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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By
Patricia B. Yocum

This is my twelfth and final GSIS Newsletter column as President-Elect/President. It has been my pleasure to serve our geoscience information community by writing about conference events, society matters and the transformations occurring in libraries and related fields. I have been especially interested in reflecting upon the latter which I find pivotal. They affect us in our working lives and as GSIS members. They will continue to affect us for the foreseeable future.

In times of great change such as the present it is incumbent upon groups to continually review their purpose, their organization, and their mode of doing business. What worked in an earlier environment may not be as successful in a transformed context. Fortunately, GSIS monitors itself continually: adopting new practices, refreshing its perspectives and experimenting with new ideas as appropriate. I believe such review needs not only to continue but to accelerate. It is a fact

that our members have less time and less energy left over from their increasingly demanding "day jobs" to give to professional organizations, however important those organizations may be. Wherever possible GSIS needs to streamline its processes, continue to examine and refine its committee structure, and review its conference programming. No doubt there are other changes we could consider. At our Denver meeting I hope to bring forward specific ideas for discussion. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions in advance. If there is some change you envision which will strengthen GSIS, save us time, or add value to our efforts I hope you will share the notion with me or Suzanne Larsen who begins her Presidency in Denver. Looking forward!

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By
Suzanne T. Larsen

Well, the annual meeting is almost here. The weather in Denver has been typical fall weather, cool at night and warm during the day and absolutely gorgeous. However keep in mind that it may snow, you never know. Around

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GISIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Material for the December, 2007 issue should be received no later than November 30, 2007. Please send materials by e-mail to afleming@unlnotes.unl.edu

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY
2007 Annual Meeting, Denver Colorado October 27th-31th
Schedule - As of October 8, 2007

Note: GSIS Committees meet separately as arranged by committee chairs

Saturday, October 27 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Geoscience Librarianship 101: Auraria Campus GSIS Executive Board Meeting: Hyatt Regency, Quartz AB
Sunday, October 28 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	GSIS Business Meeting: Hyatt Regency, Mineral Hall BC GSIS Collection Development Forum: Hyatt Regency, Mineral Hall BC Exhibits Opening & Welcome Reception: Colorado Convention Center
Monday, October 29 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. -	Technical Session: #T144 "Geoscience information: making the earth sciences accessible for everyone" Colorado Convention Center, Room 603 Alumni Receptions: Hyatt Regency
Tuesday, October 30 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	GSIS E-Resources Forum: Hyatt Regency, Capitol Ballroom 5 GSIS Luncheon and Awards: Hyatt Regency, Mineral Hall E Special Session: "USGS Library: Looking forward" Hyatt Regency, Capitol Ballroom 6 GSIS Reception and Silent Auction: Hyatt Regency, Granite A
Wednesday, October 31 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. TBA	Posters: Park your Public Lands by your Library": Colorado Convention Center, Exhibit Hall E/F GSIS Executive Board Meeting

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October 31st is traditionally a possible snow day but we'll keep our fingers crossed for a dry conference. So if you are looking for insight into what to pack for the meeting, I guess my only suggestion is the layered look.

The talks and posters for the meeting look outstanding, thanks to all the work of Claudette Cloutier. If you have misplaced your August newsletter with the conference schedule and abstracts, you can find it posted on the GSIS website thanks to our webmaster Jim O'Donnell. The web address is: www.geoinfo.org.

When you are at the meeting, please thank our sponsors, whose generous

contributions have helped to defray the costs of the conference to GSIS. The sponsors this year are: the Gemological Institute of America, Elsevier, the Geological Society of London, ESRI, CSA, Blackwell Book Services, and Wiley. Springer is sponsoring the Geoscience Librarianship 101 program taking place on Saturday, October 27th. 'Thanks' to Auraria Library for donating the site!

I'm looking forward to a great meeting and seeing all of you in Denver!

**2007 Annual Meeting
News & Updates**

GSIS Collection Development Forum

Sunday, October 28, from 2 to 5 pm, Hyatt Regency, Mineral Hall BC

AGENDA

- I. Introductions & Welcome (10 minutes)

- II. Geological Society of London presentation of developments/changes in their electronic products followed by question and answer session (40 minutes)
Neal Marriott, Director of Publishing Geological Society of London

- III. Elsevier and American Geophysical Union representatives present overview of their electronic products (50 minutes)
For example,
 - content relevant to geosciences in the broad sense
 - unique features
 - plans for future
 - questions and answersJeffrey Paul Robbins, Acquisitions Editor, AGU
Elsevier representative

- IV. Librarians' panel presenting aspects of their experiences implementing e-books followed by question and answer session (60 minutes)
John Hunter, Rice University
Mary Scott, Ohio State University
Andrea Twiss-Brooks, University of Chicago
Nancy Sprague, University of Idaho

- V. Wrap-Up (10 minutes)

GSIS and the Collection Development Issues Committee acknowledge with gratitude the generous financial support of the Forum provided by the Geological Society of London.

