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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lisa Johnston

The leaves were falling and the sun was shining at the annual GSIS Meeting in Minneapolis, MN this year. Goal setting and planning for the future of GSIS was a strong theme. With that in mind, here are some of the highlights of the meeting and some unique opportunities for you to volunteer this year....please contact me with your interest!

Our Geoscience Librarianship 101 session was again a success thanks to the excellent leadership of Clara McLeod and Jan Heagy and promotion by our GSIS publicity officer, Adonna Fleming. I heard many nice comments from GL101 students at the Meet-n-Greet No Host Dinner afterward. They were impressed with the quality of the content and skills of the instructors: Lura Joseph, Adonna Fleming, Lisa Dunn, and Linda Zellmer. We are looking for new instructors to participate on the topics of

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### VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Linda Zellmer

First of all, I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and coordination efforts for the 2011 meeting in Minneapolis, including Lura Joseph, Lisa Dunn and Adonna Fleming, who helped teach Geoscience Librarianship 101 again this year, and Geoscience World who provided lunch for the participants. Lisa Johnston did a great job scheduling and organizing the meeting sessions, field trips, and events, and recruiting sponsors for our sessions. Finally, kudos to Rusty Kimball for his work developing the GSIS Technical Session. I am looking forward to seeing articles summarizing several of the presentations in the Proceedings.

I took a brief respite after the GSIS/GSA Annual meeting in Minneapolis to do some sightseeing along the Mississippi River, visiting Effigy Mounds National Monument

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reference, instruction, or collection development next year at GSA 2012 in North Carolina.

Kay Johnson led our GIS Business Meeting and gave attendees a chance to brainstorm goals for the future of our society. Opportunities to participate in GIS include Publications Manager (mentor opportunity!) and committee work for the following: archives, exhibits, information resources, international initiatives, membership, preservation and website.

The GIS Luncheon included presentations of our five awards to deserving members of the geoscience community, including Claren Kidd, recipient of this year's Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award. There are several award committee positions open, please help us continue this wonderful recognition of service to our community.

Our Information Resources Roundtable was packed full of updates, handouts, and new products by our GIS sponsors: AAPG, AGU, EastView Cartographic, Geological Society of London, Geoscience World, and Springer. The reception, refreshments, and conference rooms could not have been possible without their support.

Rusty Kimball did an excellent job as this year's convener at both of our GIS technical sessions. If you are interested in moderating a future technical session, recruiting speakers, and compiling the conference proceedings as editor, please let me know.

Finally we are looking for a new webmaster for <http://www.geoinfo.org> as Janet Dombrowski steps down. Please thank Janet for all her hard work on not only the web site but also editing the newsletter, and convening the 2010 GIS Technical Session and proceedings!

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in Iowa. While there I spent some time hiking along the bluffs overlooking the river and contemplating what I heard and learned at the meeting.

Since my return, I have participated in several conference calls related to GIS and data, and will soon be helping teach a class about GIS. If you did not attend the meeting, it is becoming increasingly clear that we are facing a digital future. Since I took my first GIS classes many years ago, I have seen several data sets disappear into the ether, never to be found again. I hope that GIS will continue to reach out to other groups to work on preserving the data that is presently being collected and analyzed. We know that geoscientists use both old and new information resources. It would be a shame to find that we have lost 20-40 years worth of information because it was born digital. I hope that we can continue to work on collecting the information needed by our present users, and developing solutions to assure that our future users will have access to the information that they need.

## **2011 GIS MEETING SUMMARY**

Kay Johnson, GIS Immediate Past-President

Roughly fifty GIS members gathered in Minneapolis, Minnesota in unseasonably warm weather (highs in the low 80s) under blue skies. Lisa Johnston did an amazing job setting up the meetings and field trip, recruiting sponsors, coming up with great ideas of new things to try, and helping wherever possible. I'm convinced she had something to do with the great weather. The first GIS event was Geoscience Librarianship 101, held on Saturday, October 8, organized by Clara McLeod and taught by Lisa Dunn, Adonna Fleming, Lura Joseph and Linda Zellmer. Jan Heagy stepped in

when Clara was unexpectedly unable to attend. Lisa Johnston made room and catering arrangements at the Minneapolis Community Technical College; the staff were helpful and gracious hosts. The approximately dozen attendees enthusiastically praised their hard-working instructors at the no-host dinner at Joe's Garage afterwards.

