



Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists San Francisco Section

ANNOUNCING THE AEG SAN FRANCISCO SECTION MARCH 2013 MEETING

SHORT DISCUSSION ON AEG'S COORDINATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE CLEARINGHOUSE

Anne Rosinski of CGS

AND OUR MAIN EVENT:

BPELSG UPDATE AND DISCUSSION Ric Moore and Erik Zinn of BPELSG

MEETING DETAILS

Restaurant

Sinbad's
Pier 2 Embarcadero Street
San Francisco, CA

[Map](#)

Date and Time

Tuesday, March 12th, 2013
6:00 pm—Social Hour and Sign-in
7:00 pm—Dinner
8:00 pm—Presentation

Cost: \$45 Members & Members' spouses; \$50 Non-Members, \$20 for Students

Menu

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| 🍷 Salmon Florentine | 🍷 Chicken Picatta |
| 🍷 Snapper | 🍷 Shrimp Louis |
| 🍷 London Broil | 🍷 Vegetarian Pasta |

Reservations*: To RSVP, please fill out the online form at <http://goo.gl/dJY83> by **12 PM, Friday, March 8, 2013**

Driving Directions: From the Bay Bridge, take the Fremont Street Exit and the Folsom Street Ramp. Go left (east) on Folsom Street, then left (north) onto the Embarcadero (Herb Caen Way). The driveway for Sinbad's is on the right, south of the historic Ferry Building. Please watch out for the pedestrians and cyclists when turning into the driveway. Thank you.

BART Directions: Exit the Embarcadero Station; walk up Market Street toward the Ferry Building (less than ½ a mile toward the Bay and to the east). Cross Embarcadero and Sinbad's is located next to the Alameda ferry pier on the south side the historic Ferry Building.

Parking: \$5 valet parking is available or there are meters located on nearby side streets.

*Please RSVP in advance. Walk-ins are welcome, but not guaranteed. No shows will be charged.

See next page for abstract and speaker biographies.

Abstract

A little more than three years ago the state legislature mandated integration of the former Geologist and Geophysicist Board with the former Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. While everyone involved at the time wasn't exactly sure how to initially proceed or of the outcome, BPELSG as it is known today, believes that "the result is greater than the sum of the two parts". Furthermore, the Board believes that the geology-based professions share similar challenges as the Engineers and Land Surveyors, in that all professions are faced with a paradigm shift in how the consumer and the public agencies perceive these professions and how their respective practices are performed...now and into the future.

We have accepted this invitation to attend the San Francisco AEG monthly meeting with the intent of having a "round table discussion" with the AEG members regarding the future of licensing for geologists, engineering geologists, hydrogeologists and geophysicists. Some of the challenges that lie ahead will include: untangling the maze of local jurisdictions that are confounded by the difference between a practice licensing act (such as the PG license) and a title licensing act (such as the CEG or CHG specialty licenses), keeping our licensing tests current with the state of the practice by the different licensees, and keeping our procedures and statutory obligations current too.

It is our belief that we need more frequent feedback from our licensees about these issues, as well as greater participation by our licensees for activities pursued by the Board that impact our respective futures. We look forward to collecting valuable constructive input and feedback from AEG members.

Speaker Biographies

Ric Moore, Executive Officer for the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG) is a Professional Land Surveyor that began his career over 30 years ago working in the private sector in Colorado, Arizona, and New England before moving to California in 1990. He has specific expertise in boundary, A.L.T.A. and topographic surveying, utility mapping, right-of-way, public works, commercial, residential, and construction staking projects. He has also been responsible for managing Geographic Information System (GIS) implementations for several public agencies throughout Southern California and established GPS control networks in support of those projects. In addition, he has provided Land Surveying and GIS Project Management services to the United States Navy in support of Radiation cleanup operations at multiple military sites throughout California. He is currently active in the California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA), Sacramento Chapter and prior to that proudly served on the CLSA Channel Islands Chapter Executive Committee from 2002-2008.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Officer in July 2011, he served two terms on BPELSG's Land Surveyors Technical Advisory Committee from 2003-2006 and served as a Subject Matter Expert assisting BPELSG with examination development services from 1998-2006. Beginning January 2007, while initially serving as the Contract Staff Land Surveyor and later as the Senior Registrar Land Surveyor, his responsibilities included applicant licensing approval, oversight of the Board's Examinations Unit which included development of all the State licensing examinations, technical review of licensing enforcement, professional and consumer outreach.

Erik Zinn received his bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz in 1989. After a brief interlude of working in the leaky underground storage tank industry, Mr. Zinn has focused solely on working in the engineering geology field, predominantly in central and northern California, since 1991. He has been an active board member for BPELSG since 2011. Outside of running his consulting geology business and spending time with his family, Mr. Zinn can be found contemplating the irrational sums of time and money he lovingly spends on bird hunting across North America, keeping his two Labrador Retrievers healthy and stitched up, bowling and making sure his Corvettes run fast and true.

Thank you for the RSVP! See you on Tuesday, March 12th, 2013