Silent Auction News

Get ready for fun in Denver! The GSIS International Initiatives Committee will be hosting a silent auction during the GSIS reception on Tuesday, October 30th. The auction is held to raise funding for the International Fellowship Program.

Please consider donating an item to the auction. Popular items from past auctions include: books, calendars, regional candies/edibles, handcrafted art/wearables and jewelry to name a few. Last year we had 78 contributions. A lot of the fun revolves around the variety of items donated.

I will be available throughout the conference to receive donations. You can also bring your donation to the reception before 6:30 PM. The reception and silent auction are being held at the Hyatt Regency, Granite A. Reception hours are 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We will hold the auction from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

If you aren't able to attend feel free to contact me to make arrangements for your donation.

Thanks for your participation!

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ANNUAL REPORTS

GSIS President

Activity over the past year separates out into the routine and the extraordinary. Routine activity centered on guiding the work of the Executive Board especially regarding policies and finances; appointing GSIS committees, chairs, representatives and liaisons; offering encouragement, feedback and practical information for Society activities including policies, practices, and conference planning; communicating with members via the newsletter and Geonet-L; and interfacing with AGI and the associated societies of GSA. Editorial work on Proceedings v. 37 (Philadelphia) continued throughout the year, with only a few papers still outstanding. Matters aside from the routine which involved substantial effort included appointment of a new Publications Manager and a new Newsletter editor and assisting the transitions for both positions. Toward year's end the puzzling status of membership numbers began to clarify, suggesting the need to review internal processes.

Underlying all activities were two questions: where is librarianship headed and how can GSIS position itself to head in the same direction? These questions are likely to prevail for the foreseeable future, demanding the officers' and members' foremost attention.

Patricia Yocum, President

GSIS – GSA Technical Session Coordinator's Report

My role as the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) – Geological Society of America (GSA) Technical Session Coordinator has been very rewarding this year. As you are aware, this is the first year that GSIS split the responsibilities for organizing the GSIS meeting from those of organizing the GSIS – GSA technical session.

The theme for this year's GSIS – GSA Technical Session, Topical Session T#144 is "Geoscience Information: Making the Earth Sciences Accessible to Everyone". This session will be held Monday October 29, 2007 from 8:00am – 12:00 noon in Room 603 of the Colorado Convention Center. Fourteen presentations looking at everything from the challenges of documenting past and current International Polar Years research to managing unique collections virtually will be presented.

The Poster Session titled "Park your Public Lands by your Library", a joint session with the National Park Service, is scheduled for Wednesday October 31, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Exhibit Hall E/F of the Colorado Convention Center. Seventeen posters will be presented. Topics range from public outreach to asset management to information literacy.

The process of organizing a GSA technical session has been well documented by past GSIS organizers and is highly regulated by the GSA. Thank you to everyone who shared their knowledge, time and best practices with me. Your guidance and suggestions have greatly contributed to this year's oral and poster sessions.

Claudette Cloutier
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Secretary

During my first year as GSIS Secretary, some challenges were encountered. Some of these challenges were the result of the transition between incumbents; others were the result of either disbursed communication or complicated procedures or both.

Membership renewals for 122 members and new member applications for 17 members were processed for 2007 to date. There were

a number of challenges encountered with respect to membership renewals for both individual and institutional memberships. In some cases, it was very hard to determine whether a particular check was intended for an institutional membership or a subscription (although the amount of the check, \$100 for institutional membership or \$45 for subscription, was indicative). Since the Secretary receives queries related to institutional membership, but the Publications Manager manages claims, and the Treasurer receives checks from both the Secretary and Publications Manager, there needs to be better communication among all three, including clarified procedures for communicating the needed information for the membership database in the case of institutional memberships. Current policies and procedures should probably be reviewed by the Executive Board to see if simplifications can be realized.

The 2007 Membership Directory was produced in September. Some minor issues need be resolved, and details about formatting the entries for the Directory need to be documented for future Secretaries.