The GSIS Board was able to meet the others at Joe's Garage after their meeting. The Business Meeting was held the morning of October 9. Cynthia Prosser, GSIS Secretary, took meeting minutes at both the Executive Board and Business Meeting. As announced earlier, the *GSIS Newsletter* will become quarterly next year. There are many volunteer opportunities for GSIS members. Janet Dombrowski is an invaluable member of GSIS and her website changes have garnered much praise. Unfortunately for us, Janet is switching careers, so GSIS is in need of a new website manager and newsletter editor. Ellie Clement is looking for someone to work with as publications manager before she retires in two years. We tried to find a volunteer for next year's Topical Sessions Convener before, during, and after the meeting, but no dice. Lisa Johnston very recently recruited Bob Tolliver to be the convener next year. Thanks, Bob!

After the business part of the business meeting had concluded, the members broke into groups to discuss GSIS Membership, Publications, Website, Fund-Raising, and the structure of the organization. Groups reported back and gave their notes to Cynthia. One of the topics that came out from the Executive Board and Membership meetings was the need for GSIS to market ourselves better and explain what Geoscience Librarians do. The GSIS Marketing Committee will be looking at having a tag line under the Society name.



President Kay Johnson presides over the Business Meeting. All photos by Shaun Hardy unless otherwise noted.

Many GSIS members attended the GSA Geoinformatics Division Topical Session, T 195. 'Data Preservation and Management in the Coming Decade,' but unfortunately I missed the session so I could print off and copy Field Trip Guide and membership brochure handouts for the GSIS Exhibit. Dona Dirlam set up the booth with help from Joanne Lerud-Heck, and Dona, April Love, Jan Heagy, Lisa Dunn, Dena Hanson, Carol LaRussa, and others took booth hours. April and Joanne took down the booth with my feeble assistance as I learned the process.

The GSIS Awards Luncheon was held on October 10, with Jody Foote receiving the Best Paper Award, Dr. Dr. Geoffrey Davies receiving the Mary B. Ansari Best Geoscience Reference Work Award, Dr. Virgil Leuth receiving the Best Guidebook Award on behalf of himself and his co-authors, and the Earth Impact Database and its director, Dr. John G. Spray, receiving the Best Website Award. Michael Noga presented Claren Kidd with the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award. His tribute to Claren (see page 8) and her acceptance speech were highlights of the



luncheon. The GSIS membership gave Claren a standing ovation. Dr. Andrew P. Roberts of Australian National University accepted the Best Geoscience Reference Work Award on behalf of his colleague. It was an honor to have Apollo 17 astronaut, geologist, and former U.S. Senator, Dr. Harrison “Jack” Schmitt receive the Best Website Award on behalf of Dr. John Spray. In addition to lauding the work of Dr. Spray, Schmitt also noted the outstanding work done by Dr. Leuth and the guidebooks produced by the New Mexico Geological Society, of which Dr. Schmitt is an honorary member. Shaun Hardy, GSIS Publicity Officer, recorded the award presentations for posterity.

Jan Heagy chaired the GSIS Professional Issues Roundtable Discussion following the Awards Luncheon. I was unable to stay for the entire session because of exhibits booth duty, but I appreciated the lively discussion of e-books at my table. I also did not attend the Mall of America informal field trip after the Professional Issues Roundtable discussion, but I heard it was a good trip for the people who took the light rail down to the mall. Having been there before, it’s an impressive sight, especially since the Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park is in the middle of the mall.



Carol La Russa presents the Best Paper Award to Jody Foote



Linda Musser presents the Best Guidebook Award to Virgil Lueth.



Geologist and former NASA astronaut Harrison Schmitt, accepts the Best Website Award from Robert Tolliver on behalf of the Planetary and Space Science Centre, University of New Brunswick.

## GSIS FIELD TRIP

Mill City Museum  
Minneapolis Waterfront  
October 11, 2011

About 15 GSIS members toured the Mill City Museum on the Minneapolis Waterfront on Tuesday during the conference. The museum is built into the ruins of the Washburn A Mill, which once was the largest and most technologically advanced flour mill in the world. We took the eight floor elevator ride that went up and down between floors showing the history of the mill and ended up on the top floor where the balcony provided spectacular views of the Mississippi and Minneapolis. Before heading to the gift store, we saw the entertaining film, "Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat." Thanks to Lisa Johnston for making all of the tour arrangements!



