



## A Call for Technical Working Group Chairs or “Reporters”

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Over the past few years as the membership of AEG has declined, so has the activity of many of our technical working groups. The list below shows the active groups and those that are currently inactive (lack a chair). Should you be interested in chairing one of these focus area groups, the responsibilities are listed below.

I would also like to call for volunteers to act as "reporters" for any of the focus areas. If a member has an interest either through research or by belonging to another organization, please consider sharing your knowledge with AEG's membership. Technical reports are always welcomed in *AEG News* or in *The AEG Insider*. Forwarding interesting articles, reporting on a technical meeting or voicing concerns about professional practice would be of great benefit to our membership.

Remember that the Pittsburgh meeting is now only nine months away and would be a great place to present an abstract in a technical session – or perhaps even reform a technical working group!

- [Dams](#)
- Digital and Electronic Technology
- [Environmental Characterization & Remediation](#)
- Flooding and Coastal Hazards
- Geologic Resource Management
- [Geophysics](#)
- [Hydrogeology](#)
- [Landslides](#)
- [Rock Mechanics](#)
- Seismic Risk and Hazards
- Solid, Hazardous and Mine Waste Management
- Subsidence
- Sustainability
- Tunneling

### **Technical Working Group Responsibilities**

Technical Working Groups (TWGs) are formed and managed to provide service to the membership, as and when needed. TWG leaders should strive to meet the following minimal goals for each year of tenure:

1. Provide the *AEG News* Editor with a TWG activity report, news item, meeting notice, or important literature references at least twice a year;
2. Seek to organize and hold symposia at Annual Meetings, and in cooperation or as a co-sponsor with other professional/technical societies and organizations;
3. Organize and present individual papers at section and Annual Meetings;
4. Promote the publication of journal papers dealing with the specialty topic of the TWG;
5. Innovate other areas of activity appropriate to the TWG; such as planning a Shlemon Conference;
6. Provide semi-annual report of activities, to the Vice President/President-Elect, at least 30 days prior to each Board of Director's meeting.