Andrea Twiss-Brooks, Secretary

GEONET Listserv Moderator

This year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of Geonet subscribers. Currently, there are 323 subscribers, up from 282 in 2006. The largest number of subscribers come from the .edu domain with 165 compared to 153 last year. Foreign countries is the next highest with 68 compared to 53 last year. Following is the .com and .net domains with 49; 38 last year. The domain of .gov follows with 21; .org has 14, and "others" has 3. Note, some subscriptions have two entries, i.e. foreign and edu, etc.

Carolyn J. Laffoon, Geonet Moderator

Auditor

I have audited the GSIS Treasurer's books for 2006 and have found them to be in order.

Charlotte Derksen, GSIS Auditor

Publicity Officer

Press releases and publicity photos were issued announcing the Society's 2006 award recipients. Announcements of the 2007 "Geoscience Librarianship 101" seminar in Denver were posted on various discussion lists and distributed to academic and special libraries throughout the Rocky Mountain region, as well as to state library associations and SLA chapters. Invitations were also sent to all library schools in the western states, using contact information compiled by the Membership Committee. Press releases and photos of meeting events were archived on the GSIS website.

Shaun J. Hardy, Publicity Officer

Newsletter Editor

After many years of excellent service Connie Manson has stepped down as the GSIS Newsletter Editor. I will be taking over her position, and I know I have some big footsteps to fill. Please help to keep this wonderful tradition intact. Keep in touch and send in your news!

Adonna Fleming, Newsletter Editor

Representatives

CUAC Annual Report

The CUAC meeting was held April 26-27, 2007 at the US Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. Clara McLeod and Linda Zellmer attended on behalf of the Geoscience Information Society. While there we heard reports from several U.S. government mapping agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Geographic Data Committee, U.S. Census Bureau, United States Geological Survey, Library of Congress and the National Archives and Records Administration. The agencies continue to encourage the mapping communities to let them hear about the concerns of their constituencies. The Government Printing Office reported on depository maps and answered questions related to maps and other depository matters. Bob Bier gave the council

a tour of the USGS Library.

The official minutes will be published in the GSIS Newsletter once they are finalized. The Environmental Protection Agency has offered to host the next meeting. The date has not yet been determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clara McLeod
Linda Zellmer

Committees

Best Paper

The GSIS Best Paper Award for 2007 goes to Lura Joseph, author of the paper, "Image and figure quality: A study of Elsevier's Earth and Planetary Sciences electronic journal back file package." The article was published in Library Collections, Acquisitions, & Technical Services in the September-December 2006 issue.

Ms. Joseph is the Geology & Digital Projects Librarian at the University of Illinois. She was notified of winning the award on May 24 and responded with delight and gratitude. Ms. Joseph plans to attend the GSIS luncheon in October to receive her award personally.

The chair wishes to thank all of the committee members for their dedication and hard work this year in selecting the Best Paper. Committee members were Renee Davis, Carol La Russa, and Judie Triplehorn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Kimball, Chair

GSIS Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee

The GSIS Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee nominated 13 reference works for evaluation in 2007 including:

Encyclopedia of Caves
Encyclopedia of Caves and Karst Science
Encyclopedia of Earth Science
Encyclopedia of Geology
Geology of National Parks
Encyclopedia of World Climatology
Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science

Encyclopedia of Soil Science
Encyclopedia of the Solar System
Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape
Environment Encyclopedia and Directory
Encyclopedia of the Arctic
Encyclopedia of the Antarctic

Committee Members who nominated and evaluated these titles were: Renee Davis (University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA), Angelique Jenks-Brown (Binghamton University, NY), Linda Newman (University of Nevada, Reno), Thomas Zogg (University of Minnesota, Duluth), Janice Norris, Chair, (Penn State University, DuBois).

The Committee selected the Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science by Scott A. Elias, Editor-in-Chief, published by Elsevier, as the recipient of the 2007 Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Norris, Chair
Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee

GSIS Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee

The Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the GSIS Annual Award Luncheon to John G. Mulvihill. He earned an MA in English Literature from Rice University in 1958, an MLS from the University of Texas in 1960, and attended information science classes at Case-Western Reserve University in 1962. In 1964 he was appointed to a position as Indexer with American Petroleum Institute and later assumed the position of the API's Assistant to the Manager of the Central Abstracting and Indexing Service. From 1974 to March 1998, Mr. Mulvihill served as the Director of the GeoRef Information System, American Geological Institute, Falls Church, VA. During his 24 year tenure, GeoRef grew into The international bibliography and index of geology and related sub-disciplines. As one of the early members of GSIS, he served on numerous committees, as President in 1977, and helped shape our

organization.

