



### **Candidate for President – Ghislain Brunet**

Ghislain has been working in the field of erosion control and rock slope stabilization for more than 24 years. He is responsible for the technical and marketing activities in the North American markets for the rockfall business. He has implemented and organized the sales and the manufacturing of the rockfall mitigation products in the USA for Maccaferri. He has an MBA and a degree in engineering. He is a chairman on the ASTM International Committee for the Geohazard Protection Systems. He has been involved in developing ASTM standards for more than 15 years. Ghislain is one of the founding members of the AGHP.



### **Candidate for Vice President – Steve Mumma**

Steve has been involved in the geohazard protection industry for more than 14 years. He has a degree in Civil Engineering and has held a number of technical and sales-related roles with Geobrugg. Currently, he is the North American Sales Manager for Geobrugg. He has been involved in the design and implementation of many projects related to rockfall, unstable slopes, debris flow, avalanche, and other geohazards.



### **Candidate for Treasurer – Bob Forbes**

Bob has been involved in geotechnical and environmental consulting since 1996. Most of his experience in this field relates to conducting forensic landslide investigations and steep slope site evaluations for construction feasibility. Bob is the Vice President of Ameritech Slope Constructors, Inc., a geotechnical contracting company that specializes in geohazard mitigation.



### **Candidate for Secretary – Chris Ingram**

Chris has been in the construction industry for over 34 years involved in fence, guardrail, and rockfall mitigation. For the last 27 years he has been actively involved in the rockfall industry. His duties have ranged from starting as a High Scaler and working his way up to Project Superintendent. He became a part owner of HI-TECH in 1996. Since 2006, as majority owner, he has taken over all duties and responsibilities to continue on with HI-TECH Rockfall's growth and success. Mr. Ingram has been involved in the design phase of numerous rockfall mitigation projects throughout the United States, which include site assessment and mitigation recommendations. Mr. Ingram has been involved with the HGS and TRB Rockfall Subcommittee giving presentations and papers regarding problems and solutions in the rockfall industry. He also has been an active member of the AGHP since its inception.

### **Candidate for Corporate Member Representative – Ben Arndt**

Ben has 22 years of experience in the geotechnical engineering field, including 15 years working on transportation projects; 2 years of forensic engineering; and 5 years of underground mining experience. His areas of expertise include: evaluation, analysis, and mitigation of: landslides, unstable rock slopes, and rockfall. He has over a dozen national publications for FHWA, TRB, and ASCE on topics that include: rockfall protection, polyurethane resins for rockslope stabilization, retaining wall systems, lightweight expanded polystyrene fills, and multiple types of innovative landslide mitigation/foundation systems. He has presented many of the topics at national and international conferences.



### **Candidate for Individual Member Representative – Brendan Fisher**

Brendan holds a B.A. in geology from Potsdam University, and M.S. degrees in both engineering geology and geotechnical engineering from Radford University and Virginia Tech University. He also holds a Ph.D. in geological engineering from the University of British Columbia, and recently set a new North American record for longest student loan repayment plan.

Brendan’s practical experience related to geologic hazards has been progressive and spans over 15 years. He spent eight years at Kleinfelder, Inc. in their San Jose and Seattle Offices where he started as Junior Geologist/Engineer and progressed into their Rock Engineering Group Manager. He was part of a small group that specialized in rock engineering and spent much of his time serving clients as a rock slope specialist throughout the western United States. In 2008, Brendan co-founded Fisher & Strickler Rock Engineering; a specialty geotechnical company focusing on rock engineering with the opportunity to work across North and South American and Europe. At Fisher & Strickler Rock Engineering, he continued his tenure as a rock slope engineering specialist while assisting transportation departments as their representative and contractors as design build engineer and construction inspector. In 2014, Fisher & Strickler joined Crux Subsurface. He now serves as Vice President of Crux Engineering Group, responsible for leading their geotechnical division.



**Candidate for Individual Member Representative –  
Ryan Tinsley**

Ryan is a Project Manager and Senior Engineering Geologist within the Geotechnical Engineering group at HDR Engineering, Inc. Ryan has a B.S. in Geology from Radford University, a M.S. in Engineering Geology from Kent State University, and over 12 years of experience as a consultant. He is a Registered Professional Geologist in both Virginia and Pennsylvania. His career has involved working in the field of engineering geology and geotechnical engineering on transportation and site development projects, located primarily throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. Projects completed for various state transportation departments and FHWA have involved investigation and remediation of geologic hazards such as rockfall/slides and karst (sinkholes) to minimize impacts on surrounding roadways and structures. Ryan's expertise is in rock slope engineering including rock slope mapping, rockfall hazard rating, kinematic analysis, rockfall analysis and modeling, cut slope and ditch design, and design of rockfall hazard mitigation on both design-bid-build and design-build projects. Ryan has also worked internationally in Afghanistan for the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) in support of military operations (Operation Enduring Freedom). In 2008, Ryan was nominated for Consultant of the Year by the Office of Materials and Technology at the Maryland State Highway Administration for his work on the I-70/MD-85 Interchange Improvement Project.



### **Candidate for Individual Member Representative – Chester (Skip) Watts**

Dr. Chester F. (Skip) Watts, Ph.D., P.G., M.ASCE has over forty (40) years of experience as a distinguished educator and professional geologist. Projects include an MSHA-mandated Board of Inquiry into a mine high wall collapse, a Consultants Review Board for the U.S Army Corps of Engineers at Folsom Dam, and a forensic investigation of a rockfall fatality for the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation, and many more.

His career at Radford University has been marked with distinction having received numerous regional and national teaching awards. In 2001-2002, Watts served as a Congressional Science Fellow and Science Advisor on U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman’s personal staff.

Skip is the author of RockPack III software used internationally to evaluate the stability of mountainsides, mines, and highways. Watts created the first fracture permeameter for modeling fluid flow through broken in-filled rock masses, used to test and revise equations accounting for the role of water in rock slides.

He has a B.S. in Geology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, an M.S. from Radford University, and a Ph.D. in Engineering Geology from Purdue University.