

# newsletter

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#### **President's Column**

By Lisa Johnston

Summertime is always thought of as a great opportunity to finish up those special projects and get a jump on the coming fall. We in the GSIS have been doing just that! Members across the society have been busy working on projects that will help shape the future of GSIS. Here are just a few highlights:

 Rusty Kimball and Angelique Brown successfully implemented Paypal on our website for paying membership dues. Go here to renew: http://www.geoinfo.org/memberinfo.html.



- Bonnie Swoger has set up a new wiki site for GSIS members to collect our documents (eg. meeting minutes) and record our society history in electronic form. Visit <a href="http://geoscienceinformationsociety.pbworks.co">http://geoscienceinformationsociety.pbworks.co</a> m/ to request access.
- Linda Zellmer and Bob Tolliver have been working hard on organizing our next meeting at

- the 2012 GSA conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. It promises to be an exciting program. October 1st is the early bird registration deadline.
- Ellie Clement updated us at the last GSA meeting that our subscriptions for GSIS proceedings were no longer covering our printing costs. Therefore a subgroup has been working on ways to publish our proceedings electronically. Our goal is to reduce costs and make GSIS research available faster. We hope to move toward an open access model that includes an option to print-on-demand and potential digitization of back-issues. Contact Ellie or Cynthia Prosser if you have any suggestions.
- Kay Johnson has recruited wonderful candidates to fill our next open executive board positions for Vice President and Secretary.
   Congratulations to all our nominees!
- Thanks to the GSIS committees and members who have been hard at work sending out calls for award nominations, updating brochures, and sending news on the listsery, keeping fellow geoscience information specialist up-to-date all summer long.

Finally, a second call for very much needed GSIS position. Our publications manager position will be open at the end of 2012 and I am looking for a brave volunteer to take on this important role. Please send me nominations.

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# **Treasurer's Report for 2011**

The Society's income for 2011 was \$13,024.17. Expenses for the year were \$10,983.62. GSIS therefore had a net increase of \$2,040.55.

As of December 31, 2011 the balance in the checking account was \$10,735.71 and savings account was \$9,670.99. The Society also has three CD's with balances of: General Funds CD \$20,222.07, Ansari Best Reference Work Award CD \$5,864.29, and Ansari Distinguished Service Award CD \$3,526.56. All of these accounts total to \$50,019.62.

GSIS's 2011 ending balance of \$50,019.62 minus the beginning balance of \$47,979.07 equals

\$2,040.55, which agrees with the net increase tallied on the income and expense spreadsheets.

Income from sponsorships for the 2011 conference paid for the conference meetings. GSIS appreciates the work of the GSIS Vice President, Lisa Johnston, for assembling the vendor sponsorship.

It should be noted that, once again, there was very little expense generated by the GSIS officers and committee chairs.

Respectfully Submitted, Angelique Jenks-Brown GSIS Treasurer

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2011 (by Angelique Jenks-Brown 1/16/2012)				
(by Ang	elique Jenks-Br	own 1/16/2012)		
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
EXECUTIVE BOARD				
President			\$400.00	
Vice-President			\$375.00	\$370.00
Past-President			\$25.00	
Secretary			\$125.00	
Treasurer			\$75.00	
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$370.00
MEETINGS				
2011 Meeting (rooms and AV and				
Internet)			\$2,500.00	\$4,073.44
2011 Business Meeting refreshments			\$750.00	
2011 Meeting Reception			\$2,000.00	
2011 Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture				
& drape)			\$1,000.00	\$592.04
2011 lunches			\$80.00	\$120.00
2011 Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00	\$35.00
2011 Speaker Honorarium / Gift			\$300.00	
2011 Meeting: fieldtrip	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$58.50
Sponsorship	\$3,500.00	\$4,750.00		
Subtotal	\$3,500.00	\$4,758.00	\$6,765.00	\$4,878.98
DUES				
Institutional	\$900.00	\$500.00		
Personal	\$5,500.00	\$4,400.00		
First Year (New Personal)	\$225.00	\$225.00		
Sustaining	\$405.00	\$405.00		
Retired	\$260.00	\$200.00		

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	Income	Income	Expense	Expense
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Student	\$80.00	\$40.00		
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$125.00		
Subtotal	\$7,470.00	\$5,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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PUBLICATIONS				
Publications Manager			\$200.00	
Mailing labels	\$150.00			
Newsletter: printing			\$380.00	\$262.50
Newsletter: mailing			\$400.00	
Newsletter: subscriptions	\$120.00	\$460.00		
Newsletter: back issues				
Newsletter: cancellation refunds				
Proceedings, v.41 (2010)			\$3,000.00	
Proceedings, v.40 (2009)		\$360.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.85
Proceedings, v.39 (2008)	\$500.00	\$360.00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, ,
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	\$170.00		
Proceedings & claims mailings	4.0000	45,000		\$245.94
Subtotal	\$1,720.00	\$1,735.00	\$6,980.00	\$3,209.29
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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	\$472.47
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	\$428.88
E-Resources			\$25.00	