Jan Heagy and Cynthia Prosser (front), Lisa Johnston (middle), John Hunter and Rusty Kimball (behind) on the sidewalk of the old Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis.



Lisa Johnston, Carol La Russa, and John Hunter on the Stone Arch Bridge, Minneapolis.



GSIS members and others on the balcony at the Mill City Museum.

View of the Mississippi River, St. Anthony Falls and Lock from the Mill City Museum balcony.  
All photos by Kay Johnson.





The GSIS Field Trip to the Mill City Museum and the GSIS Information Resources/Vendor Update Forums were on Tuesday, October 11. I submitted articles elsewhere in the newsletter about these events. The joint reception that evening with the GSA Geoinformatics Division was a relaxing event. GSIS members caught up with old friends and met people in the Geoinformatics Division. Linda Zellmer conversed with ease with Geoinformatics Division members about Geospatial data sets. I was able to find some common ground on the topic of metadata description challenges.

The GSIS Topical Sessions were on Wednesday. I was unable to attend the poster session, but attended most of the morning topical session, T191. 'Printed Past, Digital Future – We Hold the Key.' Rusty Kimball convened the session with Jan Heagy assisting as time keeper. Presentations included Linda Zellmer's research on the overlap of GeoBase with other databases, Gail Clement's discussion of copyright issues with earth sciences content, and Lura Joseph's continued study of the quality of digitized images in Elsevier e-journals. The GSIS Proceedings will be published next year.



Randy Kimball and Jan Heagy preside over the Technical Session.

The GSIS Annual Meeting was a success thanks to Lisa J., Rusty, Jan, Cynthia, Janet, Angelique, Clara, Linda, Lisa D., Lura, Adonna, Shaun, Ellie, Dona, April, all of the committee chairs and members, the award recipients, the presenters, the GSA and hotel staff, and others that I have overlooked. At the end of the business meeting, I passed the GSIS gavel to Lisa Johnston. I fully expect an exciting year for GSIS culminating in a terrific meeting in Charlotte, NC next year. I look forward to seeing you there.

### **GSIS-GSA TOPICAL SESSION REPORT**

Rusty Kimball, 2011 Topical Session Convener

The 2011 GSIS paper and poster sessions offered a wide array of topics at our Minneapolis meeting in October. The 2011 theme, 'The Past is the Key to the Future' set the stage for our GSIS sessions which produced 11 paper presentations and two posters. The oral paper and poster sessions included topics such as: locating grey literature, image quality in journal back file packages, digitization for IRs, copyright issues, the value of historic geoscience literature, wilderness database sources, subject library webpages, and the latest with USGS' National Geologic Map Database, to name a few. Thanks to everyone who presented at our paper and poster sessions at the conference!

Papers from both sessions presented at the conference, along with summaries of the GSIS business meeting and other forums, will appear in volume 42 of the Society's Proceedings to be published late next year. Robert Tolliver will serve as GSIS Topical Session Convener for our annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2012.

Remember, it's never too early to start thinking about a library project you might want to share as a paper or poster session with your GSIS colleagues next year!

**CLAREN M. KIDD, 2011  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEE**  
**Remarks by Michael Noga at the GSIS  
Award Luncheon**  
Minneapolis, October 10, 2011

The Geoscience Information Society is pleased to present the 2011 Award to Claren M. Kidd, retired professor of Bibliography and Librarian of the L.S. Youngblood Energy Library, University of Oklahoma (OU).

Claren joined the geoscience community in 1973 with her appointment as geology librarian at OU, was proactive until her retirement in 2006, and remains highly esteemed by the user community both on and off campus. Her contributions at the Youngblood Library were manifold: building strong, diversified collections of special value in the field of energy; supporting research and teaching through close and enterprising work with faculty, students, and staff at OU and the Oklahoma Geological Survey; and modeling the library as a place of knowledge, organization, help, and learning.

With a style marked by civility, congeniality, and grace, Claren often took on projects filled with 'heavy lifting.' She is now honored for her sustained and significant contributions of unstinting service over three decades to the geoscience and geoscience information communities from the local to the international levels.

