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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Rusty Kimball

This will be my final column as President-Elect/President, as hard as I find it to believe. It has been a privilege serving in both roles, and such an incredible learning experience. I feel fortunate to be involved in such a well established organization as GSIS –an organization that has so many systems in place that facilitate so many opportunities to serve -and provide mentoring in the process.

I suspect that a key characteristic of our organization that has sustained us over the years is our ability to occasionally step back and re-examine our methods and priorities. Today we are faced with the effects of the current economic downturn -while at the same time we see the need to market our presence to new geoscience information professionals (among other challenges).

This past year has been unique in the sense that the GSIS President and GSIS Vice President/President Elect are geographically located so close together. Consequently, Jan

Heagy and I have been able to take advantage of that fact by visiting each other at our respective institutions. This has allowed us to compare notes and share ideas on ways to meet some the challenges we're now facing. In the same vein, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions about ways we can operate with more flexibility in lean times, streamline our efforts, incorporate time-saving strategies, and strengthen the organization and its efforts. I hope you will share these with me, or Jan Heagy who will begin her term as President in Portland. I look forward to seeing all of you in Oregon!!

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Jan Heagy

October in Portland promises to be outstanding. The pre-conference workshop, Geoscience Librarianship 101, will be presented at Portland State University. This is the fifth year that GSIS has sponsored this popular

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GSIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Material for the December, 2009 issue should be received no later than November 25, 2009. Please send materials by e-mail to afleming@unlnotes.unl.edu, or Janet Dombrowski, jdombrow@uwyo.edu

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event. Thank you **Clara McLeod** and committee for your efforts! Kudos to **Jody Foote** for coordinating our technical session, T118: “Navigating the Geoscience Information Landscape: Pathways to Success.” Our posters will be included poster session “New Horizons on the Digital Information Landscape.” Posters will be on view Sunday and our technical session will take place on Wednesday morning.

Cynthia Prosser and her committee have ensured that Monday’s Information Resources Forum features a great diversity of viewpoints from speakers in academic, corporate and government settings. This certainly will be a lively and informative forum thanks to Cynthia and her committee.

The GIS field trip will be on Tuesday morning to Powell’s Books. You’ll find details in the adjacent column.

Other “don’t miss” events are the Business Meeting (Sunday), Luncheon and Distinguished Service Award (Tuesday), and our Reception, Silent Auction, and Awards Presentation on Tuesday evening. Please note that the evening reception will be from 6 PM to 8 PM this year.

We have a number of generous sponsors (see p. 9) this year and sponsorships are still available. For more information, please contact me.

See you in Portland!

MEETING NOTES

Field Trip Destination: Powell’s City of Books

A whole city block filled with more than a million new, used, and out of print books awaits you at Powell’s City of Books. Bruce Burkhardt of Powell’s will give us a guided tour on Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. After the tour, you are welcome to browse (or buy) to your heart’s content!

Powell’s is within easy reach of all hotels by public transportation. Please let Jan Heagy (jan.b.heagy@exxonmobil.com) know if you plan to join the tour or if you have questions about the tour.

To find out more about Powell’s visit their website at www.powells.com.

A Reminder for the Silent Auction

Decisions, Decisions. What to Bring to the GIS Silent Auction?

Regional items from your state, books, jewelry, DVD's, coffee cups, specialty foods such as coffee, tea, honey, jelly, handmade and craft items .

Circle your calendar. The Silent Auction will be held at the GIS Reception, Tuesday night from 6-8 pm. This is always a fun event as people compete for the auction treasures.

Remember that this is a fund raiser for the International Initiatives Committee, which awards stipends for international attendees.

**GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY
2009 Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, October 18-21
FINAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Note: GISIS Committees meet separately as arranged by committee chairs

Date and Time	Session	Location
Saturday, October 17		
10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Geosciences Librarianship 101	Portland State University, Branford P. Millar Library (Room 160)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	GISIS Executive Board Meeting	Hilton Forum Suite
Sunday, October 18		
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Session No. 30 Geoscience Information/ Communication (Posters): New Horizons on the Digital Informa- tion Landscape 10 poster sessions - authors will be present from 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	GISIS Business Meeting	Hilton Galleria II
Monday, October 19		
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	GISIS Information Resources Fo- rum	Hilton Pavilion West
Tuesday, October 20		
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	GISIS Field Trip: Powell's City of Books (website)	Please let Jan Heagy know if you plan to join the tour or if you have questions about the guided tour.
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.	GISIS Luncheon (ticketed event)	Hilton Forum Suite
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	GISIS Reception	Hilton Galleria II
Wednesday, October 21		
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Session No. 238 T118. Navigating the Geo- science Information Landscape: Pathways to Success	Oregon Convention Center: D137/138

**GEOSCIENCE
LIBRARIANSHIP 101
Saturday, October 17, 2009
Portland State University - Branford P.
Millar Library (Room 160)**

Driving and parking directions are available at <http://library.pdx.edu/maps.html>
Phone: 503.725.5874

Workshop overview

10:15-10:30 AM Check-in/ Welcome and introductions: (Moderator: Clara P. McLeod)

10:30-11:30 AM Collection Development: (Instructor: Lisa Dunn, Colorado School of Mines)

11:30-11:45 AM Break

11:45AM -12:45 PM Reference and Instruction: (Instructor: Lura Joseph, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana)

12:45-2:00 PM Lunch and networking

2:00-3:25 PM Maps and geographic information systems (GIS) (Instructor: Linda Zellmer, Western Illinois U)

3:25-3:35 PM Break

3:35-5:00 PM Continued: Maps and geographic information systems (GIS) (Instructor: Linda Zellmer, Western Illinois U)

5:10-5:30 PM Feedback and wrap up (Moderator: Clara P. McLeod)

Geoscience Librarianship 101 is made possible in part through the generous support of the Portland State University Library and ESRI.

**GSIS INFORMATION
RESOURCES FORUM
Monday, October 19, 2009
2 – 5 PM
Hilton Pavilion West**

1:30PM Room open and available for speaker presentation uploading and readiness

2:00PM *Welcome*

2:05 PM **Linda Zellmer**, Western Illinois University Libraries:
GeoRef: A Vendor Comparison

2:40 PM **A. K Srivastav**, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
Information navigation behavior of geoscientists in Indian Petroleum Industry

Present survey results of navigation behavior of 500 geoscientists with regard to their functions in Indian petroleum industry and the applied geo-scientific information resources landscape. Identifies the age, form and type of geo-scientific information resources, used by geoscientists as analyzed from their communications over a period of five decades (1962-2009) and corporate library management system interfaces to provide information support services.

3:10 PM **Richard Huffine**, USGS

3:30 PM **Neal Marriott**, The Geological Society:
The Geological Society of London's Lyell Collection: progress and update.

3:50 PM **Don Hemenway**: Geoscience World

4:10 PM *Break and snacks*

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4:20 PM Panel Discussion on Electronic Journal Usage in the GeoSciences

The panel discussion will center around issues related to electronic journal use in the geosciences, including patron electronic access usage, archiving and perpetual access, aggregator databases, and image quality.

Panelists include: Angelique Jenks-Brown from Binghamton University, Jan Heagy from ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, Michael Noga from MIT, and Eileen Brady and Betty Galbraith from Washington State University, two of the authors of an article featured in *College & Research Libraries*.

2009 GIS TECHNICAL SESSIONS

ORAL SESSION

Session No. 238 T118. “Navigating the Geoscience Information Landscape: Pathways to Success”

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center D137/138

8:00 a.m. Invited Speaker: Digital Curation at the U.S. Geological Survey Richard Huffine, U.S. Geological Library, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192, rhuffine@usgs.gov

8:20 a.m. Invited Speaker: Portals, Projects, and Pathways: Advice for Deep Research in Map Libraries Jon R. Jablonski, MAP Library, University of Oregon, 1501 Kincaid, Eugene, OR 97403, jonjab@uoregon.edu

8:40 a.m. Invited Speaker: The DGER Library Then and Now—The Transformation of a Small Geoscience Library from Paper to Cyberspace Connie J. Manson, American Geological Institute, 2525 Sleater Kinney Road N.E., Olympia, WA 98506, cjm@thurston.com

