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## President's Column: March Madness

By Emily Wild

It is that time of year when deadlines seems to be overlapping, there are not enough hours in the day, yet the days are warmer and brighter, so there is a ginormous urge to enjoy the outdoors! It is great to get outside and enjoy spring, but what awesome jobs we have where we can enjoy the outdoors indoors by providing geoscience information every day to others at work! Yay! Are you excited? I hope so, because it is that time of year where we are looking for more excited and knowledgeable GSIS members to become part of committees! I am still in the process of finalizing the committees; if you are a new member or renewing member unable to attend the business meeting in October 2014, please let me know if you are interested in being part of our thrilling committee teams!

Want more exciting news? Crab cakes! GSA is in Baltimore next fall and we are all looking forward to another GSIS extravaganza! It is time to acquire thinking caps or use the ones from days gone by and contemplate the data management cycle! If you need a place to start,

there are several sources available within the USGS:

<http://www.usgs.gov/datamanagement/index.php>

A few business items:

- Thank you, Bonnie, for all your work on the *GSIS Newsletter*!
- Please make sure to read the information Carolyn put together for the Treasurer's Report (page 16);
- I will be attending the GSA Divisions and Societies meeting up in Boulder, March 28-29, 2015, and send out a summary report after the meeting;
- I am working on scheduling a couple online calls/presentations for GSIS, where we can collaborate as a group virtually;

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## President's Column, continued

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tentative dates are in May 2015, August 2015, and October 2015; please let me know by April 30, 2015 if you would like a few minutes to speak or if you are interested in attending the meeting so I have a ballpark number to request;

- I am in the process of obtaining a live webinar feed for the Saturday, October 31, 2015 Geoscience Librarianship 101 session in Baltimore, a pre-conference event for GSA. Please let me know if you are interested by May 31, 2015 so I have a ballpark number to request;
- Thank you, Richard and Rusty, for working on the digitization of the *GSIS Proceedings*;
- Thank you, Hannah, for volunteering again to be the joint technical program coordinator representative for GSIS!
- Thank you, Amanda, for continuing the effort of the strategic planning committee;
- Thank you, Shaun, for being the new publicity officer of GSIS;
- Thank you, Executive Board;
- Thank you all committee members!
- Thank you members, being part of this unique people-centric society of geoscience information, which is incredibly valuable because we all know the intricacies of finding information!
- Please feel free to schedule a call or chat session with me (24/7), if you want a larger piece of time to discuss anything!

Lastly, I wanted to keep everyone in the loop with an update about collaborating with our counterparts in other countries. As a result of the nature of my job, I help people on every continent, every day with inquiries related to

Earth, as well as other planets and celestial objects. Because of this international connection, one of my goals as President is to increase communication and collaboration with other geoscience professionals in the world. With the downsizing of libraries and staff in all disciplines, especially in the sciences, it is important to help each other find and use information. After all, the same geological, hydrological, and hydrological processes happen all over the world. I have been asked to write about what I do by several organizations worldwide. Like most of you, I only have so much time in the day, so this is a quick handout that I hope is useful, and please let me know if you seek additional information and a handout more catered to the types of inquiries received at your library and information group.

Example article: Australian Geoscience Information Association (AGIA) February 2015 newsletter, "United States Geological Survey (USGS) Library Instruction, pages 9 to 11":  
[http://agia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/BYTE\\_Volume16\\_Part1\\_February\\_2015.pdf](http://agia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/BYTE_Volume16_Part1_February_2015.pdf)

As a result of sending this type of information out and discussing GSIS with other countries, I am interested in hearing from all of you about your ideas to collaborate more with our counterparts worldwide. For those of you that are located in other countries, how would you like to collaborate more? At my place of work, we operate 24/7, so if you would like to discuss this more during your local time zone, please let me know; I can be available and set up an online call/presentation that is convenient for your workday to talk in-person!

Enjoy the spring!

## Vice President's Column

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By Mike Hudson

In 1997, Microsoft introduced the sometimes helpful, but nearly always annoying paperclip [Clippy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_Assistant) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office\_Assistant], which popped up and asked questions, such as "It looks like you're writing a letter. Would you like help?" At the time, Microsoft recognized that people did not know how to use their product, and they theorized that their helpful assistant could educate users and possibly even impress upon them the true power and value of Word. Unfortunately, Clippy failed. While the features of Word have expanded over the years, it's clear that not everyone knows how to use them. At GSA, we still regularly receive Word submissions that use absurd combinations of spaces, tabs, and margins to try to line up the columns of a paper.