In accepting the award Claren remarked, "I'm honored to receive this award, and to have worked with so many of the others who have received it over the years."

To provide the best library service possible, Claren pursued a self-directed lifelong program of geoscience learning with special attention to how geoscientists work, what literature they use, and how they produce it.



Claren Kidd receives the Ansari Distinguished Service Award from Michael Noga.

Where the literature was obscure or difficult to access she set out to identify, organize and publicize it. The importance of maps and field trip guidebooks, underscored by dozens of fieldtrips she took in the region and annually at GSA meetings, are consistent themes in her publications, compilations, and presentations whose foci range from the local and regional to the national and international.

Claren has understood that geology is a global science and always looked for ways to increase access to its literature. She was instrumental in establishing the OGS materials exchange program and contributed extensively to AAPG efforts to redistribute literature abroad. During a year-long sabbatical in Australia (1986-87) she compiled data about field trips which was published as a union list by the Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics. On a second sabbatical (1994-95) she traveled through New Zealand for a similar project whose result, published by the New Zealand Geological Survey, was a union list of 4,000 unpublished, manuscript and



archival geological maps of New Zealand. Closer to home, she endorsed our Society's initiative to improve access to guidebooks, serving as a contributor and compiler for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions of *The Union List of Field Trip Guidebooks of North America*.

In the librarian community Claren has been a mainstay. A member of the Geoscience Information Society since her appointment at OU, she joined her first committee, Guidebooks and Ephemeral Publications, in 1974 and continued on the committee until 2000. Other committees she served on over the years include: Open File Reports, Construction of Guidelines for Authors/Publishers of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks, and Guidebook Standards. In 1984 as Vice President, she organized the annual meeting and technical session and then, as President, edited *Proceedings XV*. As a frequent contributor to the GSIS/GSA technical sessions she was generous in sharing her expertise in person and in the Proceedings in addition to many papers published for regional and national audiences.

Always keen to promote international understanding and exchange she helped organize the 2nd, 5th and 6th International Conferences on Geoscience Information and edited the two-volume proceedings of the 2nd conference. The founding chair of the GSIS International Initiatives Committee, Claren led the group in envisioning a fellowship program to bring librarians from less developed countries to North America for extended practical enrichment. This included setting program goals and selection criteria, drafting a 'curriculum,' securing hosts and funding, recruiting and selecting participants, and managing myriad logistical details. As a result, the Society was able to provide fellowships ranging from 3 to 6 weeks for 1996, 1998, and 2000.

## JOINT AGI/GSA SOCIETIES MEETING

October 10, 2011

Kay Johnson

The meeting was the first joint session of both societies, and the first time the AGI Societies met under the new name – American Geosciences Institute (effective October 1, 2011). AGI will be changing its logo, and samples of possible logos were on display in the room. The Association of American Geographers recently became the 50<sup>th</sup> member of AGI.

GSA is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, with a year-long celebration planned. GSA would like each of its societies to "donate 125 somethings to someone." For instance, a society could contribute money, pencils, rocks, volunteer hours, etc. to local schools, scout troops, charitable organizations, etc. Sharon Mosher, Chair of the GSA 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, would like the society to let her know what has been donated. She is at UT Austin. For more information on the GSA 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, see: <http://www.geosociety.org/125/>.

GSA and AGI are both focusing on K-12 outreach, therefore, the reports at the meeting focused on K-12 earth science education and standards. Kansas, Kentucky, and North Carolina are the only states that require students to take earth science. Fourteen other states specifically mention earth science as one of the options to fulfill a science requirement. AGI posts related statistics, reports, and education resources on their website: <http://www.agiweb.org/geoeducation.html>. The last hour of the meeting was devoted to Roundtable Discussions on how scientific societies can collaborate to effect change, and how to support current and future teachers.

