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St. Louis Chapter



St. Louis Chapter of the Geo-Institute

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: December 11, 2023, 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: SqWires Restaurant and Annex

Meeting Attendees: Xiaomin You, Zack Fallert, Shari Cunningham, Lyle Simonton, Greg Hempen, Jeff Hill, Pat Kinsella, Beya Kazadi, Pradip Adhikari, Jake Schaeffer

1. Finance Update, current Fiscal Year.

- a. Account has about \$40k
 - i. Still waiting on Geoconfluence expenses
 - ii. Have not received Geoconfluence financials yet
- b. Ed Jones GeoConf fund has about \$35k.
- c. Ed Jones Prakash fund has about \$21k.
- d. \$900 remaining for student sponsorships

2. Structural and Geo-Confluence 2023

- a. Waiting on final numbers

3. Scholarship Update

- a. No updates

4. Student Sponsorships

- a. \$900 remaining
 - i. Zack to send email to universities regarding additional funds to help with other trips

5. Webinars and Events

- a. Plan to have joint event with AEG again
 - i. Planned for Jan. 11 at the Armory at 4:30.
 - ii. Event will be included email blast.
 - iii. Free admission
 - iv. Registration through AEG
- b. Webinar/Seminar
 - i. Richard Bird attended meeting at first and would like to give a presentation on construction dewatering.
 1. Xiaomin to look up his email in Constant Contact.
 2. Topic may be too specific for March Luncheon
- c. Case Histories:
 - i. Need call for abstracts to go out in January.
 - ii. Cannot use Engineer's club events any longer.
 1. We need to talk to Dr. Luna for using SLU facilities.
 - iii. Discussion of local projects and topics.

- d. March Luncheon
 - i. Need to have speaker lined up by Feb 1st.
 - ii. Possible seismic design topic discussed

6. Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Best Chapter Award
 - i. Did not win.
 - ii. Room for improvement on ethics, sustainability, K-12 outreach.
- b. Adopt an Engineer Mentoring Program
 - i. Idea was included in email blast to request mentors.
 - ii. We will compile volunteers and hold more detailed meetings within that group.
 - iii. Need to pitch idea to schools in spring to start program in fall 2024.
 - iv. Travis to set up committee meeting in January.

7. Next meeting:

- a. **Date and Time: January 11, 2023, 3:30 PM**
- b. **Location: The Armory: 3660 Market St, St. Louis, MO 63110**