More recently, Google went in a different direction, deciding to [dumb down the features of Gmail](http://techcrunch.com/2014/11/16/why-did-google-decide-to-split-inbox-from-gmail/) [http://techcrunch.com/2014/11/16/why-did-google-decide-to-split-inbox-from-gmail/] in order to make it simpler for the average user. The problem, they discovered, was that the people creating Gmail were receiving more than 450 e-mails per day, while the average Gmail user was receiving less than 5 e-mails per day. Thus, the product creators were working on solutions to problems, such as sorting this massive influx of messages, that did not exist for the average user.

It strikes me that this clash between technology and education is not unique to software companies. Back in January Rick Anderson wrote an interesting [blog at the Scholarly](#)

### [Kitchen](http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2015/01/07/my-name-is-ozymandias-king-of-kings/)

[http://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2015/01/07/my-name-is-ozymandias-king-of-kings/], which suggested that, like it or not, libraries are now part of the technology industry.

On one hand this makes a lot of sense, especially with all of the talk of data, accessibility, digitizing, and so forth, but in reality it seems that technology is just one more layer of an already complex business. As the above examples show, the only problem with technology is that it produces technology solutions. Data can identify usage patterns, and we can adjust the shape and color of buttons and features to drive users in new directions, but ultimately what about those customers? Who is going to educate them about our useful technology and are we going to listen when they tell us our widgets aren't useful?

To me, that is one of the things that makes GSIS so interesting. For one, members seem to genuinely appreciate new, informative resources, but they also recognize the limitations of technology. Technology would teach us that anything can be located via a simple Google search. GEONET users, on the other hand, might suggest that collaboratively we can find the unfindable by communicating with each other.

It's with that in mind that I have already begun to look ahead to the next meeting in Baltimore, where we can all gather to communicate, share information, and find out how to best serve our customers.

## In Remembrance of John Hunter

By Michael M. Noga

*[Editor's note: John Hunter, long time GSIS member and science librarian at Fondren Library at Rice University, passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2014.]*

I knew John Hunter since he started attending GSA meetings. John was a joiner. John was a doer.

John was the science and engineering librarian at Rice's Fondren Library, where he started in 1980.

He worked closely with Black Student Association at Rice early in his career. Recently he was external reviewer for Texas Southern University's search for its university librarian. He was also a volunteer at Texas Southern.

He was involved in several organizations besides GSIS, e.g. SLA, the Science and Technology Section of ACRL, and ASEE. John mentioned his work with the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. You can find the "Resolution of Respect for John H. Hunter" in BCALA News (v.42, issue 1, p. 6-7, 2015, <http://www.bcala.org/Winter2015/#p=6>)

John called me several times a year, and we chatted about some specific issue and often moved on to other developments at Rice and academic libraries in general. We had dinner every year at GSA. The meeting will not be same for me without him.

John served on the GSIS Public Affairs Committee, GeoRef Users Group Steering Committee, Preservation Committee, and Membership Committee. He always volunteered for some time at the GSIS booth at the GSA Annual Meeting.

I worked with John on the GSIS Collection Development Issues Committee, Information Resources Committee, Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee, and Best Paper Award Committee. He consistently made a contribution to each committee. He also gave me feedback for every Collection Development Issues Forum and Professional Issues Forum that I facilitated. John had a strong interest in collection development and service to the users. In fact, we often had to end our phone chats because he was going to serve on the reference desk.



*John Hunter (center) and Amanda Bielskas (right) presenting the Best Reference Word Award at the 2013 GSIS annual meeting.*

The William Kaula Award from AGU recognizes "unselfish service to the scientific community through extraordinary dedication to and exceptional efforts on behalf of the AGU publications program." I feel that John performed unselfish service to the Geoscience Information Society, librarianship, and the user community through his extraordinary, consistent dedication.

Lost a colleague. Lost a friend.



