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MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT &
SPEAKER ABSTRACT



SACRAMENTO

Section Meeting Date:	April 26, 2005, 6:00 - 9:00 PM (Tuesday)	
Meeting Location:	Sudwerks in Davis , 2001 Second Street, adjacent to I-80: get off at Richards, turn right, right on 5th, then right on L St ;left on Second St to Sudwerks, under the Pole Line Rd bridge superstructure fronting I-80 Fwy.	
Meeting Time:	6:00 - 6:45	Sign-In & Social Hour
	6:45 - 7:45	Dinner
	7:45 - 8:00	Announcements
	8:00 - 8:45	Talk & Slide Show



The Future of Our Profession: The Role of Universities, Employers, the ASBOG exam and AEG

SPEAKER: Scott F. Burns
Portland State University

Abstract

Our profession continues to grow and be healthy, but are universities keeping up in training qualified students for our entry-level positions? As universities continue to be starved for money, more and more pressure is put on professors to obtain research grants. Most of these grants are in the more theoretical areas of geology. Modeling is "king". Departments hire faculty members based on grant-getting abilities and not on needs of the profession. Students do theses where the grant money is. Departments are getting away from "field-related" courses in their requirements. Consequently, students are not as prepared to enter the applied arena as they used to be! They are not prepared for the ASBOG exam. Employers and AEG can help this dilemma by advising departments. A current committee in AEG is working on this problem.



Scott F. Burns

Professor of Geology
Portland State University

Past AEG National President

Scott Burns was the president of AEG two years ago. He is a Professor of Geology at Portland State University where he is in his 15th year of teaching. He has been teaching for 35 years, with past positions in Switzerland, New Zealand, Washington, Colorado and Louisiana. Scott specializes in environmental and engineering geology, geomorphology, soils, and Quaternary geology. He has projects involving landslides and land use, environmental cleanup of service stations, slope stability, landslide and earthquake hazard mapping, Missoula Flood paleosols, loess soil stratigraphy, radon generation from soils, and the distribution of heavy metals and trace elements in Oregon soils. Scott has won many awards for outstanding teaching with the most significant being the Faculty Senate Chair Award at Louisiana Tech University in 1987 and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Portland State in 2001. He has authored over 95 publications and has had over 26 research grants. He was editor of AEG's 1998 publication: *Environmental, Groundwater and Engineering Geology: Applications from Oregon*.

He has a BS and MS degree from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. He has held several positions in the past: president of the Oregon Society of Soil Scientists, chair of the Oregon Section of AEG, chair of the engineering geology division of the Geological Society of America, Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Portland State, fellow of the Kellogg National Leadership Program, and president of the faculty senates of three universities. Scott enjoys all sports, especially basketball, skiing, hiking, swimming, tennis, and golf. He has been married for 28 years to Glenda, and they have three children: Lisa (27), Doug (23) and Tracy (20).

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Dinner will be buffet style and will include a vegetarian lasagna (Spinach and broccoli, layered with lasagna noodles, melted mozzarella cheese and parmesan cheese, topped with a white cream sauce) and Sudwerks Sauerbraten (tender marinated beef and gravy). Accompaniments will include Caesar salad, steamed vegetables and mashed potatoes.

Cost is \$28 for members (with RSVP) and \$30 for non-members*

Notes*: First 5 RSVP Students Eat For Free; Student Walk-Ins Cost \$10 ;
Alcoholic beverages for those over 21 are available at the facility on a cash basis.

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