AEG Foundation

2015 – 2016 Annual Report

Advancing the science, scholarship, and education in environmental and engineering geology for the benefit of all.

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The past year has been a very successful year for the AEG Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, and dedication of the AEG Foundation’s Board of Directors, committees, and our Operations Manager, the Foundation is well positioned for growth and to further support the community behind the AEG Foundation. Despite difficult financial times worldwide, the Foundation has been able to increase the number and amount of awards given this past year to 46 grants and scholarships with a value of over $58,000. We added a new graduate-level scholarship, the Roy J. Shlemon Quaternary Engineering Geology Scholarship, and are in the process of developing the Shlemon Mentor Fund. Both funds were made possible by the generous donations of Roy J. Shlemon. The AEG Foundation’s ability to continue to support students and professionals in environmental and engineering geology would not be possible without our donors and the hard work of the AEG Foundation Finance Committee, chaired by John Peck. As a result of the Financial Committee’s advice, the AEG Foundation ended 2016 with over $920,000 in our funds. One of the Foundation’s main goals in the coming year is to increase the utilization of our Professional Support Funds. While most donors and applicants are familiar with the AEG Foundation scholarships, we also have funds dedicated to research and professional development. Some, such as the Research Grant, the Cornerstone Fund, and the Legget Fund are targeted to individuals for research, publications, or course development. Others, including the Shlemon Continuing Education Fund and the Shlemon Specialty Conference Fund, make grants to AEG Chapters and other groups to hold workshops, conferences, or other professional development activities. If you or your Chapter are interested in any of our support for research and professional development, please contact the Foundation. For a full list of our funding opportunities please visit www.aegfoundation.org and click on Funds. On behalf of the AEG Foundation Board of Directors, I extend our thanks to our donors, scholarship and grant recipients, and our committee members and volunteers. I sincerely hope that the AEG Foundation has been a good steward of your funds, and has developed programs worthy of your support. Please contact your Foundation Directors or staff with any ideas or opportunities that will help us to better serve the profession, the public, our donors, and our awardees. Respectfully submitted,

Briget C. Doyle, PhD
AEG Foundation President
Funding Opportunities for Professionals & Students

The AEG Foundation has four program areas that support students and professionals at all levels in research, academic achievement, and professional development opportunities.

- **Professional Development & Learning**
  - Including: support to put on specialty conferences & workshops, K-14 education, and the Jahns Lecture series

- **Research**
  - Including: publications, outreach, and small research projects

- **AEG Student Chapter Grants**
  - Including: field trips and guest lecturers

- **Scholarships**
  - Including: funds for field camp and tuition, for all levels of study, as well as scholarship specifically for students in the Carolinas and Texas.

If you have questions about any funding opportunities, please go to www.aegfoundation.org or contact the AEG Foundation at staff@aegfoundation.org.
AEG Foundation Scholars

In 2016, the AEG Foundation awarded 29 scholarships and grants, totaling $43,672.

Ariel Ellison, Beardsley-Kuper Scholarship Winner

Because of the great welcome I have received into the AEG family, I plan to continually stay involved, and encourage other students to get involved, come to meetings and apply for scholarships. I once again thank the donors to the funds in memory of June and Richard Lemke, and of Marty Stout, about whom I heard so many stories from attendees of the annual meeting this year. I also thank the members of the foundation who choose scholarship awardees. I hope to one day be able to give back to AEG like so many of the members have, to make scholarships like the ones I received possible. I’m looking forward to Colorado Springs next year! - David LaPorte

David LaPorte, Lemke & Stout Scholarship Winner

Pictured with (left to right): William Flanigan, Jerry Higgins, Briget Doyle, David LaPorte, Robert Tepel, Jane Gill-Shaler
Thank you.

The AEG Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of donors, large and small, individual and institutional. Their commitment to the growth of the profession and their trust in the AEG Foundation makes this work possible.
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Financials

2015 - 2016 Revenue by Program
$92,978 Total Revenue

- Greatest Need: 25%
- Professional Development: 13%
- Research Funds: 1%
- Scholarship Funds: 40%
- Jahns Fund: 7%
- Student Chapter Grants: 2%
- Operations: 12%

$288,740 in grants & scholarships awarded between 2007 and 2016!
Thank you to the Board of Directors

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Why do I serve as a Director? I want to “pay it forward.” I have personally benefitted by an AEG Foundation scholarship by being named the AEG Marliave Scholar in 1986. I appreciated the financial support, but the deeper value I received was getting to know the extreme passion that comes from the members of the Foundation. They deeply honor the sub-disciplines of engineering geology and geological engineering and know its value to our society. Being a part of this group is a privilege and I want to share my experiences with young professionals. The AEG Foundation Scholarships are the most visible activities of the Foundation. However, our sponsorship of the Jahns Lecture Series, Shlemon Specialty Conferences, Shlemon Mentors, and our Research Programs (to mention a few) reach many more people. The AEG Foundation is about growing the future and I want to be a part of this growth. – Kerr Cato

Being a member of the AEG Foundation Board of Directors has allowed me to give back to a profession and organization that has given so much to me, both as a student and as a professional. The AEG Foundation provides students and professionals with opportunities to advance the science of environmental and engineering geology through grants and scholarships. I am proud to be able to support the advancement of both my profession and my colleagues.

– Briget Doyle

The geoscience profession has provided many opportunities to me. It is my desire to see more people involved in the profession so that important decisions involving man’s interaction with the earth can be appropriately evaluated and communicated for the benefit of the public. Being involved with the AEG Foundation allows the opportunity to give back to this profession, its students and practitioners in hopes that this profession will continue to provide its valuable input to societal needs.

- William Flanigan

I serve on the AEG Foundation Board because of the eyes that I see. I see happiness, gratitude, and hope in the eyes of students who have been awarded a scholarship to help them on their way. In the eyes of the Jahns Lecturers, I see pleasure and contentment in being able to share their knowledge and expertise with bright, committed student members of AEG. In the eyes of my colleagues and fellow Board members, I see pride and joy, fulfillment and gratification in being able to help students and professionals with the funding that is so necessary to accomplish their goals.

- Jane Gill-Shaler

I serve on the AEG Foundation because.....over many years and many jobs in many cities, AEG has been the one constant in my professional life. AEG has been the backbone of my career, actually. AEG supported my interests as a Student, and kept me current with technology over the years. Now, AEG is providing the opportunity to serve our profession at the regional and national level. I am happy to engage young people and bring them enthusiastically into the field that continues to provide me with a richly satisfying career---environmental and engineering geology. - Loren Lasky
Thank you!