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The Official

AEG Nisqually Chapter Newsletter

Meeting Details

Thursday, June 3rd

Virtual Location: TBD

Dinner: At your home

FREE for Member or Non-Member

Upcoming Meetings:

Licensing of Professional Geologists in Washington State and an Overview of Department of Ecology's Office of Columbia River

By G. Thomas Tebb, L.H.G., L.E.G.

G. Thomas Tebb will be speaking on the status of geology licensing and the Department of Ecology's programs for the Columbia River. Mr. Tebb is the Chair of the WA State Geology Licensing Board, and also is the Director of the Department of Ecology's Columbia River office, which oversees water supply projects along the Columbia that are essential to farmers, residents, tribes and the environment of the region. He is a geologist and hydrogeologist who joined Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program in Richland in 1992.



Message from the Chair

Reintegration into society (with a little help from some Joint AEG Meetings)

Greetings, AEG Nisqually! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and well. As we gradually reach some semblance of herd immunity (even if it is just within our own networks) and look toward a more 'normal' summer and fall, many of us are grappling with a return from relative seclusion or, in my case, a veritable hermitage. There are some of us who have grown comfortable with the isolation and feel some trepidation about a return to normalcy. On the other hand, there are some of us who feel a strong impulse to enthusiastically jump back into society with both feet (this is not recommended by the psychology community as I understand it, but to each their own). Being a fairly social organization, AEG Nisqually has embraced the latter model completely! We have been busily socializing (remotely) with our local AEG neighborhood in an effort to get us all together again. With this in mind, we are holding a joint Puget-Nisqually Chapter meeting this month! We are also working our way toward a larger 'Regional Joint Meeting' in September, which would include our Oregon and Alaska Chapters. More, you ask? Okay, okay! We are also working on a 'lite' joint Puget-Nisqually field trip for the late summer at (fairly nearby) Cougar Mountain! Stick with us, AEG. We'll get us all back out there.

Virtual socializing – decisions, decisions...

AEG Puget uses Spatial Chat for their remote social hour. AEG Nisqually has been using Gather. I have heard some people state a preference for Spatial Chat (less cartoony more professional). I, for one, don't mind the cartoony thing, but I get it. I look forward to giving Spatial Chat a try on June 3. At our final AEG Nisqually Board meeting (just before elections), we will decide which way AEG Nisqually wants to go with our social hour. Feel free to weigh in. Or, maybe this whole thing will be behind us by then!

AEG Nisqually needs you!

We have Board elections coming up in September! Most positions have a volunteer that is ready to elect. Thank you to these volunteers for next year's AEG Nisqually Board: Brittany Dayley (Chair), Samantha Denham (Treasurer), Stephen Newman (Secretary). Anyone interested in any of the Board positions, including those listed above, can compete in the elections. Just shoot us an email at aegniskually@gmail.com or email me directly at gabe.cascadian@gmail.com.

AEG Nisqually humbly beseeches the membership to nominate individuals to serve as Vice-Chair and Field Trip Chair. Note that I did not ask *you* to volunteer. That doesn't seem to work. Please nominate someone *else*, and we will do the arm-twisting for you! Alternatively, you can volunteer yourself or do a little arm-twisting on our behalf.

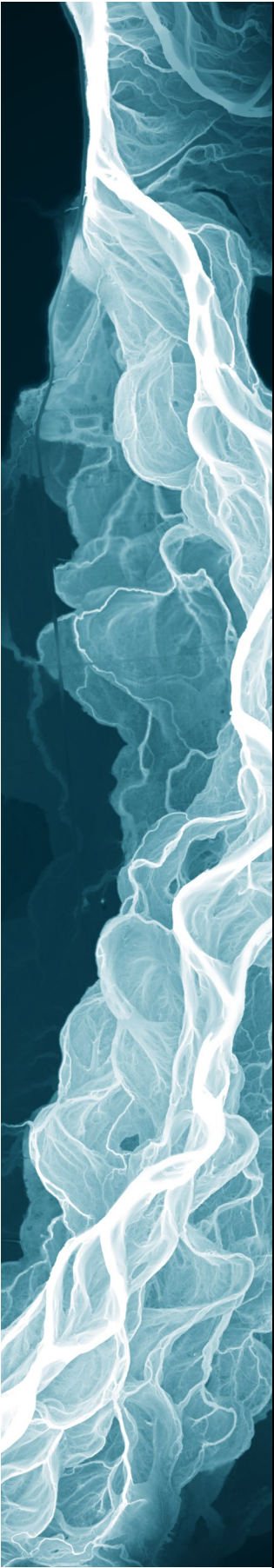
Vice-Chair is a fairly low-responsibility position that queues you up for Chair the following year. Help out where you can and learn the ropes so that you can lead AEG Nisqually one year later. If you have questions, ask Britt about it (or me, I was Vice-Chair during Trevor's reign).

Field Trip Chair is a position we haven't had filled in a while, but we could really use it this year. This person would work with Tom Doe from AEG Puget to help organize the upcoming 'lite' field trip to Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. If you have another idea, great! Let's do that too! Woo-hoo!

It's great to be part of AEG Nisqually! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Gabe Taylor

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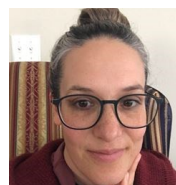
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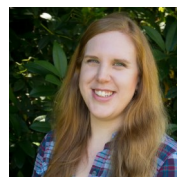
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