## MARY B. ANSARI BEST REFERENCE WORK AWARD WINNER

The GSIS Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee reviewed nine nominations for the 2011 award:

- *Encyclopedia of Islands*
- *Evolution of Matter*
- *Geomorphology: The mechanics and chemistry of landscapes*
- *Mantle Convection for Geologists*
- *Manual of Mineral Science, 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition*
- *Metamorphic Rocks*
- *Michigan Geography and Geology*
- *Ocean: An Illustrated Atlas*
- *Why Geology Matters*

The Committee members based their selection on average scores of a ten-point, ten-criterion scale. The winner for the 2011 award was “*Mantle Convection for Geologists*” by Geoffrey Davies, Cambridge University Press. One of our committee members, Ed Lener, best described the significance of this book, “The topic of this book underlies so many fundamental geological processes and the author does a great job of conveying sometimes difficult subject matter in an accessible, yet scholarly, way.” Unfortunately, the author was not able to attend the 2011 GSIS Annual Conference; however his colleague, Professor Andrew Roberts from Australian National University, accepted the award on his behalf.

Committee members include: Edward Lener (Virginia Tech), Dennis Trombatore (University of Texas at Austin), and Angelique Jenks-Brown (Binghamton University, NY).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angelique Jenks-Brown, Chair



Kay Johnson presents the Ansari Best Reference Work Award to Dr. Andrew Roberts (Australian National University) accepting on behalf of the author.

## 2011 REPORT of the GSIS SECRETARY

Memberships and membership renewals for 101 members, including 8 new member applications (7 personal and 1 student) were processed for 2011 to date. Total membership numbers are down a little primarily due to several retirements and some students not renewing. The memberships include 3 sustaining, 10 institutional, 76 personal, 10 retired and 2 student members.

The 2011 Membership Directory was produced this summer and sent to the membership at the beginning of September. It has continued to be updated as several more memberships have been received since Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia L. Prosser  
GSIS Secretary  
October 5, 2011

## 2011 EXHIBIT BOOTH REPORT GSIS Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN

This year, the GSIS Exhibit Booth was very successful. Not only did we promote the value and activities of the Earth Sciences information specialists, but we made an effort to feature the handout: *Guidelines for Authors, Editors, and Publishers of Geologic Field Guidebooks*. Joanne Lerud-Heck shared a suggestion from Lisa Dunn for the theme for next year's booth and that is, 1) to have visible information that identifies us as "Information Specialists in the Earth Sciences" since many people stopped by to ask what the Society was about, and 2) to promote the value of publishing and collecting field trip guidebooks. As co-chair, I would like to request that the Guidebook Subcommittee and the rest of the membership send their ideas and images to help design the booth for 2012.

Additionally, with the help of Darin Buri, the committee finally purchased a more sturdy and roomy shipping container. I am sorry, but I don't have an available photo to show it off, but according to the company from who it was purchased, this container was designed to withstand heavy-duty shipping conditions. The wheels are protected, and the closing latches, which can be vulnerable, are recessed away from wear and tear.

Many thanks go to those who helped with the booth, including set-up, staffing and take-down for this year's exhibit: those of you from the Gemological Institute of America — Dona Dirlam, Cathy Johnson and Paula Ruscinski — as well as Chair Darin Buri, Lisa Dunn, Dena F. Hanson, Carol LaRussa, Joanne Lerud-Heck (who added the colorful ribbons and streamers), Jan Heagy and Kay



Members John Hunter, Judie Triplehorn, Kevin Lindstrom, Carol LaRussa, and Lisa Dunn socialize at the GSIS booth.

Johnson. Please forgive me if I inadvertently left any one out, and know that you are greatly appreciated.

Next year, our booth (#604) will be adjacent to the USGS booth, and we will be next to the booth of the Gemological Institute of America (#602). I expect we will receive lots of traffic and visibility. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC!

Respectfully Submitted,

April M. Love  
Co-Chair, Exhibit Committee  
19 October 2011

**PLEASE  
WELCOME  
NEW MEMBER**

**Courtney  
Hoffner  
UCLA**





## **GSIS INFORMATION RESOURCES FORUM/VENDOR UPDATE**

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Kay G. Johnson

Five vendors spoke about their products and many provided brochures. Neal Marriott, Director of Publishing, spoke for the Geological Society of London. The Geological Society migrated to a HighWire interface from Ingenta in 2008. The Society recently began offering researchers access to their Archives. Elsevier has partnered with the Geological Society to index cartographic content with Elsevier's Geofacets map discovery tool. The Lyell collection is searchable with Geofacets.

