

1999 Annual Report

Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America

A Management Board Meeting was held October 23, 1999 at the Annual GSA Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Election Results

The proposed slate of officers were elected by the 72 members that voted. The Management Board Members for 1999-2000 are:

Robert Larson, Chair

Duane Eversoll, Chair-Elect

Terry West, Secretary

Judy Ehlen, Member-at-Large

Rhea Graham represents EGD as our GSA Councilor.

1999 Division Awards

The 1999 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer was Mavis Kent who presented "Geology Still Counts." She attended 8 meetings and has 12 additional proposals. She was the first: Female, Agency and Environmental Lecturer for EGD.

The 2000 Jahns Lecturer will be Allen Hathaway presenting "Site Characterization" as his lecture.

Burwell Award: Owen White and Paul Karrow

Distinguished Practice Award: Richard Grey

Meritorious Service: Mike Hart

Engineering Geology Division Student Award: Steve Bowman, University of Nevada, Reno

Shlemon Award: Carl Pierce and Laura Leathy.

Division Accounts

As of October 18, 1999 we had \$12,857.21 in our Division account; we collected \$2,892.00 in dues; we spent \$2,558.81 for a net gain of \$333.19. The annual meeting and the Newsletter was \$1,167.21. There are still outstanding debts for the Jahns Lecturer. \$29,357.10 remains in our Engineering Geology Award Fund maintained by GSA Foundation.

Division Activities

EGD membership is 793, up 4% over last year. EGD is the fifth largest GSA Division.

The Shlemon Award is a new EGD Award with \$104,000 in the fund. EGD will provide 4 yearly Scholarships; \$1,000 for Phd students, \$1,000 for MS students and \$500 for second place in both. \$3,000 will also be available for field trips and GSA Meetings.

The proposed name change for EGD to include the Environmental name did not pass at the GSA Division Chairs Meetings.

Three newsletters were published in 1999 by newsletter editor Jerry DeGraff. The June newsletter was a special edition to attract abstracts for the annual meeting. The last edition featured EGD Awards.

Jerry DeGraff and the EGD ad hoc student committee are attempting to contact AEG student chapters to get students to join EGD. This year student information will be sent to campus and industrial representatives to make them aware of our 4 student awards.

Charles Welby reported that 2 proposals for Reviews in Engineering Geology volumes are underway. A Landslides volume headed by Jerry DeGraff and the second by Judy Ehlen and others. Ehlen's volume "Current Research on Military Geology" may have 13 papers. She has last revision and hopes to have it out by January 2000. The Board approved dedicating the volume to Paul Albertson.

Kerry Kato reported on the Environmental and Engineering Geoscience journal. Technical issues are featured with a variety of topics included and a Special Topics Issue is under consideration. It receives about 85 papers per year with a 25% rejection rate. Journal has 6 AEG and 6 GSA Associate Editors. International papers have been targeted for inclusion and currently average about 15% of the papers.

Dick Gray reported on the September 1999 meeting of the International Association of Engineering Geologists (IAEG) in Nepal. The 2000 meeting will be held in Melbourne in November. AEG members are automatically in IAEG. EGD needs to discuss with AEG about including EGD-GSA members in IAEG.

Division Appointments

Jahns Lecturer Committee: Robert Larson and Duane Eversoll

GSA External Awards Committee: Scott Burns.

Burwell Award Committee: Tom Kuper - Chair, Judy Ehlen, Dave Verado, Skip Watts, Chris Sexton.

GSA-AEG-ASCE Committee on Engineering Geology: Bruce Rogers.

Shlemon Award: Robert Larson - Chair, Roy Shlemon, Jerry DeGraff, Duane Eversoll and John C. Jens.

JTPC: Terry West and Duane Eversoll for Engineering Geology. Robert A. Larson for Environmental Geosciences.

Nominations Committee: Scott Burns, Jerry DeGraff, Helen Delano and Robert Larson.

Publications: Charles Welby

New Business

The following actions were taken on the Jahns Lectureship Award.

1) convert the EGD Student Award Fund to Jahns Lectureship Fund.

- 2) increase award to \$2500 from EGD with an equal amount from AEG.
- 3) change EGD rules so that AEG and EGD pay their half every year.
- 4) announcement of the Jahns Lecturer would be in the fall issues of the EGD and AEG Newsletters rather than at Annual Meetings.

The Member-At-Large position will have new duties. These duties would include responsibility for the organization of EGD activities at GSA Sectional Meetings by locating an EGD member in each Section to promote EGD activities and programs as "Sectional Representative".

Jerry DeGraff suggested a Student Paper Award for best presentation in Environmental/Engineering Geology at Section meetings. Award would be \$50 + certificate. This will be followed up next year.

The Management Board decided to leave dues at current rate.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Larson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robert A Larson
Chair, Engineering Geology Division
May 1, 2000