

Annual Report of the  
Engineering Geology Division  
of the  
Geological Society of America  
For the Year 2002

The year began November 7, 2001 when I accepted the chairman's gavel from retiring Chair, Duane Eversoll following the EGD Luncheon and Awards ceremony. A productive year for the Division has transpired since that time. The Management Board for 2002 consisted of the following: Terry West, Chair; Judy Ehlen, Chair Elect; William Haneberg, Secretary; Robert Fakundiny, Member at Large, and Duane Eversoll, Past Chair.

On February 23, 2002 I attended the GSA Division Chair's meeting at GSA Headquarters in Boulder, CO. A meeting of the GSA affiliated Societies was held simultaneously, and a combined session including Division Chairs and Affiliated Society representatives culminated the day's activities. My report was distributed to the EGD Management Board following the meeting.

Planning for the November, 2002 meeting in Denver, Co was accomplished during the first half of 2002. This involved planning for technical sessions, field trips and meetings of the Management Board and the Division Luncheon. For the October, 2002 annual meeting the schedule for GSA was moved ahead one day to begin technical sessions on Sunday.

The EGD Management Board (business) meeting was held October 26, 2002 (Saturday) in a hotel conference room rather than adjacent to the poster sessions, as done in recent years. This improved environment yielded a productive (but lengthy) meeting without undue distractions. The EGD membership has stabilized again at about 800 members, with our Division budget provided by the \$5 per member contribution.

The elected Management Board for 2002-2003 are Judy Ehlen, Chair; Bill Haneberg, vice-chair, Robert Fakundiny, Secretary; Susan Canon, Member-at-Large and Terry West, past Chair. Electronic balloting was used in the election, but some paper ballots were received as well.

This year I had a unique opportunity to represent EGD in a panel discussion on Engineering Geology organizations, held at the annual Association of Engineering Geologists meeting in Reno, Nevada, September 2002. Full papers from the day-long session are available on a CD ROM from AEG.

The Division's technical meeting program under the direction of the Vice-Chair, Judy Ehlen was a resounding success. Nine topical sessions were submitted and eight were included in the final program. By our count, the Division had 112 papers and 41 poster presentations for a total of 165. Two EGD sponsored field trips were held. GSA headquarters counted the presentations differently, not including the Geomorphic Impacts of Wildfires as an EGD program.

The Division's Annual Luncheon and Awards Program was attended by 70 people. This included a number of student guests, supported by several EGD members. The following awards were presented: Allen W. Hatheway, Distinguished Practice Award; Robert A. Larson, Meritorious Service Award; Tom Eastler, Paul Fisher and Dan Perscious, the E.B. Burwell, Jr. Award, and the EGD/AEG Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecture award to Perry H. Rahn. The Jahns Distinguished Lecturer for 2003 is Chester "Skip" Watts.

Shleman student awards were presented to the following: Kyu H. Cho and Sergio A. Sepulveda received \$1000 scholarships for the Ph.D. level and Jamie Marie Monte and Eric Fossett received \$500 scholarships for the Master's level. Student travel awards to the Annual meeting and for field trips were provided for several students.

The Division finances remain stable. As of June 30, 2002, dues income was \$2701.50 with expenses totaling \$1794.56 for a net income of \$906.94. Net assets at the beginning of this period were 12,286.22 and with the added net income, current net assets equal \$13,193.16. The Management Board decided not to recommend a dues increase. A financial concern was noted, concerning funding of the Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lectureship. \$2500 is provided by EGD and matched with an equal amount by AEG. This year because of the low return on investments including the Jahns account, a portion of the Lectureship support was provided from the annual budget.

Three issues of the Division's newsletter, the Engineering Geologist, were provided to our membership. Jerome (Jerry) DeGraff continues as the newsletter editor. Beginning in 2003, the Engineering Geologist will publish electronically. Members who prefer a hard copy will be able to choose that option.

The Division has two new recently published Reviews in Engineering Geology. These are: Number 14; Environmental Legacy of Military Operations, Judy Ehlen and Russell H. Harmon, editors and Number 15, "Catastrophic Landslides: Effects, Occurrences and Mechanisms", Stephen G. Evander and Jerome V. DeGraff, editors.

The necrology report for EGD was provided by GSA Headquarters at the annual meeting in Denver. Our deceased colleagues this past year are Charles C. Content, L. Gifford Kessler III, George A. Kiersch, Alden Loomis, Russell Paige, James Pendleton, Lawson Smith, Daniel Turner, David Varnes, and Robert Vorhis.

#### Division Committee Membership for 2002

GSA Annual Meeting Division Program Chair – Judy Ehlen  
GSA Sectional Meeting Division Coordinator – Robert Fakundiny  
GSA Joint Technical Program Committee – Judy Ehlen and William Hanneberg  
Division Publications Committee – Chuck Welby (Chair)  
Division Newsletter Editor – Jerome V. DeGraff  
E.B. Burwell Jr. Award Committee - Syed E. Hasan, John D. Kiefer, Norman Levine, Abdul Shakoor and Susan Cannon (Chair)  
Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer Award – Terry R. West and Judy Ehlen  
Roy J. Shlemon Scholarship Awards Committee – Duane A. Eversoll, Johns C. Jens, Roy J. Shlemon and Robert A. Larson (Chair).  
Division Awards Committee – Terry R. West (Chair) Judy Ehlen, Duane A. Eversoll, William C. Haneberg and Robert H. Fakundiny  
Nominations Committee – Scott Burns, Robert Larson, Duane Eversoll (Chair), and Vince Cronin  
University Liaison Committee – Scott Burns (Chair), Terry West (Co-chair), Paul Santi, John Keefer, Abdul Shakoor, Chester Watts, and John Williams  
Student Paper Awards Committee – Scott Burns (Chair), Terry West, Robert Fakundiny  
Website Editor – Robert Larson

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry R. West  
Past Chair  
March 28, 2003