AEG Member Spotlight

Full Name: Henry Asare-

How long have you been a member of AEG?
14 months

How are you active in AEG? What committees have you joined? What events have you attended or volunteered for? How did you get involved with the committees?
I am quite active although I will love to be involved a lot more. The rock mechanics technical working group and the student and young professionals support committee are the groups I have joined so far. The events attended include the AEG'20, and a number of webinars such as "Utilising Applied Geophysics for Rapid Subsurface Characterization", "Explorations in Environmental Geology", "Applied Geology is an Essential Profession", "A Tale of Three Dams Along the Owens Valley Fault System". Contact was made with Sheri and Cynthia who introduced me to the Student and Young Professionals support committee and the Rock Mechanics technical working group respectively.

Give us some highlights from your professional background.
After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Geological Engineering from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology - Ghana in 2020, I am working at the geotechnical
division of the Center for Scientific and Industrial Research - Building and Roads Research Institute (CSIR-BRRI) also situated in Ghana since September last year. Here, I conduct research into laterites, and I have worked on a number of projects including geotechnical site investigations and a tailings storage facility dam design.

**What do you value most about your membership with AEG?**
I love the fact that AEG provides an exceptional platform for professional development.

**Fun Facts:**

**What character trait do you most admire?**
I love a thoughtful, creative and humorous character trait.

**What has been your way to practice self-care over the past year?**
I try to maintain a good sleeping routine, spend a great deal of time with nature, and write or read scripts for stage plays!

**What book are you currently reading, or last book you read?**
Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Organization Highlights

**If you could describe your organization values in one word, what would it be?**
Innovation

**What is your organization’s mission and vision?**
CSIR -BRRI's Mission: To promote the conduct of demand-driven and problem-based research, provide training and technology transfer that links effectively to the socio-economic development of Ghana, particularly, the building, road, and transport industry. Vision: A center of excellence that offers a one-stop service in the conduct of research, training and technology transfer in the construction and transportation sectors.

**What advice would give a professional interested in working for your organization?**
Develop a love for research and report writing. It's the way of discovering new things and telling the world about what we have found.