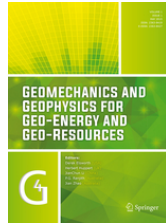
## New Geoscience Open Access Publications

By Shaun Hardy

### Geomechanics and Geophysics for Geo-Energy and Geo-Resources (G4)

Springer announced the launch of its new journal *G4* in January. *G4* will focus on geomechanics and geophysics applied to energy and resources in the subsurface Earth. Geothermal energy, unconventional oil and gas, carbon sequestration, and geological disposal of energy wastes are among the topics it will cover. Both theoretical and experimental papers are invited, as well as contributions describing numerical methods, modeling, engineering applications, and technology development. All content published during 2015 and 2016 will be permanently free to access and will be included automatically in Springer's existing library license agreements. Thereafter, authors will have the option of paying an article processing fee under Springer's "Open Choice" program to make their papers openly accessible.

<http://www.springer.com/engineering/civil+engineering/journal/40948>



### Collabra

In January the University of California Press announced the establishment of a new, peer-reviewed, open access "mega journal", *Collabra*. An open access monograph publishing initiative called *Luminos* is being launched in tandem. In entering the open access arena the UCP stated it seeks "to drive progressive change by seeking out and cultivating the brightest minds and giving them voice, reach, and impact." While outwardly resembling journals like *PLOS ONE*, *Collabra* will be based on a novel business model that combines a very low article processing charge (\$875), library memberships, and revenue sharing with editors and reviewers – who may

opt to either accept their earnings or "pay them forward" to *Collabra*'s Waiver Fund (which will subsidize authors unable to pay to publish their articles) or to their own institutions' OA publishing funds.



"Ecology and Environmental Science" is one of three initial *Collabra* core disciplines with its own editorial team. Authors will have the option of selecting Open Peer Review. All content will be published under a Creative Commons Attribution (4.0 CC-BY) license. No target date for publication of the first articles has been announced.

<http://www.collabraoa.org/>

### International Journal of Coal Science & Technology

A joint publishing venture between Springer and the China Coal Society,

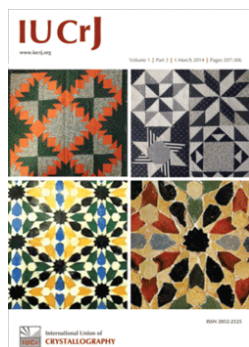
*International Journal of Coal Science & Technology* is a new addition to the SpringerOpen portfolio of peer-reviewed, gold OA journals. It aims to cover all aspects of coal research and technology, from mining and processing to economics, health/safety and environmental issues. The inaugural issue is dated "March 2014" but the first articles went online in August of last year. Fifty-four papers have been published to date. Article processing fees are being waived through sponsorship of the China Coal Society.

<http://www.springer.com/energy/fossil+fuels/journal/40789>



## IUCrJ

The International Union of Crystallography launched *IUCrJ* last year to commemorate the International Year of Crystallography and the centennial of x-ray diffraction. IUCrJ is a comprehensive, peer-reviewed, open access journal of structural



science research. While primarily of interest to chemists, physicists, biologists, and materials scientists, geoscientists and planetary scientists will also find relevant content – for example, “The first x-ray diffraction measurements on Mars” and “High-pressure crystallography of periodic and aperiodic crystals.” Experimental techniques for studying materials with large-scale synchrotrons and neutron sources are among the journal’s focus areas. *IUCrJ* offers authors rapid publication, high-quality peer review, and an online data checking services for structural papers. The journal’s article processing charge is \$1000.

<http://www.iucrj.org/m/>

## Geochemical Perspectives Letters

The inaugural issue of *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* went online in January. Like its companion OA publication *Geochemical Perspectives* (launched in 2012) the new journal is published by the



European Association of Geochemistry. Unlike the former journal, which features a single, in-depth article per issue, *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* is intended for brief, high-impact reports of “the most novel research in geochemistry with a focus on outstanding quality, international importance, originality, and stimulating new developments across the vast array of geochemical disciplines.” Submissions are limited to 3000 words, including the abstract. Articles are published online as soon as accepted and will later be collected and printed in 2-4 print issues/year for distribution to EAG members. The journal’s website advertises “no page charges”, which presumably means there is no article processing fee (at least not at the present time).

