Chairman’s Message
AEG Inland Empire Chapter

The first meeting of the newly-called Inland Empire Chapter was convened in San Bernardino, California, on April 20, 2005. Even though AEG Southern California Section Chairman Matt Hawley made the 3.5-hour heady travel to assist with the meeting, after that horrific travel, still, after a brief respite, had all the energy needed to do well to assist. A timely and interested group of 9 other attenders soon followed for an incredibly productive ‘meeting of the minds’ with unanimous support, resulting in an Historic event.


Chairman Matt Hawley introduced Chapter Chairman Frank Jordan, Gary Rasmussen and Associates, Inc, and Chapter Treasurer Rick Gundry, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and related that a sufficient-enough Petitions for support of this Chapter to be created per By-Laws had been received by AEG National. Matt provided significant information to attenders and in responding to very significant questions. The Chapter will be a formal Chapter of the Southern California Section, AEG.

There was an announcement that several others not in attendance that had other commitments, had supported the Chapter via Petitions, and/or wanting to be notified of the next meeting.

The group in attendance had a few questions about formation of the Chapter, and then led to more productive issues, many of which are tabled to the next meeting. The group asserted that the Chapter be in existence. Discussion was then lengthy on registration and professional practice issues.

A decision was made for the next several meetings to meet at the same place at the same time on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the time being. Some of the future meetings will be held in various geographic areas in the inland areas eventually this year. There will be discussion of professional practice issues and the profession as well as student outreach at meetings, even if no speaker. There will be dissemination of information from the Southern California Section eastward to Inland Empire Chapter meetings. Discussion of public perception and political perception of AEG as well as dealing with outreach of controversial engineering geological topics will be discussed.

Donations above meal costs were made by all in attendance, such that, unsuspectedly, the Chapter has an operating budget balance.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2005, to convene at 6:30 pm at King Buffet in San Bernardino, California.

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NEW Inland Empire Chapter, Association of Engineering Geologists, 2nd Meeting:
"The New Chapter, Information/organizational discussions; Professional Practice discussion"
20-May-2005, Wednesday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ Kings Buffet (low cost, donations accepted)
204 East Hospitality Lane (north side), San Bernardino, California. Geologist's Orientation Segwey at Guadalahari's (2 buildings east, upstairs, 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm. [RSVP by 19-May: rick.gundry@verizon.net or leave message of RSVP at (951) 924-6756]).

- Frank Jordan, Chairman
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