Mary Warner, Assistant Director for Institutional Marketing, stressed that the American Geophysical Union is working with librarians and publishers now, and is trying hard to overcome their reputation as being difficult to work with. Contrary to previous reports, AGU still publishes journals in print. They are also now selling to consortia. Content is hosted on AGU servers and is available through Portico.

Among the new initiatives from Springer are SpringerBriefs, publications around 100 pages or so between the size of a journal article and a book, and Springer Theses. Springer gave attendees sample copies of both. Johanna Schwarz, Geosciences Publishing Editor, showed Springer's freely available on the web services: AuthorMapper (plots locations of authors on map), journal suggest, and SpringerImages. Springer also provides open access books. Springer is the largest STM book publisher.

East View Cartographic, Inc. is based in Minneapolis and is the world's largest repository of metadata. Jerod Fink, Energy & Natural Resources Account Manager, and Tony Monour, Academic & Library Account Manager

& GIS Developer, described their company as having all of the world's map data. They have been able to obtain map data from countries that other companies and agencies have found challenging to work with. East View offers Geospatial Web Services with raster, vector, and index map data. They also have a cartographic approval plan.

Lauren Marley, Marketing & Communications Specialist, discussed GeoScience World's upcoming migration to HighWire's H2O platform, which will offer more features than the current platform. WebEx training will likely be offered. GSW started OpenURL linking in July, and recently started a quarterly newsletter. Lauren mentioned some researchers with individual subscriptions have run into problems accessing GSW. It is suspected the problems are related to an IP conflict between the personal subscription and the institutional GSW subscription. The problem will likely be resolved if the researcher clears the computer's cache before trying to access GSW. Alexandra (Alix) Vance, GSW Executive Director, also attended the meeting and answered some questions.

The above is a limited snapshot of the IR Forum and does not adequately portray the quality of information provided by the vendors and the good rapport between the presenters and the audience. The room was filled to capacity with attendees, and many questions were asked and answered during the sessions and on the breaks between sessions.

For more information, please contact your vendor representatives. The Geoscience Information Society is thankful to all of the vendors for sponsoring meetings at the conference in Minneapolis.

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2011 Q3 (by Angelique Jenks-Brown 10/07/2011)					
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual	Notes / Updates
<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>					
President			\$400.00		
Vice-President			\$375.00		
Past-President			\$25.00		
Secretary			\$125.00		
Treasurer			\$75.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>MEETINGS</b>					
2011 Meeting (rooms and AV and Internet)			\$2,500.00		
2011 Business Meeting refreshments			\$750.00		
2011 Meeting Reception			\$2,000.00		
2011 Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture & drape)			\$1,000.00	\$150.00	Booth Rental
2011 lunches			\$80.00		
2011 Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00	\$35.00	2010 Speaker
2011 Speaker Honorarium / Gift			\$300.00		
2011 Meeting: fieldtrip	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Sponsorship	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00			AAPG/DataPages, Springer
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,765.00</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	
<b>DUES</b>					
Institutional	\$900.00	\$500.00			
Personal	\$5,500.00	\$4,125.00			
First Year (New Personal)	\$225.00	\$225.00			
Sustaining	\$405.00	\$405.00			
Retired	\$260.00	\$200.00			
Student	\$80.00	\$40.00			
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$115.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,470.00</b>	<b>\$5,610.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>					
Publications Manager			\$200.00		
Mailing labels	\$150.00				
Newsletter: printing			\$380.00	\$262.50	\$37.24 Oct 2010 and Feb 2011, \$42.25 April 2010 and June 2010, \$84.08 Aug 2010, Oct 2010, Dec 2010, printing & mailing, \$29.68 2nd Quarter, \$69.25 3rd quarter
Newsletter: mailing			\$400.00		
Newsletter: subscriptions	\$120.00	\$295.00			
Newsletter: back issues					
Newsletter: cancellation refunds					
Proceedings, v.41 (2010)			\$3,000.00		
Proceedings, v.40 (2009)		\$270.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.85	
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Proceedings, v. 38 (2007)	\$500.00	\$135.00			
Proceedings, v. 37 (2006)		\$135.00			
Proceedings, v.36 (2005)		\$115.00			
Proceedings, prior volumes	\$450.00	\$125.00			
Proceedings & claims mailings				\$245.94	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,720.00</b>	<b>\$1,435.00</b>	<b>\$6,980.00</b>	<b>\$3,209.29</b>	