<http://www.geochemicalperspectivesletters.org/>

## Guidelines for Authors, Editors, and Publishers of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks

Revised 3/2/15

The Guidebooks Committee is pleased to announce that the long-awaited revisions to the Guidebooks Standards are complete.

Many thanks to Thelma Thompson, Dorothy McGarry and Linda Musser for crafting the revised standards, and to the entire committee for aiding in the review.

Field trip guidebooks are a significant contribution to geoscience literature. They are often the most current or only synopsis of an area’s geology, and as such, are essential to

researchers and students. Guidebooks may be difficult to locate because casual references to guidebooks may simply describe the area investigated and the name of the society or meeting associated with the field trip and/or guidebook. A free aid to identifying field trip guidebooks, the *Geologic Guidebooks of North America*

[\[http://www.americangeosciences.org/georef/geologic-guidebooks-north-america-database\]](http://www.americangeosciences.org/georef/geologic-guidebooks-north-america-database), is compiled by members of the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) and supported by the American Geosciences Institute. (*Note: The*

*geographic scope of the Guidebooks database is being expanded to include areas outside of North America.)*

GSIS encourages guidebook authors, editors and publishers to include the following specific information so that this important literature can be identified, acquired, and used by the geoscience community. The following guidelines are intended to ensure that your guidebook contains the essential components to become an identifiable and permanent part of the geoscience literature.

### **BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLICATION**

Print guidebooks and digital guidebooks using PDF or other formats that replicate a printed publication should provide specific information on the title page and on the reverse side of the title page (see sample pages). Guidebooks organized in another manner may format this information differently but it is recommended that the equivalent informational elements be included.

#### **The TITLE PAGE should include:**

- **Title** - A clearly indicated title, with the title identical on the title page and cover, and any other place where it appears.
- **Geographic area** - The geographic area, including state or province covered by the field trip, is helpful to include as a part of the title or subtitle.
- **Meeting name** - Name and place of the meeting should be included when the field trip is held in conjunction with a meeting. If it is a regular, numbered meeting, specify the number of the meeting.
- **Dates** - Day/s, month, and year of the field trips
- **Field trip number** - If several field trips take place at a meeting, specify the number of each field trip.
- **Series title and number** - If issued as a number within a series, the series title should remain the same from year to year. If

a change occurs, the relationship of the new title to the old title should be clear. Frequent changes in series titles should be avoided. Be sure to include the number within the series and place it close to the title of the series.

