



THE AEG INSIDER

How does AEG advocate on your behalf and for the profession?

There are many ways AEG and its members advocate on your behalf. AEG members participate at Geoscience Congressional Visit Days, act to protect professional licensure, conduct individual acts of advocacy on a local level, and much more. To share your advocacy stories, please contact Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs, Rick Kolb (rick.kolb1@gmail.com) and Dan Vellone (daniel.vellone@ma.usda.gov).

Here are just a few ways AEG and its members advocate for you:

- Geoscience Congressional Visit Days and Science*Engineering*Technology Visit Days - AEG partners with AGI so AEG members can meet with Congressional Representatives and their staff to discuss the importance of the geosciences in education, in our economy, and for protecting the public.
- Licensure - The AEG Licensure Committee, Co-Chaired by Ken Neal (kengneal@aol.com) and Charles Nestle (ctnestle@gmail.com), plays an active roll in bringing licensure issues across the US to light. AEG members are watching state legislatures so you are the first to know when licensure issues arise. There are also resources and fund available for AEG Sections as they organize their efforts in preparing licensure legislation and in defending their existing licensure laws.
- Lobbying - A portion of your membership dues goes towards retaining a lobbyist to advocate on behalf of the geosciences for AEG and our affiliated societies.
- Individual Acts of Advocacy - Many AEG members reach out to the public by giving talks to realtors, local government officials, school groups, and more. These efforts to reach out to people of all ages and backgrounds increases awareness of the profession, AEG, and the importance of environmental and engineering geologists to society.

For more information regarding AEG's advocacy efforts, including Geo-CVD's and Individual Acts of Advocacy, and to learn how you can help, please contact Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs, Rick Kolb (rick.kolb1@gmail.com) and Dan Vellone (daniel.vellone@ma.usda.gov). To learn more about the AEG Licensure Committee and how you can help, please contact committee Co-Chairs, Ken Neal (kengneal@aol.com) and Charles Nestle (ctnestle@gmail.com).