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Student & Young Professional Support Committee

Call Summary – March 12, 2018 10:00am PST; 1:00 EST

	COMMITTEE MEMBER NAME		GUEST NAME
X	Kevin Mininger (Co-Chair)	X	Curt Schmidt (SIC Representative)
	Morley Beckman (Co-Chair)	X	Briget Doyle (AEG Foundation Rep)
	Casey Dowling		Dave Fenster (Assoc. Vice President)
	Laurel Galm	X	DeLain Bender (Assoc. Manager)
X	Tej Gautam		Autumn Phelps (Assoc. Manager)
	Stephanie Kline-Tissi		
X	Rick Kolb		
	Melissa Pierce		
	Justin Thomas		
	Hillary Whitney		

1. Annual Meeting Happy Hour

- The committee agreed that Pedro's Cantina was our preferred venue followed in order by Spin and Yerba Buena Bowling Center.
- Rick** will let Pedro's Cantina know we are interested and will put them in touch with Heather to formalize the contract.
- Kevin** will contact the San Francisco chapter to discuss their potential contribution to the event.

2. Committee Budget

- Our 2018 committee budget is \$700, which is \$1,300 less than planned to fund the Happy Hour and the Annual Meeting Travel Grants.
- The Annual Meeting Planning Committee has agreed to accept \$700 towards the Happy Hour.
- We included a request for an additional \$1,000 in our Midyear Committee Report to be used to fund the Travel Grants. The report and request will be presented to the Board of Directors (BOD) at the Midyear BOD Meeting in early May.
- Curt** will look into his records from the BOD meeting in September and how we ended up with a \$700 budget.

3. Annual Meeting Mentor Program
 - a. The committee will continue to develop this program during future meetings.
 - b. Promotion of the program should include an email to student members.

4. Annual Meeting Flyer
 - a. The flyer was distributed to committee members to promote the Annual Meeting.
 - b. Several typos were identified by committee members.
 - c. **Kevin** will point out the typos to the Annual Meeting planning committee.
 - d. A revised flyer for distribution at your local chapter meetings is attached to this call summary and also included as an attached document in the email.

5. Student Chapter Grant Applications
 - a. Briget reminded the committee that the John Moylan Fund (the AEG Foundation fund that supports the Student Chapter Grants) needs funding. She requested that the committee brainstorm ideas to publicize the fund to association members and to raise funds.
 - b. The committee will address this need during future calls.

6. Member information questions on Application/Renewal Form
 - a. SIC has discussed the idea of including more questions on the Application/Renewal Form and is supportive of the idea.
 - b. **Curt** will bring the idea up for discussion at the Midyear BOD Meeting.

Our next call is scheduled for Monday April 9, 2018 at 1:00 Eastern – 10:00 Pacific

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REASONS to attend the AEG Annual Meeting *your boss will LOVE!*

Attending the 2018 AEG Annual Meeting in San Francisco is beneficial to you, your company and the geologic profession. The following 5 reasons will help you demonstrate to your employer how attending this conference, and maybe a field trip, is a good use of company time and resources.



PROMOTE *Your Company*

Put your company name in the hands of approximately 1,300 attendees from around the country and internationally, interacting with individuals from other geology and engineering firms as well as many related disciplines is advertising. A strong elevator speech about your company will start many business interactions on the right foot. If you present research, a paper or poster you will also get your companies name in the agenda, on announcements and posters, and multiple individuals will already have a positive impression of your company.

***ACTION ITEM:** Present your company elevator speech to your supervisor and accept feedback on areas for improvement that will not only spark conversation about your company but create worthwhile social interactions and potential business alliances.*



DISCOVER *New Technology and Research*

Gain information about the latest research in your companies focus area as well as the rest of the geology and engineering fields. Most of this information is unpublished so you will not be able to find it online or in any academic journals. Additionally, you can have one-on-one interactions with the scientists who performed the research or participated in the case study and add them to your contact list. With 56 technical sessions and symposia, 4 days of poster presentations, amazing field courses and several short course opportunities, the AEG Annual Meeting offers something for every specialty and interest.

***ACTION ITEM:** Share specific sessions you plan to attend that are relevant to your current research, position and discipline; include options in related areas and hot topics in the industry, with your supervisor when discussing the meeting. Offer to present what you have learned to the company when you return.*



NETWORK

The best way to promote your company and yourself is to know as many people as possible. Network with hundreds of your colleagues to discuss the cutting-edge research presented. Additionally, once you have personal relationships with people from multiple disciplines across the country it is easier to call and ask for advice on new issues or collaborate on various situations that may come across your desk. Also, it fosters the profession and advocacy, especially because you can use successful ideas and perspectives that have been implemented in the industry in other areas of the country that may not be prevalent in your local area.

***ACTION ITEM:** Explain to your employer how you plan to grow your personal network each day at the conference and how that benefits the company.*



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CAREER Advancement

Being at the forefront of research in your field is important in today's high paced technology driven environment. If you have heard and read about a recent hot-button issue, you are a greater asset to your company. You can also help move your company into the position of the consultants consultant, where your colleagues acknowledge your abundance of industry knowledge and you become a resource for others in the industry.

Additionally, there are multiple sessions geared for the college student and advancing professional, working through interview questions, editing resumes. Tips and tricks for networking and navigating the job searching waters. It is still a who do you know world, so the more people you know the better insight to job availability.

ACTION ITEM: *Point to several technical sessions discussing present day issues relevant to your company and the industry to your supervisor. Explain how after attending the session you will be able to have a one on one conversation with the presenters to get a more in-depth scope on their research and foster personal relationships to focus in on these important topics and bring back that knowledge to your company.*



Best VALUE

Event registration includes all general and technical breakout sessions, communication, educational outreach, networking social breaks and poster presentations. In addition to the 56 technical sessions, the Annual Meeting offers many career and networking events.

Additionally, this is a great place to earn many of your CEUs at once, with multiple talks on similar topics you can easily fill 8 credit hours in one day if you attend a full day of technical sessions.

AEG offers many ways to keep the meeting cost affordable for you and your employer. **Register by August 1, 2018 to receive \$100 off the full registration price.** The following breakdown of cost will be helpful to share with your employer, so they understand the full cost of the conference.

ACTION ITEM: *Create a table showing the costs vs. benefits for the company, presenting how the costs are minimal compared with the company benefits. Be realistic.*

Cost Breakdown		Benefit Breakdown
Registration	\$950 (early, member pricing – includes your choice of Wednesday Field Course)	Company promotion
Hotel	\$269/night	Discover new technology and research
Meals	\$60/day	Networking
Transportation	(airfare, local transportation)	Career advancement
Additional Cost	(presentation expenses)	



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