- **Volumes within a set** - If issued as volumes of a set, each volume should include the title of the set as a whole. The name of the meeting for which the guidebooks were prepared should also be included on each volume, and the volume number of each volume within the set should be indicated near the title of the set as a whole.
- **Field trip leaders and guidebook editors** - Name the field trip leader/s, author/s and/or editor/s and indicate the responsibility of each person.
- **Reprint** - If the guidebook is a reprint, indicate the title and the year of publication of the original. If it is part of a reprint series, include that series title and series number. (This information may appear here or on the back of the title page.)
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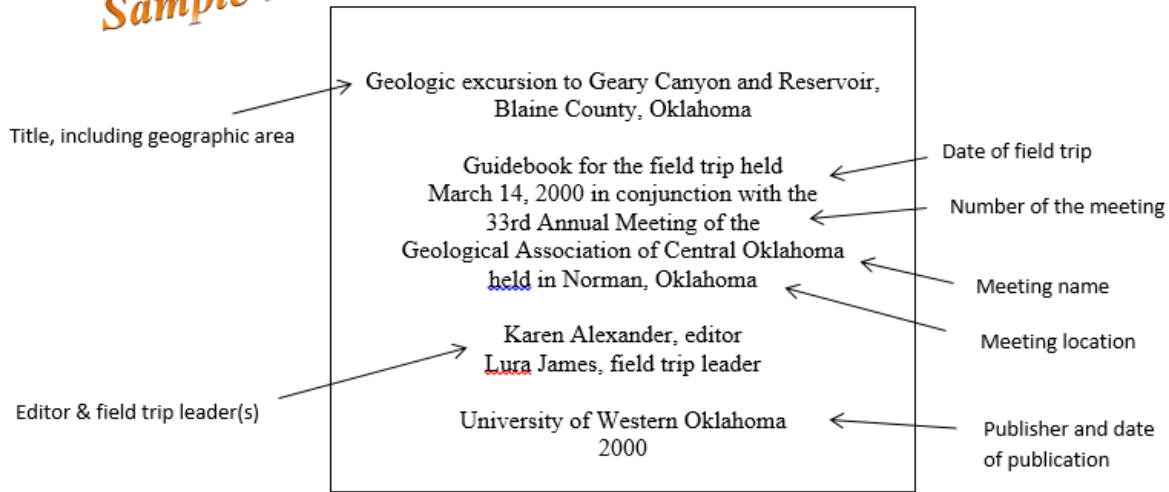
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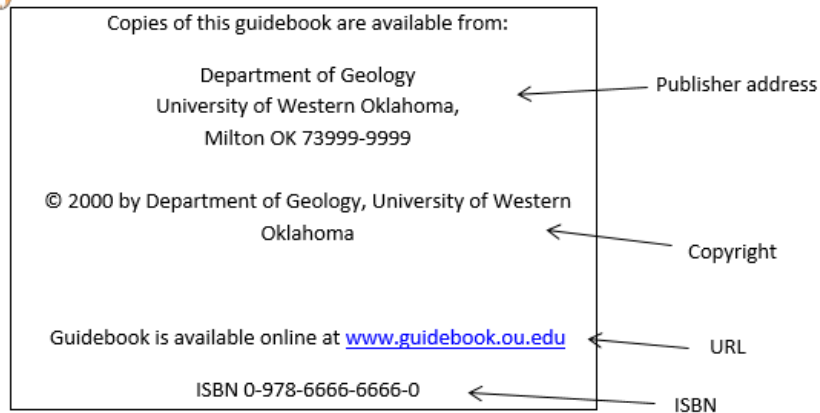
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### Sample title page



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## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### Publication content and format:

- **Geographic coordinates / location of trip** – Clearly identify the geographic area

covered, including boundary coordinates if possible. An index map that shows stop locations and includes bounding coordinates is useful.

- **Road log or GPS stop locations** - Sufficient information necessary to replicate the trip should be included. This may be in the form of a road log with mileage between stops, GPS coordinates at each stop, or any other method that enables trip replication.
- **Paper, printing, and binding** - Use good quality paper, printing, and binding. If spiral binding is unavoidable, provide a "gutter margin" of at least one inch (1") between the spiral and the text, to enable libraries to bind the volume.
- **Page numbering** - Number the pages consecutively.
- **Table of contents** - Include a table of contents page if the guidebook contains more than one paper, and/or illustrations that can be listed, and/or unbound materials found in the pocket.
- **Illustrations** - Identify all illustrations with a text caption, and give full references if they are from another publication. Assure all images are of good quality.
- **Title** - Identify the guidebook's title on the first page of each article. This insures that reprints of single articles can be properly attributed to the larger work.
- **Author information** – Use a consistent form of the authors' names within the publication. For example, don't use 'William' in one place, then elsewhere refer to 'Bill'. Include the author's affiliation, if appropriate. For individually-authored sections, include the author's name in the table of contents.
- **References** – References to other publications, data or accompanying material should be as complete as possible and follow a standard format.

#### **Additional guidelines for guidebooks issued in digital format:**

- **Printing** – Format the publication so it is easily printable, including the preview frames. Images should be of a high enough quality to print legibly.
- **Platform** – Guidebook should be viewable on multiple hardware and software platforms (Mac, PC, UNIX, Windows, etc.).
- **Searchable** – Format so as to be searchable by multiple browsers and methods (e.g., searchable PDF, searchable full text).
- **Accessibility** – Make document accessible for those with disabilities, following Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (<http://www.w3.org>). Images should have ALT tags, etc.
- Comply with ISO graphic standards and, if necessary, include software to read the guidebook, play embedded animation, videos, etc.
- **PURLs** - Assign a permanent URL and deposit in a repository or other secure site. For help in identifying an appropriate repository, contact the Geoscience Information Society.

