



## AEG Member Spotlight



**Full Name:**

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**How long have you been a member of AEG?**

14 years

**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 have been very active in AEG for the 14 years that I have been a member. Shortly after becoming a member, I was elected Chair of the Carolinas Chapter in which capacity I served for 4 years. On the National level, I have served on the Finance, Advocacy, and Meetings Advisory committees because I felt that I had something to contribute to those committees. In addition, I was Chair of the Technical Sessions and Symposia subcommittee for the 2010 AEG Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina and I was Chair of the 2019 Annual Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina.

**Give us some highlights from your professional background.**

I began my career as a Hydrocarbon Well Analyst (better known as "Mudlogger") in Texas and Louisiana shortly after getting my geology degree. After suffering several layoffs due to fluctuations in the oil market, I worked several non-geology related jobs until, six years out of college, I finally got a job with "Geologist" in the title working as the Geologist for an open-mining operation near the coast of North Carolina. I also worked for a time as an engineering technician for an engineering company which allowed me to learn my soils and to learn about construction. I built on all this experience to become what I am now, a Transportation Geotechnical Professional specializing in overseeing geotechnical

subsurface explorations for roads, bridges, and associated transportation structures, and providing geotechnical data reports and recommendations for various transportation projects.

**What do you value most about your membership with AEG?**

The people I have met and the friends I have made through AEG have been invaluable to me as have the connections I have made in the industry. I feel like the people in AEG are my family. As an example of how AEG has been a benefit to my career, when I was laid off in 2009 during the Great Recession, I reached out to my AEG "family" to let them know what happened and to ask that they keep their ears open for any opportunities they heard of that might assist me in finding another position. Within two hours of my reaching out to my AEG colleagues, I got an email from one of them asking if I would mind if he sent my resume out to some of his contacts. I of course said "Yes" and by the end of that day, he informed me that he had sent my resume out to something like 150 people across the country!!

Fun Facts

**What character trait do you most admire?**

Sincerity

**What has been your way to practice self-care over the past year?**

Spend quality time with my family, and reach out virtually to those outside my household

**What book are you currently reading, or last book you read?**

Trinity by Leon Uris  
Organization Highlights

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

Professionalism

**What is your organization's mission and vision?**

To provide the best quality services with integrity and value

**What advice would give a professional interested in working for your organization?**

Show that you are a willing and fast learner, and that you are a person of integrity. If you are hired, work hard and treat everyone with respect, no matter if they are above or below you on the organizational chart. When you make mistakes, own up to the mistakes because no one is perfect, and commit to never make the same mistake twice.