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2011 Budget (by Angelique Jenks-Brown 10/07/2011)					
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual	Notes / Updates
<b>REPRESENTATIVES/APPOINTEES</b>					
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		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>COMMITTEES &amp; SERVICE POSITIONS</b>					
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		
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		
Preservation			\$25.00		
Website Advisory			\$25.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$880.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
AGI member society dues			\$270.00	\$270.00	
GAP contribution			\$400.00		
GSIS International Fellow			\$500.00		
Ansari Best Reference Award			\$500.00	\$250.00	
Ansari Distinguished Service Award			\$400.00	\$500.00	
Geoscience Librarianship 101	\$500.00		\$500.00		
Gifts (unrestricted)	\$200.00	\$275.00	\$100.00		
Gifts- Professional Develop Fund	\$100.00	\$215.00	\$100.00		
Bank charges			\$25.00		
Survey Monkey				\$204.00	
Interest	\$21.00	\$9.65			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$821.00</b>	<b>\$499.65</b>	<b>\$2,795.00</b>	<b>\$1,224.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,011.00</b>	<b>\$7,544.65</b>	<b>\$18,495.00</b>	<b>\$4,618.29</b>	
<b>2011 Beginning Balances</b>					
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>6/30/11</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>12/31/11</b>	
M&T Bank Savings	\$12,194.76 #	\$9,663.68 #			
M&T Bank Checking	\$13,808.89 #	\$11,667.23 #			
M&T Bank CD - GSIS General Funds	\$20,000.00	\$20,186.61 #			
M&T Bank CD - Ansari Best Ref Wk Award	\$5,799.90	\$5,854.01 #			
M&T bank CD - Ansari Dist. Service Award	\$3,487.84	\$3,520.38 #			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,291.39 #</b>	<b>\$50,891.91 #</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		



**NOTES FROM THE GEOREF  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
May 20, 2011 at AGI

Richard Huffine, Director of the USGS Libraries was welcomed as a new member of the Advisory Committee. Other members of the committee present were Dennis Trombatore (Chair), Harvey Cohen, Shaun Hardy, Suzanne Larsen, and John Steinmetz. AGI staffs attending were Sharon Tahirkheli, Jim Mehl, Afifa Kechrid, and Monika Long.

**Overview:**

GeoRef continues 15 years of steady growth. The global base is expanding with the addition of specialized products: AusGeoRef (Australia focused) and CanGeoRef (Canada focused). Appropriate records from these files are added to GeoRef but they also have unique records that link to their geographical area but are not within the subject coverage of GeoRef. We discussed possible ways to support smaller users who have infrequent needs for the database and cannot rationalize or sustain a regular subscription.

Because of the growth an additional Copy Editor is being added to the staff and a third indexer will begin work in Austin in June. The Denver indexer has resigned and a full-time replacement is being sought.

**Review of discovery systems:**

Back ground material describing various Discovery Systems (Summon, Primo Central, Encore Synergy, WorldCat Local, etc.) was distributed prior to the meeting and demos of several systems were given at the meeting. The Committee was unsure as to what the payoff for GeoRef might be. Given the success of Google and Google Scholar, we

agreed that the popularity of one search box was inevitable and even worthy. These resources emulate this. The “one-stop” research expectations of undergraduates are being met. But the needs of the higher end, subject specific user many not. The Committee had some concerns as to how usage would be credited to database. No decision was made. A concern is that the value-added benefit of GeoRef records, such as controlled vocabulary for index term and imbedded links, not be devalued or lost.

Web-based demos by Ex Libris Primo Central and Summon were given at the meeting.

**Document Delivery:**

The question of whether or not to continue document delivery was discussed. The number of requests continues to dwindle with only a few regular users. Additionally, tracking down copyright can be a huge time sink. The Committee agreed that it was probably time to cease document delivery but the GeoRef staff will make the decision. It was suggested that the link to document delivery be taken off Geoscience World.

**Updates-**

**Cold Regions**

The next five-year proposal has not yet been funded. A presentation regarding the project was done at the AAG meeting in Seattle in April. The Antarctic Journal has been digitized back to 1951 but is not yet available.

