AWG
On-Line Privacy Policy

The Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) respects your privacy and recognizes the need for appropriate protection and management of your personal data. We use the information we collect about your access to the website to better serve you and to enable you to use special applications, such as purchasing memberships, placing orders, paying dues, and registering for events.

Links to Non-AWG Websites

AWG is not responsible for the content or privacy practices of non-AWG websites to which our website may link. In particular, AWG has a Partnerships and Sponsors webpage with links to their websites. AWG is not responsible for the privacy policies of these linked organizations/companies.

Website Tracking and Cookies

When you first access the AWG Website, we identify the IP-address from which you accessed our site. We save this information, along with the time you first entered the site. The website gives you a unique identifying user ID for the site, using a cookie. "Cookies" are small pieces of information that are stored by your browser on your computer's hard drive. Our cookies only contain your user ID number and no additional personal information. Most Web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually change your browser to prevent that.

AWG tracks how you navigate through the site, mainly to the top of main sections of the site, so that we can better understand your use of the site and continue to improve it.

Data Collected

AWG only collects personally identifiable information such as your name, email address, and billing information when you enter that information as a member or when purchasing an item.

How Personal Data are Collected

AWG collects personal data under various circumstances. Most common are when an individual:

- Becomes a member of AWG
- Creates an online account with login and password
- Registers for an AWG webinar or other online offering
- Downloads information from the AWG website
- Purchases a product from or donates through our online store.
How Personal Data are Used

Personal data of individuals may be used for several purposes. Among them are:

- Membership administration
- Provision of member benefits
- Delivery of products and services of AWG
- Communication of AWG events, products, services, offerings, benefits, and opportunities
- Member and customer data analysis
- Development of AWG directory
- Product and services customization and development including surveys
- AWG region development and communications.

Legal Basis for Collecting and Processing Personal Data

There are several legal bases for the Association's collection and processing of personal data:

- For the legitimate interests of AWG, including the several uses listed above
- To perform a contract
- Based on consent
- Compliance to a legal obligation, court order, or to exercise or defend legal claims.

Third Parties with Which Personal Data May be Shared

AWG may share personal data with several other parties. These include:

- AWG sponsors of activities such as field trips, chapter events, and webinars.
- American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) as provider of AWG database management. (Note: AIPG may further share personal data with others, including third party providers of marketing, shipping, fulfillment, and cloud computing services.)

AWG may share personal data in the event it is involved in a merger or asset sale/purchase transaction. Disclosure also may occur if: (a) required by subpoena, law, or other legal process; (b) necessary to assist law enforcement officials or government enforcement agencies; (c) necessary to investigate violations of or otherwise enforce our legal terms; (d) necessary to protect us from legal action or claims from third parties including you and/or other website users; and/or (e) necessary to protect the legal rights, personal/real property, or personal safety of AWG, its members, employees, or others.

Security

AWG has put in place reasonable technical, physical, and administrative safeguards to protect personal data collected by AWG, though we cannot guarantee against a data breach.

When we transfer and receive certain types of sensitive information such as credit card and payment information, we re-direct users to industry standard SSL (Secure Socket Layer) encrypted servers. As a result, sensitive data that you submit to our website, such as credit card and payment information, are transmitted securely over the Internet.
Individual Rights Regarding Personal Data

If you would like to review, correct, or update the personal information you have provided to us through this site, please log in to your profile and make corrections, or email us at office@awg.org.

There also may be a limited right to request deletion of personal data. Such requests should be directed to office@awg.org. However, even if you request deletion of your personal information, or if your account is suspended, terminated, or voluntarily closed, we nevertheless may retain your personal information as necessary or useful for our legitimate business interests.

Your Consent to this Policy

By using the AWG Website, you consent to the collection and use of this information by AWG. If you do not agree to the terms of the Privacy Policy, please do not use the website, products and/or services.

Interaction with Minors and Children

AWG does not knowingly collect personal information from children under the age of 13 without receiving parental consent. If you believe AWG has collected such personal information from a child under the age of 13, please contact us immediately at office@awg.org.

The AWG website has a public component and a members-only component. The members-only component, which requires a password protected log-in, is for all members. Membership is for adults 18 years of age and older. However, AWG awards honorary memberships to the parents of students aged 13 – 17, who have received the AWG Student Award for Geoscience Excellence. It will be up to the discretion of the parent or guardian to ensure appropriate supervision of their student’s use of the members-only component of the website. We strive to have information that is appropriate for all members but acknowledge that some information may be deemed sensitive for younger members and encourage oversight by parents/guardians.

Policy Modifications and Contact Information

AWG reserves the right to modify its Privacy Policies without notice. We may modify, alter, or update our Privacy Policy at any time, so we encourage you to review this page frequently.

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We welcome your comments; please email them to office@awg.org or mail to:

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