



## THE AEG INSIDER

### Meet Chad Lukkarila

Chad is a geological engineer with Kleinfelder in Redmond, Wash., where he has been working for almost 14 years. He is currently the Technical Practice Leader for Rock Engineering. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geological Engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

Chad is a Licensed Geologist, Licensed Engineering Geologist, and Professional Engineer in the State of Washington. He is also a Registered Geologist in Utah and a Professional Engineer in Oregon, Idaho and seven other states.

Chad got involved in AEG when he moved to Seattle in 1999. He joined AEG to meet people in the industry, look for work opportunities and to continue learning about geosciences. Over the years he attended many Section meetings, presented at a Section meeting, and presented at multiple National AEG meetings.



In 2011, Chad was approached to consider adding his name to the nominations for treasurer of the Washington Section and was elected to the position for a two-year term. In 2013, Chad's name was put up for nomination as the Chair of the Washington Section. Luckily there wasn't a coup, and he was elected to serve a two-year term from 2013 to 2015.

Chad attended his first AEG Board Meeting in Seattle after the 2013 National Meeting and volunteered for the finance committee. He looks forward to the challenges and learning opportunities as Chair and as part of the Board of AEG.

One of his passions is music. He started playing saxophone at age 11 and continued through high school in concert and jazz bands. He continued playing in college and was given the opportunity to play in the college jazz band, which played local concerts and did a week-long tour each year to various schools to promote Michigan Tech and music programs. He also had the opportunity to play in additional bands during college, including a reggae band and a funk rock band. He recorded CDs with both bands. Additionally, the reggae band toured Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota and their music can be found on iTunes.

Chad also enjoys brewing beer, rock climbing, hiking and backpacking, playing softball, strumming the guitar and ukulele, traveling, and running an occasional 5K fun run with his wife, Kris.