### **Mineralogical Abstracts**

57,000 references have been received and processed. The database is online and free on the AGI site. 36,000 abstracts written by professional mineralogists were matched and loaded into GeoRef records. The other items will be processed after the remaining 80,000 + references are received.

### **Mineralogical Magazine**

Metadata for the journal back to the late 1800's is being loaded into GeoRef. This should be complete shortly. This adds significantly to GeoRef's pre-1933 coverage of non-North American geology. Clay Minerals and Clays and Clay Minerals will also be added.

### **CanGeoRef**

Seven consultants have now been trained and are producing data for the CanGeoRef file. The provincial surveys of Canada are supporting this effort with Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences. Alberta and Manitoba are complete and Ontario is underway. Newfoundland and Labrador will be next followed by British Columbia. The database will launch in September 2011 at the open houses of the Provincial Surveys. Preliminary marketing has taken place at the CSPG/CSEG/CWLA Annual Meeting in Calgary.

### **Vendors:**

#### **Proquest**

Proquest has now patented their "Deep Indexing". As noted in the last GRAC meeting, this is an imperfect system with some advantages so we do not currently object to its application to GeoRef. The New

Platform was demoed at the last meeting. Subsequently a version of GeoRef was released to some users in the platform and some were dismayed at what they found. The date for future release is not known. Concerns have been raised by users regarding the fact that Illustrata deep indexing is including non-geology sources since the search is extended to other databases, confusing searchers. It may be possible to turn it off.

### **Marketing and Pricing:**

At the urging of the AGI Executive Committee, GeoRef marketing has been increased. This year GeoRef will share a booth with GSW at SLA. GeoRef has also had a presence at several international meetings.

GeoRef must set pricing for next year in June. GeoRef has skipped price increases many times in past few years but a slight increase is necessary for next year. The Committee advised GeoRef to keep the increase as low as possible to avoid losing subscribers. This is an increase on the price to vendors. The vendor then sets the consumer price, which may vary from vendor to vendor.

### **Dataset linking:**

GeoRef is working on prototype to imbed DOIs for ODP datasets. Progress on this has been slow due to other GeoRef projects. The link would be from the article record to the dataset. There will not be an individual record for the dataset.

### **ISI journal list:**

The Committee has discussed over several meetings how the journals primary to GeoRef that are indexed in Web of Science should be handled. Should they be indexed as first or

second tier? This will be investigated in the future.

**General discussion:**

A question arose regarding the “In process” file. This primarily consists of incomplete records of historical material and is on back burner. It is not available on all platforms. GeoRef is now getting metadata for all AGU journals for indexing purposes. This includes abstracts for journal articles. AGU intends to begin to provide metadata for monographic series analyzed in the future. This does not include meeting abstracts.

**DIGITIZED NEIGC FIELD TRIP GUIDEBOOKS AVAILABLE AT UNH**

Thelma Thompson  
Government Information and Map Librarian  
Dimond Library  
University of New Hampshire  
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The University of New Hampshire has made progress on a long-range project to digitize NEIGC (New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference) guidebooks. Most guidebooks (and their informal predecessors) from 1920-1975 are now part of the UNH Digital Library: <http://www.library.unh.edu/digital/>. In the next few months we will be filling in gaps in this time period. If you have or suspect that faculty at your institution might have extra copies of guidebooks or unbound material for the following years that you or they would be willing to donate permanently we would be very grateful: 1950, 1952 (not the GSA Boston guidebook), 1955, 1957, 1962, 1967. If donations are not available, we will be contacting other libraries that hold copies to make digitization arrangements. Guidebooks from 1976 through 1989 are next in line for digitization as soon as copyright due diligence is complete. We are gathering author

permissions to digitize 1990 and newer guidebooks covered by copyright and negotiating with NEIGC representatives as to how to deal with the most recent publications.

Meanwhile, we are in the process of expanding the metadata for all the guidebooks beyond the basic elements that you see on the current website and planning for an eventual interactive geospatial search interface that will include access to other georeferenced digital collections in addition to the guidebooks. If anyone has experience in implementing such an interface using Fedora/Drupal/Islandora I would be very interested in talking with you. As a starting point we have had a number of students creating individual bounding boxes for each trip in the series.

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