9:00 a.m. Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks: Progress on a Project to Identify Indexing Gaps Lura E. Joseph, Geology Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 223 Natural History Building, MC102, 1301 West Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801, luraj@illinois.edu

9:15 a.m. Professional Society Journals, a Change in the Landscape? Michael Mark Noga, Science Library, MIT, 14S-134, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307, mnoga@mit.edu

9:30 a.m. Filling Librarian-sized Gaps in Geoinformatics: Tactics for Librarian Entrance into the Revolution C.C. Miller, Libraries, Purdue University, 2215E Earth & Atmospheric Sciences (EAS) Library, 550 Stadium Mall Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47907, ccmiller@purdue.edu

9:45 a.m. How Deep are Geoscientists Willing to Dig? – A Citation Analysis Addressing the Changing Information-Seeking Behavior in the Digital Age Lisa Johnston, Science and Engineering Library, University of Minnesota, 108 Walter Library, 117 Pleasant St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455, ljohnsto@umn.edu

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. The British Geological Survey Lexicon of Named Rock Units Tim McCormick, British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG, tmcm@bgs.ac.uk

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10:30 a.m. Using Exhibits to Promote Science Robert L. Tolliver, Fletcher L. Byrom Earth and Mineral Sciences Library, The Pennsylvania State University, 105 Deike Building, University Park, PA 16802-2710, rlt17@psu.edu

10:45 a.m. Information Navigation Behavior of Geoscientists in Indian Petroleum Industry Atul Kumar Srivastav, Library, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, 6C Priyadarshini Building EE Highway, Sion, Mumbai 400022 India, stulkumar19@yahoo.com

11:00 a.m. Add Some “Wow” to Your Publications Listing with Google Maps Bruce B. Blair, Natural Resources Canada, NRCan Library, 121, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0E9 Canada, Bruce.Blair@NRCan.gc.ca

11:15 a.m. The Development of the Geoscience Student Data Network as a Basis for an Integrated Research-Centered Curriculum Karin A. Block, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, City College of New York, 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031, kblock@ccny.cuny.edu; Walter S. Snyder, Department of Geosciences, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725; and Kerstin A. Lehnert, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University, 61 Route 9W, Palisades, NY 10964

11:30 a.m. Marine Realms Information Bank: A Digital Library of Coastal and Marine Science for Scientists, Educators, Public Servants and Concerned Citizens Frances Lightsom, USGS Woods Hole Coastal and Marine Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 384 Woods Hole Rd., Woods Hole, MA 02543-1598, flightsom@usgs.gov

Alan.Allwardt@usgs.gov; Alan Allwardt, USGS Pacific Science Center, ETI Professionals, Inc., 400 Natural Bridges Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; and Guthrie Linck, USGS Woods Hole Coastal and Marine Science Center, Integrated Statistics Inc., 384 Woods Hole Rd., Woods Hole, MA 02543-1598

11:45 a.m. A Comparative Analysis of Geoscience Literature Databases Barry N. Brown, Mansfield Library, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, Barry.Brown@umontana.edu

POSTER SESSION

Session No. 30 “Geoscience Information/Communication (Posters): New Horizons on the Digital Information Landscape”

Sunday, October 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Authors will be present from 4:00-6:00 p.m.--Oregon Convention Center Hall A

Booth 103 Open Access Opportunities in the Geosciences: “Green OA” Andrea A. Wirth, University Libraries, Oregon State University, 121 The Valley Library, Corvallis, OR 97331, andrea.wirth@oregonstate.edu

Booth 104 Earth Science Literacy Principles: A Geocommunity Consensus Michael E. Wyssession, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Washington University, Campus Box 1169, St. Louis, MO 63130, michael@wucore.wustl.edu; David A. Budd, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2200 Colorado Ave., Boulder, CO 80309; Martha H. Conklin, School of Engineering, University of California, Merced, P.O. Box 2039, Merced, CA 95344; Ellen Kappel, Geo Prose, Bethesda, MD 20816; Nicole Ladue, Geological Sciences, Michigan State University, 206 Natu-