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2011 (by Angelique Jenks-Brown 1/16/2012)					
(by All	Income Budgeted	10	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
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	
Subtotal	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$880.00	\$901.35
MISCELLANEOUS					
AGI member society dues				\$270.00	\$270.00
GAP contribution				\$400.00	\$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		\$225.00	\$100.00	
Bank charges				\$25.00	
Survey Monkey					\$204.00
Interest	\$21.00		\$136.17		
Subtotal	\$821.00		\$636.17	\$2,795.00	\$1,624.00
TOTAL	\$14,011.00		\$13,024.17	\$18,495.00	\$10,983.62

# **Auditors Report for 2011**

DATE: June 15, 2012

TO: Lisa Johnston, President, Geoscience Information Society FROM: Miriam Kennard, Auditor, Geoscience Information Society

SUBJECT: 2011 Auditor's Report

I have reviewed the 2011 financial records of the Geoscience Information Society, as provided by Treasurer Angelique Jenks-Brown. I found the records to be an accurate and well-organized representation of GSIS finances.

Respectfully submitted, Miriam L. Kennard 8801 Oxford Ct. Chapel Hill, NC 27516 mirmaid1@me.com

## **GSA/GSIS** Annual Meeting: Call for Abstracts

By Bob Tolliver



It's time to start considering ideas or projects to present at this year's GSA/GSIS Annual Meeting, which will be held November 4 – November 7, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina. This year we are

planning to have a GSIS oral technical session and a poster session. This year's session titles are:

GSIS Oral Technical Session: "Geoscience Information: Investing in the Future"

GSIS Poster Session: "Don't be a Dinosaur: Geoscience Information in the 21st Century" Abstracts are due August 14, so please start thinking about participating now. Information on the technical sessions and submitting abstracts can be found at:

http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2012/techProg.

For more information in the GSA Annual Meeting, visit the meeting website at: http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2012/

If you have questions, please contact Bob Tolliver at rlt17@psu.edu.

## **2011 Proceedings Editor Report**

By Rusty Kimball

At the time of this writing, things are going well in the compilation of the 2011 GSIS Proceedings. The final document is almost completely assembled and only lacks the receipt of a final paper. Meanwhile, I have almost finished incorporating the supplemental materials. My final task will be to do any remaining formatting and the final proofing. So, I hope to be completely finished by late June. More to follow.....

### **New Members**

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## **Member Updates**

#### Publications:

Kimball, Rusty, Stephens, Jane, Hubbard, David, & Pickett, Carmelita. (2012). Citation Analysis of Atmospheric Science Publications by Faculty at Texas A&M University. *College and Research Libraries*. Accepted: March 31, 2012; Anticipated Publication Date: May 2013. Preprint available from:

http://crl.acrl.org/content/early/2012/04/05/crl-351

**Bielskas, Amanda**, & Dreyer, Kathleen M. (2012). *IM and SMS reference services for libraries*. Chicago: ALA TechSource, an imprint of the American Library Association. Additional information is available here:

http://www.alatechsource.org/im-and-sms-reference-services-for-libraries-19

**Zellmer, Linda**. (2012). Geography: Electronic and Digital Resources. In J. P. Stoltman, (Ed.), *21st Century Geography: A Reference Handbook*. (pp. 709-723). Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications.

**Wild, Emily**. (2012, June). Online access to geoscience bibliographic citations. *Explore Newsletter*, *155*, pp.1, 4-5.

#### **Member News:**

Shaun Hardy was awarded the Carnegie Institution of Washington's "Service to Science Award" in May. The award recognizes outstanding and/or unique contributions to science by employees who work in administration, support, and technical positions at the Institution. Hardy has served as librarian at Carnegie's Geophysical Laboratory and Department of Terrestrial Magnetism since 1989.

## State and Regional Geology Bibliographic Essay

Linda Zellmer will be writing a bibliographic essay for Choice that will be published next year. She is looking for suggestions of titles (other than *Roadside Geology*), related to state and regional geology. I am

thinking of titles such as the recently published *Geology of Illinois* and *Geology of California* books. Please send suggestions for titles to Linda Zellmer, LR-Zellmer@wiu.edu.

