



ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS

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Student & Young Professional Support Committee (SYPSC)

2018 Mid-Year Update

Our committee members include: Kevin Mininger (Co-Chair), Morley Beckman (Co-Chair), Casey Dowling, Laurel Galm, Tej Gautam, Stephanie Kline-Tissi, Rick Kolb, Melissa Pierce, Justin Thomas, and Hillary Whitney.

Committee Activities and Initiatives for 2018:

- Continue to support young professional and student members and student chapters through outreach and grants including:
 - Providing young professional and educator grants to help cover travel expenses to the Annual Meeting (AM).
 - Assisting the AEG Foundation in selecting recipients of student chapter grants (for field trips, social events, workshops, etc.). Two grants are awarded each semester.
 - Contacting student members to promote application for AEG Foundation scholarships.
 - Assisting HQ in selecting the Student Chapter of the Year.
- Plan, promote, and assist with events during the AM:
 - Student/professional networking reception (continued from prior years)
 - Greg Hempen's career information session (continued from prior years)
 - Young at Heart Happy Hour event to be encourage on students and young professionals to network with professional members. This event was a success last year and we hope to make it a regular event at this year's and future AMs.
 - Coordinate with the IAEG Young Engineering Geologists group to promote and plan their events at the AM.
- Collaborating with Focus Group #2 Initiative to boost young member AEG engagement.
- **Our new initiative for this year** is developing an Annual Meeting Mentorship Program that will connect interested student attendees with professionals that plan to attend the AM. We hope mentors can provide advice and support both before and during the AM to make the meeting more relaxing, enjoyable, and beneficial for students.

How can the BOD/EC/SIC help?

- **We are requesting an additional \$1,000 be added to our 2018 budget.** We requested \$2,500 for our 2018 budget: \$1,000 for the Young at Heart Happy Hour (San Francisco is an expensive city and we want to keep this event free for students and low cost for professionals), \$1,000 for the AM travel grants, and \$500 for unanticipated expenses. Our approved budget for 2018 was \$700. We anticipate that the Happy Hour event will cost approximately \$3,500 and the expected funding for the event includes \$1,000 from the SYPSC, \$1,000 from the AEG Foundation, \$1,000 donated by the San Francisco Chapter (still unconfirmed), and about \$500 in ticket sales for professional members. Based on recent discussions, the AM planning committee is willing to incur a relatively small loss on the Happy Hour, if necessary, and would except \$700 from the SYPSC. That still leaves us \$1,000 short of being able to fund the AM travel grants. The \$1,000 spent from our 2017 budget was for travel grants. We are requesting that our 2018 budget be increased by \$1,000 at the Mid-year BOD Meeting in order to provide two \$500 AM travel grants to deserving young professional and educator members of AEG.