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Booth 105 New Horizons for the Indiana Geological Survey's Geologic Names Database and Web Site Nancy R. Hasenmueller, Walter A. Hasenmueller, and Barbara T. Hill, Indiana Geological Survey, Indiana University, 611 North Walnut Grove Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47405, hasenmue@indiana.edu; Nathan K. Eaton, Indiana National Guard, Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Edinburgh, IN 46124; and Premkrishnan Radhakrishnan, 39 Degrees North, LLC, 501 North Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47401

Booth 106 Kansas Geological Survey Geoscience Information on the Internet Daniel R. Suchy, Kansas Geological Survey, 1930 Constant Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66047, dsuchy@kgs.ku.edu

Booth 107 Preserving Institutional Memory: Creating a Digital Pickle Jar? Thomas J. Evans, James M. Robertson, and Peter R. Schoephoester, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, University of Wisconsin – Extension, 3817 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705-5100, jmrober1@wisc.edu

Booth 108 Geologic Resources Inventory of Our National Parks Ronald D. Karpilo,

Stephanie A. O'Meara, Trista L. Thornberry-Ehrlich, Heather I. Stanton, and James R. Chappell, Department of Geosciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1482, tthorn@warnercnr.colostate.edu

Booth 109 Best Available Data: The Danger of Using Unqualified Near Real-Time Hydrologic Data for Science Rich Marvin, OR Water Resources Dept, 725 Summer St., NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301, richard.k.marvin@wrds.state.or.us

Booth 110 GeoSciML Development Status Report Stephen M. Richard, Arizona Geological Survey, 416 W. Congress, #100, Tucson, AZ 85701-1381, steve.richard@azgs.az.gov and CGI Interoperability Working Group, IUGS, Hannover, 00000, Germany

Booth 111 Catalog Service for the Web, Development of Interoperable Service for Discovering Geoscience Resources Wolfgang Grunberg, Stephen M. Richard, and Ryan C. Clark, Arizona Geological Survey, 416 W. Congress, #100, Tucson, AZ 85701-1381, ryan.clark@azgs.az.gov

Booth 112 USGIN: Interoperable Geoscience Data Services on the Web—How Do We Get There? Stephen M. Richard, M. Lee Allison, Ryan C. Clark, and Wolfgang Grunberg, Arizona Geological Survey, 416 W. Congress, #100, Tucson, AZ 85701-1381, steve.richard@azgs.az.gov

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MID-YEAR REPORTS

Mid-Year Report: Geonet Listserv

As of 9/25/09, Geonet Listserv has 355 subscribers, up from 334 last year. The breakdown is as follows: .edu = 163; .com and .net = 71; foreign = 88; .gov = 23; .org = 12.

The overlap reflects those that have two entries. The largest increase comes from the .com and .net category. Everything went smoothly this year.

Our new server deletes spam automatically, so the time involved to maintain this listserv is minimal. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at: carolyn@purdue.edu.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn J. Laffoon
Geonet Listserv Moderator

Mid-year Report: Website Committee

2009 Best Website Award

After a virtual tie, it was determined to give two websites the 2009 GSIS Best Website Award. Congratulations to the creators of:

1) DISCOVERING ANTARCTICA
<http://www.discoveringantarctica.org.uk/>
developed by the Royal Geographical Society in partnership with the British Antarctic Survey and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

2) ON THE CUTTING EDGE
<http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/>
by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Dr. Heather Macdonald, Chancellor Professor of Geology, College of William and Mary, heads up the website team.

Thanks to committee members John Kawula, Connie Manson, and Robert Tolliver for all their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Laffoon
Best Website Award Committee Chair

THIRD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Through Sept. 30, 2009, GSIS received income of \$9,428.70 and incurred expenses of \$5,381.17. Dues income is running about \$1000 less than projected, but officer and committee expenses have been low as well. To date there have been only minor expenses incurred in conjunction with the upcoming annual meeting. Conference sponsorships have been invoiced in the amount of \$2,850. As of Sept. 30, \$250 had been received, and an additional \$600 was received after close of the third quarter. GSIS bank account balances as of September 30, 2009 were as follows: checking, \$16,490.41; money market fund, \$20,169.85; GSIS General Funds CD, \$13,788.85; Ansari Awards CD \$9,265.18 (Best Reference Award fund \$5,786.07 plus Distinguished Service Award fund \$3,479.11). The total balance in the Treasury on September 30, 2009 was \$59,714.29. The publication of Proceedings Volume 39 is the only major expense, other than those for the annual meeting, anticipated for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Davis
GSIS Treasurer