Committee members

Claren Kidd
Michael Noga
Janice Sorensen

GSIS Electronic Resources Committee

The Electronic Resources Committee has been planning the Electronic Resources Forum for the GSIS Annual Meeting in Denver. Speakers at the forum will include Sharon Taherkheli, AGI/GeoRef, Sally Kennerson of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, David Celano from Springer E-Books and E-Reference Works, Judy Holoviak, American Geophysical Union and John Olsen, of the Geological Society of America. Some time is also being set aside to ask questions of the speakers. The remaining time will include discussion of electronic initiatives in our libraries (scanning projects and Institutional Repositories).

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Zellmer

Exhibits Committee

The Exhibits Committee has selected the theme of Guidebooks and Guidebook preservation for our GSIS booth display this year in Denver. We are in the process of designing a large poster plus several smaller pictures as well as handouts that will tell visitors what we do and how they can help us preserve and document guidebooks. As usual, we will have a sign-up sheet for so you can all have the opportunity to help man the booth during GSIS. The committee members include Dona Dirlam, April Love, Caroline Nelms, and Darin Buri.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darin Buri

Guidebooks Committee

The Committee consists of Elaine Adams, Renee Davis, Barbara Haner, Lura Joseph, Dorothy McGarry, Carl Olson, and

Louise Zipp (Chair). Under Dorothy's leadership, Barbara and Renee evaluated geologic field trip guidebooks released in 2005 and 2006 for the Best Guidebook Award. Their subcommittee recommended to the Executive Board that GSIS make the award for two different guidebooks:

- Geology of the Chama Basin: New Mexico Geological Society fifty-sixth annual field conference, September 21-24, 2005 / editors Spencer G. Lucas ... [et al.]— Socorro, N.M. : New Mexico Geological Society, 2005.
- 1906 San Francisco earthquake centennial field guides : field trips associated with the 100th anniversary conference, 18-23 April 2006, San Francisco, California / edited by Carol S. Prentice ... [et al.]. – Boulder, Colo. : Geological Society of America, 2006. (Field guide 7)

Dorothy will present the awards at the Annual Luncheon in Denver.

Lura continued to edit the Waiting List for the database, although submissions have been few. Volunteers agreeing to "adopt" guidebook series (to investigate whether their guidebook output is represented in GeoRef and the database) have also been sparse. Lura and a volunteer have worked on twelve series so far, and Lura has been able to add some back issues to her library collection.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise S. Zipp, Chair

International Initiatives Committee

The committee charge is to investigate, report on, and recommend internationally focused activities for GSIS. As of September 25, 2007 the following activities have been completed or are in progress:

Silent Auction

The International Initiatives Committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction during the GSIS Reception in Denver, Colorado on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. The auction will be held at the Hyatt in Granite A from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Auction proceeds will be contributed to the

Fellowship Program fund.

International Membership

The committee has offered to collaborate with the Membership Committee to help promote international membership.

International Geological Congress (IGC) News Monitor

Jan Heagy is monitoring news regarding the upcoming 33rd IGC in Oslo (August 6-14, 2008). She will report findings to GSIS membership through the Geonet Listserv and the GSIS Newsletter.

Networking

Jan Heagy submitted announcements publicizing the GSIS annual meeting in the Petroleum & Energy Resources, SLA Bulletin and Listserv. The Bulletin and Listserv have an international distribution.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Heagy, Chair

Membership Committee

Serving on the Membership Committee for 2007 were Karen Sue Bolm, Wendie Helms, Sarah Ziegler Hodkinson, John Hunter, Miriam Kennard (Chair), and Connie Manson. We publicized GSIS and promoted membership to academic and company librarians, primarily in the states near the geographic location of committee members. We promoted GSIS membership to subscribers of Geonet, MAPS-L, and SLA's Petroleum and Energy Resources Division. We also contacted professionals in the state survey libraries, inviting them to become members.

In tandem with the publicity for the "Geoscience Librarianship 101" workshop, we contacted students at information and library science programs from schools in the Midwest and west of the Mississippi to promote student membership in GSIS and the opportunity for sponsored student membership. Additionally, we contacted former members who did not renew, encouraging them to renew their

membership, and updated the membership brochure.

As of September 25, we have 16 new members: 10 personal, 4 student, and 2 institutional. Each GSIS member is an ambassador to GSIS in our recruitment efforts. Through your own personal and professional contacts you help spread the word about our Society and the value of membership. We encourage you to contact a committee member if you have suggestions on people to contact or ideas about recruitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam L. Kennard, Chair

Outstanding Website Committee

The Outstanding Website committee, consisting of Beth Roberts (Chair), Carolyn Laffoon, Sam Teplitzky and Diane Thompson have been working on picking the Outstanding Website award winner for 2007. After much consideration and reviewing of nominations and justifications we selected the Ocean World Website [<http://oceanworld.tamu.edu/>]. We will be presenting the award to Robert Stewart (Texas A&M University) at the GSIS meeting in October.

