations must be submitted to the AEG Awards Committee by March 31st. All nominations for the Awards must be supported by descriptions of the individual's accomplishments and/or service to the industry or publication's merit (as appropriate to the award). The AEG Awards Committee, at its discretion, selects the final candidates from the nominees for each Award. Then the AEG Awards Committee forwards the Award selection recommendations to the President for confirmation.

Please send or email your nomination to the Awards Committee Chair at the address below.

Rosalind Munro, Chair  
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1. The Claire P. Holdredge Award is presented for a publication within the previous five years by an AEG Member that is judged to be an outstanding contribution to the Environmental & Engineering Geology Profession. Nominations for this award are made by the membership at large to the Awards Committee. Please submit a nomination with the name(s) of the AEG publication member(s), the title of the publication, and the publisher information.

3. The Douglas R. Piteau Outstanding Young Member Award is given presented to an AEG Member who is age 35 or under (who is not 36 until January 1 in the year following the Annual Meeting at which the Award is given) and has excelled, either singly or in combination, in the areas of Technical Accomplishment, Service to the Association, and/or Service to the Environmental & Engineering Geology Profession. Please submit your nomination, or a nomination by your AEG Section. Each AEG Section may choose and publicize the name of an individual deserving of the Award and

2. The Floyd T. Johnston Service Award is presented to an AEG Member for outstanding active

## Message From The Chair

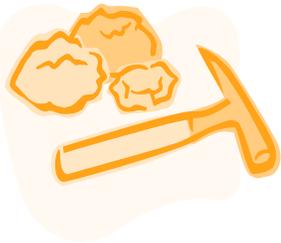
I strongly encourage everyone to read the draft document released by the Joint Task Force on Areas of Practice and to submit any comments through AEG's website. This document attempts to *define the practice of Engineering Geology* among other things and could have considerable implications on what you can and can not do as a geo-professional in the future. AEG Executive Council

is encouraging everyone to **submit comments via the AEG website by March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. In addition, the Oregon Section will be holding a discussion group on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to review the document. For more information, see the section of this newsletter dedicated to the JTFAP.

Following the JTFAP Discussion on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our regular March

Meeting on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for a classic Portland evening where our very own Scott Burns will be speaking on (you guessed it!) LANDSLIDES in Switzerland (slightly more exotic than the Coast Range) at the Old Market Pub (Portland microbrews!). I hope to see you there!

AEG Oregon Section Chair  
Jason Hinkle



*“Keen observation is at least as necessary as penetrating analysis”*

*Karl Terzaghi*



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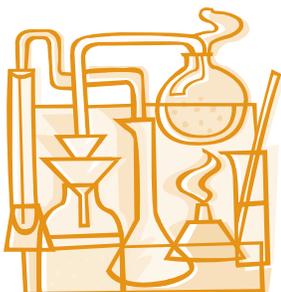
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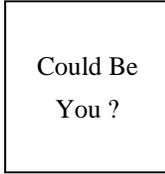
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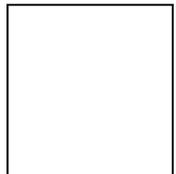
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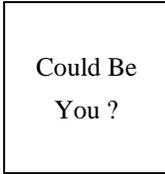
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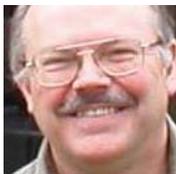
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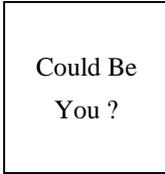
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