



## Meet Alex Rutledge, PG, PE

Alex recently started serving on the AEG Board of Directors as the representative from the Carolinas Section. His involvement with AEG started in 2009, when he began attending section meetings and interacting with geo-professionals from across the Carolinas. The quality of the speakers, the family atmosphere of the meetings, and the opportunities to network and learn from other



professionals quickly prompted Alex to become active in AEG. In 2010, he joined the Section board and served as Moderator Chair at the 2010 Charleston, South Carolina national meeting. Alex says participating on AEG committees and boards has given him the opportunity to advance a profession he believes in.

Alex received his degrees from West Virginia University (B.S., Geology), the University of Kentucky (M.S., Geophysics), and Virginia Tech (M.S., Geotechnical Engineering). After graduating in 2006, he started working for Schnabel Engineering in Greensboro, N.C., where he uses his diverse background to tackle problems related to dam remediation and design.

Alex grew up in southern West Virginia on his family's Christmas tree farm, and spent his teenage summers working for a whitewater rafting and adventure company in the New River Gorge. Alex says those summers sparked his curiosity in geology. What caused so many caves to form in nearby Greenbrier County? Why does the Gorge cut so deep into the surrounding plateau? And why are all of the best climbing and rappelling spots right along the rim? Weekend trips to West Virginia with his wife, Amanda, and his daughter, Alexis, are still one of Alex's favorite pastimes.