



THE AEG INSIDER

A note from 2013-14 AEG Secretary Dale Andrews

Hello AEG! You do not have to know me too long to discover that my passions typically involve nature hikes and aggressively hopped beer (not necessarily in that order). Not uncommon for a geologist and probably why I have am also so passionate about AEG.

My involvement with AEG began by attending monthly Allegheny-Ohio Section meetings as a member of the Kent State student chapter back in 1997, thanks to the encouragement of a great mentor (and recent recipient of the Terzaghi Mentor Award), Dr. Abdul Shakoor. Upon completion of my thesis, I felt privileged learning that my abstract was selected to be part of the speaker's program at AEG's 1999 annual meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah.



After graduation I was fortunate to gain employment with Gannett Fleming (1999-2006) and then Carmeuse Lime & Stone (1996-present). Both companies strongly supported individual growth through professional organizations. This facilitated my desire to take on my first leadership role within AEG, where in 2003 I was elected onto the Allegheny-Ohio Section Board as vice chair. I served this role for two years before progressing to a second two-year term as section chair and AEG board of director.

While serving as a director, I volunteered to serve as a member of the governance committee. In 2008, I was nominated as governance chair and held that position for three years. In 2010, I also took over as chair of the website committee. This was particularly exciting because during my time as website chair the website underwent significant changes that involved changing vendors, redesigning the website to coincide with AEG's overall brand identity, restructuring the site's content to simplify navigation, and adding online membership data retention and retrieval functionality to our website.

In 2013, Dave Bieber and I begin co-chairing a wonderful focus-area ad-hoc committee challenged to determine if AEG can improve upon its current governance structure. A substantial undertaking, this committee was formed due to the recommendations of an external 'Needs Assessment' audit AEG completed earlier this year and AEG's directors willingness to understand that *change* may be needed for the betterment of AEG and its members. I expect great things from this committee.

Something else I am excited to share is that after 25 years, the 2015 Annual Meeting will once again be held in my hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Paul Hale and I will be co-chairing this event and we can't wait to show off the vast changes made to our city since 1990.

Most recently, I was humbled when asked if I would consider serving on the executive council and then further humbled to actually have been elected, where I now proudly serve as your Secretary. For this honor, I thank you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale C. Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and "A".

Dale C. Andrews, PG
AEG 2013-2014 Secretary