



Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists  
Kansas City/Omaha Section  
August, 2006

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN  
[andrea\\_prince@urscorp.com](mailto:andrea_prince@urscorp.com)

Recap of Activities

Our last meeting was held on June 13, 2006 at the Golden Ox restaurant. Our scheduled speaker was Peter Price of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and his topic was to be the Taum Sauk Dam Failure. Unfortunately, Peter was unable to attend and we had a last minute topic change. John Moylan was gracious enough to speak regarding geological conditions and dam sitting.

Upcoming Activities

Meetings

The next Kansas City/Omaha Section meeting will be held September 6 (tentative date) at Anthony's in Omaha. Sayed Hassan will speak about medical geology.

For our October meeting, we are looking forward to having Darrel Schmitz, AEG President present speak. At this time the estimated date is the first week in October.

Peter Price has agreed to reschedule his presentation on the Taum Sauk Dam Failure. Tentative date is November.

Fall Field Trip

Currently we are planning a field trip for mid to late October. Our goal is to combine a little geology, a little history, and a lot of fun. This trip would be great for friends and family. Look for more information in the next few weeks.

Spring Short Course

We would like to host a short course this coming spring. Currently we are researching topics. If there is a topic that is of particular interest to you, please let me know.

Additional details will be forthcoming, look for email announcements.

### Other Information

#### 2007 Jahns Lecturer

One of our members, John Moylan, a great geologist and leader of AEG has been named the 2007 Jahns Lecturer. Many of you know John, and recognize that he is well deserving of this position. He has promised that he will give his home section a presentation during his busy schedule, we look forward to seeing him in the future.

#### Proposed Changes to the Section Constitution and By-Laws

I am sorry to report that based on our current Section Constitution and By-Laws that the proposed changes did not pass. In order for any changes to be made, a total of two-thirds of the membership must pass on the proposed changes. At the ballot deadline, we had received only twenty ballots, well below the needed amount. The Section Board has decided to extend the voting deadline until September 1, 2006. Please remember that you can only vote once.

#### Joint North-Central and South Central Sections of GSA Meeting, Spring 2007

The upcoming joint meeting will be held in Lawrence this coming spring. This meeting promises to be greatly informative. Gregory C. Ohlmacher, is convening a proposed a them session tentatively titled "Geologic Hazards in Urban Areas and Transportation Corridors of the Midcontinent". I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to participate in this meeting. For additional information, please contact Gregory at [ohlmac@kgs.ku.edu](mailto:ohlmac@kgs.ku.edu).

#### AEG / ASCE Scholarship Fund

This year the scholarship fund was increased to \$8,900 in profit, a tremendous year.

#### AEG Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting

This year's mid-year meeting was productive. A few of the items that were discussed were the budget, the new web-site, and the upcoming meetings. The meeting minutes can be viewed on the new web site for more detailed information. After the BOD meeting, there was a workshop to revisit and possibly update the By-Laws, a new committee will be working on several of the issues raised in this workshop.

#### AEG National 2006 – Boston

This year's National meeting promises to be highly technical in a wonderful setting. Please plan on attending.

2007 North American Landslide Conference

The 2007 North American Landslide Conference has had a tremendous response. It is anticipated that the conference will be sold out within a few days of opening the registration. Please be aware of the need to register early for this conference.

Missouri proposed House Bill 1720-Registration of Environmental Professionals

Due to the efforts of several organizations and individuals, this Bill was not passed. The defeated Bill should serve as a reminder that we need to be proactive in our professions and not let legislature dictate our standards.

We are always looking for news about our members to include in the *AEG News*. Please let me know if you would like to highlight some of your work or a hobby.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Prince', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Andrea Prince  
Chairman, Kansas City/Omaha Section