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2009 Q3 Budget Report
(by Renee Davis 10/05/09)

	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
EXECUTIVE BOARD				
President			\$400.00	\$0.00
Vice-President			\$375.00	\$0.00
Past-President			\$25.00	\$0.00
Secretary			\$125.00	\$34.59
Treasurer			\$75.00	\$98.93
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$133.52
MEETINGS				
2008 Meeting delayed billing			\$0.00	\$688.50
2009 Meeting (rooms and AV and Internet)	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	
2009 Business Meeting refreshments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
2009 Meeting Reception	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
2009 Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture & drape)				
2009 lunches			\$80.00	
2009 Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00	
2009 Speaker Honorarium/ Gift			\$300.00	
2009 Meeting: fieldtrip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subtotal	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$5,765.00	\$688.50
DUES				
Institutional	\$900.00	\$900.00		
Personal	\$5,500.00	\$4,840.00		
First Year (New Personal)	\$225.00	\$45.00		
Sustaining	\$405.00	\$270.00		
Retired	\$260.00	\$220.00		
Student	\$80.00	\$20.00		
Member dues refunds			0.00	\$110.00
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$210.00		
Subtotal	\$7,470.00	\$6,505.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
PUBLICATIONS				
Publications Manager			\$200.00	
Mailing labels	\$150.00	\$150.00		
Newsletter: printing			\$380.00	\$330.40
Newsletter: mailing			\$300.00	\$289.92
Newsletter: subscriptions	\$120.00	\$80.00		
Newsletter: back issues		\$120.00		
Newsletter: cancellation refunds				
Proceedings, v. 39 (2008)			\$3,000.00	
Proceedings, v. 38 (2007)				
Proceedings, v. 37 (2006)	\$900.00	\$1,445.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,167.50
Proceedings, v.36 (2005)	\$90.00	\$45.00		
Proceedings, v.35 (2004)				
Proceedings, prior volumes	\$450.00			
Subtotal	\$1,710.00	\$1,840.00	\$6,880.00	\$3,787.82

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2009 Q3 Budget Report cont'd				
(by Renee Davis 10/05/09)				
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
REPRESENTATIVES/APPOINTEES				
AGI Member Council rep				
AGI Gov't Affairs Program rep				
Congressional Science Fellow				
CUAC (2 reps @ \$200 each)				
Publicity Officer			\$50.00	
Auditor			\$25.00	
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
COMMITTEES & SERVICE POSITIONS				
Archivist			\$150.00	
Award Certificates & Frames (Best Reference Work, Best Paper, Best Guidebook, Distinguished Service)			\$175.00	
Best Paper Committee			\$25.00	
Best Reference Work Committee			\$25.00	
Collection Development Committee			\$25.00	
Distinguished Service Award (Committee expenses and gift)			\$75.00	\$78.96
Exhibits			\$50.00	
New display case/Repairs			\$0.00	
E-Resources			\$25.00	
Guidebooks Committee and Subcommittees			\$50.00	
International Initiatives	\$500.00		\$75.00	
Membership			\$50.00	
Membership brochure			\$30.00	
Nominating			\$75.00	\$100.37
Preservation			\$25.00	
Website Advisory			\$25.00	
Subtotal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$880.00	\$179.33
MISCELLANEOUS				
AGI member society dues			\$270.00	\$270.00
GAP contribution			\$400.00	\$200.00
GSIS International Fellow			\$500.00	
Ansari Best Reference Award			\$500.00	
Ansari Distinguished Service Award			\$400.00	
Geoscience Librarianship 101	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Gifts (unrestricted)	\$200.00	\$205.00	\$100.00	
Gifts- Professional Develop Fund	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	
Bank / Visa card charges			\$25.00	\$12.00
Interest	\$630.00	\$518.70		
Subtotal	\$1,430.00	\$833.70	\$2,795.00	\$482.00
TOTAL	\$14,110.00	\$9,428.70	\$17,395.00	\$5,381.17