## National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Clearinghouse

http://www.nehrp.gov/library/clearinghouse.htm

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From the NEHRP website:

"The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) agencies have launched the NEHRP Clearinghouse as an electronic source of publications with NEHRP agency support and deposited with the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The NTIS database contains 2,092 FEMA, NBS/NIST, NSF, and USGS-sponsored earthquake research publications dating back to 1977. Metadata for all of these documents are contained in the NEHRP Clearinghouse database. Searchable PDF files for 1,412 documents are now available for download. The remaining documents will be added in the near future, as older documents

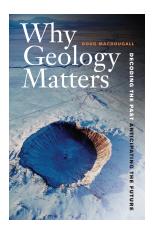
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#### **Reviews**

GSIS is looking for suggestions for future reviews for the newsletter. Have a book, database, website or other information resource you'd like to learn more about? Are you interested in writing a review? Contact Lori Tschirhart, GSIS Reviews editor, <a href="https://linearchy.org/ltz/lt/lt/">https://lt/</a>.

Macdougall, D. (2011). Why geology matters: Decoding the past, anticipating the future. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. Reviewed by: Lori Tschirhart



Earth scientists discover information about how our dynamic earth functions and apply that information to help understand how our world will operate in the future. Doug Macdougall presents foundational geoscience concepts and explains how knowledge of historical geologic

events and processes can be parlayed into a stronger society more able to cope with future earth process changes and better able to sustainably manage essential resources.

Macdougall weaves all manner of geoscience fact into explanations of how earth scientists investigate topics of immediate interest to humanity. He acquaints readers with theories attempting to explain how and why significant geological events in history happened. Along the way he describes the kinds of questions asked by geoscientists, explains techniques employed to gather information about historical events and processes, and discusses any available evidence used to support the theories.

The use of disciplinary jargon is used sparingly, and meaningful, non-technical translations are provided whenever necessary. The author's engaging, conversational tone nurtures curiosity in the reader.

This is an energizing and accessible introduction to earth science concepts and facets that will inform and engage readers unfamiliar with the subject matter.

Additional Reviews for *Why geology matters:* Decoding the past, anticipating the future:

- Choice, Oct. 2011: <a href="http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pids=3680318">http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=reviewdisplay&pids=3680318</a>
- Electronic Green Journal, Fall 2011: http://escholarship.org/uc/item/2dj2f91q

#### **GSIS PUBLICATIONS LIST**

**Proceedings of the Annual GSIS Meetings** (ISSN 0072-1409) \$45.00 each; standing orders are \$45.00/year.

Available volumes:

- v. 35, 2004, Geoinformatics, ed. by L. R. Musser (ISBN 0-934485-37-2)
- v. 34, 2003, Geoscience Information Horizons: Challenges, Choices, and Decisions, ed. by L. E. Joseph. (ISBN 0-934485-36-4)
- v. 33, 2002, New Heights in Geoscience Information: Access and Technology. ed. by L. G. Dunn. (ISBN 0-934485-35-0)
- v. 32, 2001, Geoscience Information: A Dynamic Odyssey, ed. by M. M. Noga. (ISBN 0-934485-34-8)
- v. 31, 2000, Electronic Information Summit: New Developments and Their Impacts, ed. by S. N. Tahirkheli. (ISBN 0-934485-33-X)
- v. 30, 2000, Communication Divides: Perspectives on Supporting Information Bridges in the Geosciences, ed. by Lois Heiser, (ISBN 0-934485-32-1)
- v. 29, 1999, Accreting the Continent's Collections, ed. by C. R. M. Derksen and C. J. Manson, (ISBN 0-934485-31-3)
- v. 28, 1998, The Costs and Values of Geoscience Information, ed. by C. J. Manson. (ISBN 0-934485-29-1)
- v. 27, 1997, Expanding Boundaries: Geoscience Information for Earth System Science, ed. by B. J. DeFelice. (ISBN 0-934485-23-2)
- v. 26, 1996, Crossing the Bridge to the Future: Managing Geoscience Information in the Next Decade, ed. by N. L. Blair. (ISBN 0-934485-26-7)

Proceedings volumes 1 through 25 are out of print and available from:
Out-of-print Books on Demand,
University Microfilms, Inc.,
300 North Zeeb Road,

Ann Arbor, MI 48106

# Proceedings of the International Geoscience Information Conferences

- 6th, 1998 Science Editing and Information Management, Proceedings of the Second International AESEI CBEI EASE Joint Meeting, Sixth International Conference on Geoscience Information, and Thirty-second Annual Meeting, Association of Earth Science Editors, ed. by C. J. Manson. (ISBN 0-934485-30-5) \$ 25.00
- 5th, 1994 Geoinfo V, Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Geoscience Information, ed. by Jiri Hruska. (ISBN 0-934485-27-5) \$45.00 (2 vols.)

**Directory of Geoscience Libraries, North America.** 5th Edition, 1997. (ISBN 0-934485-25-9) Paper. \$ 35.00

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