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## **Arizona Section Newsletter** **February 2010**

### **MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS - ARIZONA SECTION**

**Dinner Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, March 4, 2010**  
**Location TBD**

REGISTRATION/HAPPY HOUR AT 6 PM  
MEETING SPONSORSHIP COURTESY OF

DINNER STARTS AT 6:30 PM

### **Geology in Dam Engineering: An Evolving Contribution of Engineering Geology for Safety and Efficiency**

Dr. Paul Marinos  
2010 AEG Jahn's Lecturer

MEETING RESERVATIONS  
(Please email Bonnie Whitley by March 1, 2010)  
[bonniewhitleype@gmail.com](mailto:bonniewhitleype@gmail.com)

Please note Arizona Section meeting prices:  
Members \$20.00, Non-Members \$25.00, Full Time Students \$5.00, State Employees \$10.00

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## ARIZONA SECTION VICE CHAIR CORNER – Pancho Garza

Welcome to the latest edition of the AEG Arizona Section newsletter. Our New Year's resolution is to put out a newsletter every couple of months!

We ended last year with our second annual holiday party. This time the family-friendly event was held at the Phoenix Zoo as part of the Zoolights. We had over 50 people turnout despite the colder weather. A big thanks goes out to all who helped out, but especially Heather Hespeler who made it all happen.

Our first meeting in 2010 was our second annual joint-meeting with the Arizona Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME). The speaker was, Tim Casten, of Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold. His presentation on the Underground Mining efforts at Freeport Indonesia's Grasberg District attracted over 65 people. We look forward to continuing our relationship with SME next year. We hope to continue the momentum with our upcoming talk by Dr. Paul Marinos, the current and first-ever international Jahn's Lecturer.

Gregg Mitchell (our Student Liaison) is finalizing announcements for our annual Student Night, so expect to hear more about it in the near future. The date is April 6<sup>th</sup> at Arizona State University Memorial Union in Tempe. We are working with the ASU GeoClub and have high hopes for an even greater student turnout this year. I urge all the various professional, corporate, and government agencies represented by our members to attend, sponsor, recruit, and actively engage our students. Help us make the event a success. More information is available at <http://aegarizona.blogspot.com/2010/01/2010-student-night.html>

Please consider becoming a member of AEG. One of the goals of the Arizona Section is to grow our membership and it's clear that we are not communicating the benefits of membership. I strongly encourage you to join if you are not a member – you get the AEG Environmental & Engineering Geology publication, a nice entry on the resumé, career building and recruiting support, on-line access to many journals, and numerous other forms of support. Students, involvement and membership in AEG goes a long way towards getting your career going. Details on how to join are found later in this newsletter.

Also, we've been doing great for meeting sponsors, but I've run out. Sponsorship helps to keep our meetings fun with beverages, and our Section alive and well, so please help the Section out and sponsor a meeting or more. At this time we only have 2 annual sponsors for 2010, that seems way too small to me. Contact me for more information or fill out a sponsorship form and send it in - [http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ\\_SEC\\_Sponsor\\_Form\\_pdf\\_WEBCOPY.pdf](http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ_SEC_Sponsor_Form_pdf_WEBCOPY.pdf).

Please don't forget about the AEG Arizona Section Blog (<http://aegarizona.blogspot.com/>). We've cut down on the email announcements that I send out, but they are all posted at the blog – actually, I publish much more than I would send out otherwise. It's a great source of information about Environmental and Engineering Geology and what's going on in and around Arizona. I encourage everyone to check by frequently.

Thanks,  
Pancho Garza, AEG Vice Chair

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## 2010 SECTION MEETINGS

### **Arizona Section Meetings**

Arizona Section meetings will be held at: At location TBD in Tempe

**Cost:** Members \$20.00, Non-Members \$25.00, Full Time Students \$5.00, State Employees \$10.00

The Section's 2010 meeting schedule is as follows (topics/speakers subject to change):

- **March 4**, Paul Marinos – 2010 Jahn's Lecturer
- **April 6**, Student Night – at Arizona State University, Tempe
- **May 26**, Duane Kreuger– 2010 AEG President

Meetings, meeting locations, and field trips listed above are subject to change.

### **U of A Chapter Meetings/News**

No news for February 2010, as this Chapter seems to be inactive. If you are interested in reanimating the U of A Student Chapter, please contact Ken Ferguson ([ken.fergason@amec.com](mailto:ken.fergason@amec.com)).

## AEG MEMBERSHIP

If you aren't a member, consider joining. You can obtain an application, or join on-line at [www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org). If you are a member – are you current? If not, you have several ways to renew. 1) Fill out the paperwork and mail it in, 2) log onto [www.aegweb.org](http://www.aegweb.org) with your ID and password; 3) Calling the National office at (303) 757-2926, or 4) send an email to [aeg@aegweb.org](mailto:aeg@aegweb.org) and we will call you.

## AZ SECTION NEW MEMBERS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **We Need Sponsors!** Sponsorship makes our meeting great and keeps our section alive and functioning. I've run out, so please consider a sponsorship – more information is available at
- [http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ\\_SEC\\_Sponsor\\_Form\\_pdf\\_WEBCOPY.pdf](http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ_SEC_Sponsor_Form_pdf_WEBCOPY.pdf).
- AEG/AHS Student Night on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Make it a success – more information is available at <http://aegarizona.blogspot.com/2010/01/2010-student-night.html>
- Visit Geo Slice, the AEG Arizona Section blog – I hope to grow its use as way to distribute information of various forms. <http://aegarizona.blogspot.com/>

## JOB OPENINGS, JOBS WANTED

To add a job opening contact Ken Ferguson ([ken.fergason@amec.com](mailto:ken.fergason@amec.com)).

## EMAIL LIST

If you want to be added to the newsletter email list, or no longer want to be included, please send them to Bonnie Whitley at [bonniewhitleype@gmail.com](mailto:bonniewhitleype@gmail.com) or to Ken Ferguson at [ken.fergason@amec.com](mailto:ken.fergason@amec.com). Any additions or corrections to the email list or to the newsletter contact Bonnie or Ken as above.

## MEETING SPONSORS

We are always looking for sponsors for our monthly dinner meetings and for the Student Section activities. Sponsorship includes one dinner; and you can put up a small display and have a few minutes to talk about your company. More information is found at [http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ\\_SEC\\_Sponsor\\_Form\\_pdf\\_WEBCOPY.pdf](http://www.aegweb.org/files/public/AZ_SEC_Sponsor_Form_pdf_WEBCOPY.pdf).

To Sponsor an Arizona Section Meeting or the U of A Student Chapter, contact Ken Ferguson (480-940-2320).

## SECTION SPONSORS

Our Section annual sponsors are listed on the following pages (we only have 2 right now!). The sponsors for this season are a tremendous support and we are grateful for their participation. If you would like to become an Arizona Section annual sponsor, please contact Ken Ferguson ([ken.fergason@amec.com](mailto:ken.fergason@amec.com)).