Beth Roberts
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Preservation Committee

The Committee focused on providing regular information related to preservation topics to the membership via the GSIS Newsletter. Committee members wrote and submitted eight items for publication. A topic of growing interest to our group is the preservation of scientific data, along with a continuing interest in digitization initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Musser

Geoscience Information News

Congratulations!

The University of North Dakota, Department of Geology and Geological Engineering has awarded the Arthur Gray Leonard Medal to Joanne V. Lerud-Heck and Mary Woods Scott.

The Leonard Award was established in 1992 in honor of Arthur Gray

Leonard, 1865-1932, scholar, leader, and pioneering geologist of North Dakota. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the geosciences in research, technical studies, and projects applied to societal needs, teaching, educational development, or leadership in conservation of Earth's resources and environment.

For more details see <http://www.geology.und.edu/>

Welcome New Members

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Special Features

33rd International Geological Congress (IGC)

The 33rd International Geological Congress (IGC) will be held in Oslo, Norway, August 6-14 2008.

I will be monitoring news about this event in an effort to keep GSIS members informed. If you have plans to attend the Congress please let me know.

Of the 16 general symposia, Geoscience Information is included in "Information, Education, Ethics, History." Here is an outline of the proposals on geoscience information that have been currently accepted:

IEI-01 General contributions to geoscience information. Ian Jackson, John Broome, Udo Strauss, Robert Tomas (CGI, IAMG, GIC)

Data capture and acquisition Coordinator: Guy Buller

IEI-02 Advances in digital data capture in geological mapping. Guy Buller, Colm Jordan

IEI-03 The increasing contribution and opportunities presented by remotely sensed data: Geophysics, digital elevation data, and sensor networks. Eric Grunsky, Tom Cudahy

IEI-04 Putting new life into old data - digital conversion and exploitation of paper records Mary Carter, Jørgen Tulstrup

Information management Coordinator: John Broome

IEI-05 If you can't find the data, why bother collecting and keeping it? - the importance of

good metadata. Per Ryghaug, Jerry Giles

IEI-06 Data models and architectures. Boyan Broderic, John Laxton

IEI-07 Interoperability and exchange formats - developments in XML, GML, GeoSciML, OGC, ISO and other standards. Simon Cox, Lars-Kristian Stölen

IEI-08 What should we call that rock? - the critical role of thesauri, vocabularies, ontologies and dictionaries in digital systems. Peter Davenport, Clinton Smyth

IEI-09 Spatial data infrastructures and strategies for geoscience information. François Robidas, Jan Kooijman

IEI-10 Looking after the ground truth - the problems and opportunities in managing physical collections (paper records, core and fossils etc) Mike Howe

IEI-11 Managing the transition from map making to database building. Dave Soller, Staffan Zetterlund

Information dissemination and delivery Coordinator: Ian Jackson

IEI-12 Geological maps in the digital era: Quo Vadis? Kristine Asch, Koji Wakita

IEI-13 Uncertainty in GIS and 3D modelling - approaches to quantify and represent error in interpreted digital datasets. Gina Ross, Alan Willocks

IEI-14 Decision support systems: best practice in using GIS and geoscience data to help society's problems. Robert Tomas, Bobo Nordahl

IEI-15 Accessing and sharing geoscience information: the problems and issues of disseminating geoscience data in a digital era (including digital rights management, licensing, IPR, copyright, public sector data for free or a fee, and liability) Ian Jackson, Jarmo Kohonen

IEI-16 Dynamic delivery of information: harnessing the real time power of the internet. John Broome, Bernhard Wagner

IEI-17 Geoscience information for the developing world. Anna-Karren Nguno, Max Fernandez

Information technology and systems
Coordinator: Udo Strauss

IEI-18 How much more space and speed will we need? - issues relating to the current and future provision of digital storage and network performance. Ian Ainslie, Sten Troelstrup

IEI-19 Digital standards, security and authentication of web-based database. Ryoichi Kouda, Udo Strauss

IEI-20 Free and open-source geospatial software: applications in Earth Sciences and recent development. Henning Lorenz, Markus Neteler

IEI-21 The application of high performance computing, GRID and simulation technology in geoscience. Rob Woodcock, Louis Moresi

3 and 4D modelling and visualisation
Coordinator: Andy Howard

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