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### CALL TO CONVENTION

Our biennial National Convention will take place along the banks of the Mississippi River in beautiful Moline, IL, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, and is hosted by Delta Psi Chapter, Western Illinois University. This is your opportunity to help shape your Honor Society, as well as share some time with fellow SGE members and enjoy some exciting events in our program! We will also have a poster session Saturday morning for interested students to present their research.

In addition to our meeting, we will take a field trip to various sites around the Quad Cities area. We will visit the Fryxell Geology Museum on the campus of Augustana College. We'll then visit Black Hawk Historic Site along the Rock River as see exposures of loess, Pennsylvanian strata and an unconformity with the underlying Devonian strata. After lunch we'll visit the Continental Cement quarry and have a chance to collect fossils from this exposure of Devonian carbonates. Finally, we'll visit Wildcat Den State Park with its beautiful canyons carved through Pennsylvanian sandstones that display wonderful crossbedding and liesegang banding.

Our featured speaker, Stephen Gustafson, has worked for many years with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in the Civil & Environmental Engineering Section. He will give a presentation about the riparian ecosystem restoration projects that he has been a part of in the Quad Cities area.

Your participation at the convention is supported by the National Office. Each chapter is entitled to representation by their advisor as well as a designated delegate, both of whom would receive a stipend to help cover costs of attending. Advisors receive a \$250 stipend and delegates receive a \$500 stipend. More members are certainly encouraged to attend as alternates. A chapter can send as many alternates as they like, and each would receive a \$50 stipend. Stipends can be combined if your chapter would like to bring a group (Ex. rent a van and travel together). ALL members who attend the full conference are entitled to a total refund of their registration fee if fees and forms are submitted by the March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. All meals will be provided. Lodging options are available on the homepage of the website as well as all the pertinent information and forms. Remember if you register by March 21<sup>st</sup>, you get a free t-shirt!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Potter at [potter@SGEearth.org](mailto:potter@SGEearth.org) or 319-505-3391.

See you at the Convention!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Steve Bennett, SGE National President