#### **Distribution:**

- **Print copies** - Print more copies of the guidebook than are needed for field trip participants. Remember, this is a contribution to the literature of geology. Your potential market includes numerous libraries holding geological collections and local historical societies.
- **Depository copies** - Deposit a copy of the guidebook in your nation's largest geological library. In Canada send a copy to the Earth Sciences Information Centre in Ottawa and to regional Geological Survey of Canada libraries. In the United States send a copy to the U.S. Geological Survey Library in Reston VA, and to one or more regional USGS Libraries. Also, deposit a copy in a college or university library in the region of the field trip.
- **Indexing** – To bring your guidebook to the attention of others in the future, send a copy to the American Geosciences Institute for indexing and inclusion in GeoRef.
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- Send publication announcements to potentially interested libraries. Specifically, send announcements to

libraries in the region where the field trip was held, and to members of the Geoscience Information Society. The GSIS (<http://www.geoinfo.org/>) has a Guidebooks Committee whose members review and announce new guidebooks to the membership and review guidebooks for the Best Guidebook Award, awarded annually each Fall.

- Announce the publication of your guidebook on GEONET, a distribution list of geoscience librarians at [geonet@princeton.edu](mailto:geonet@princeton.edu).

## Association of Earth Science Editors Annual Meeting: Lawrence, Kansas, October 6 to 9, 2015

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By Erin Palmer

The Association of Earth Science Editors' next annual meeting will be held in Lawrence, Kansas, October 6 to 9, 2015. Please join us for what's bound to be another great meeting, hosted this year by the Kansas Geological Survey, who hosted the 35th annual meeting back in 2001. We're looking forward to visiting the Great Plains state again and partaking in some of that famous Midwest hospitality.

Lawrence, just 45 minutes west of Kansas City, is a multifaceted, culturally diverse city, offering all the attractions of a big city but with small-town hospitality. Just this year, it was named, by *USA Today*, as one of the "Ten Best Dynamite Day Trips" near a major urban center. Its downtown is a vibrant shopping, dining and entertainment district, with Massachusetts Street being thought of by many as one of the most beautiful main streets in America. The University of Kansas main campus, located within the city, is also thought to be one of the Nation's most beautiful.

Meeting central will be the charming, historic, recently renovated—and reportedly haunted!—Eldridge Hotel, located on Massachusetts Street,

right in the heart of great shopping and restaurants.

The technical program is still in the development stage, but we hope to have talks on the following general topics: publishing trends, editing to improve readability, essentials of good graphic design for talks and papers, workshops on using software, keeping on top of important topics (editing resources, professional development, etc.), geoscience outreach, publication ethics, and more.



*The Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence, Kansas*

If you have specialized knowledge in any of the areas mentioned above or know someone who does, please consider joining us and give a talk or workshop, or let us know who we may contact. Help us make this meeting a rewarding and memorable one.

The meeting's field trip is almost finalized and will highlight the geological and cultural history of the prairie, with stops near Topeka (the state capital), Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, and finishing in Cottonwood Falls, the county seat of Chase County, where we'll visit Chase County courthouse and have dinner at the Grand Central Hotel.

AESE meetings are a great way to learn about geoscience editing, publishing and communication. Meetings are generally small in size and provide unparalleled opportunities to network with other editors, publishers and educators working in the geosciences. Arrive early, stay longer...see KU Jayhawks play Iowa State or Baylor, visit historic sites or museums, or spend time just shopping in beautiful downtown Lawrence.

The annual meeting is open to AESE members and non-members, anyone interested in earth

science editing and communication. If you have any questions, would like more information, or have an idea for a talk, session or workshop, please contact the technical program chair, Marg Rutka at [marg.rutka@ontario.ca](mailto:marg.rutka@ontario.ca). Program updates will be posted regularly on AESE's website at [www.aese.org](http://www.aese.org). Follow us, also, on Facebook, Twitter (@AESERocks), LinkedIn, or Pinterest for meeting updates as they happen.

#### **About AESE:**

The Association of Earth Science Editors is an organization of editors, journal managers, and others concerned with publication in the earth sciences. The goals of the organization are to strengthen the profession of earth science editing; to foster education and improve communication in the earth sciences that will lead to more effective dissemination of earth science information to the scientific community, educators and students, and the public. Our members include editors of most of the North American earth-science journals, editing and publishing personnel with state/provincial and federal geological surveys and with commercial firms, editors of reports prepared for geological consultants and others interested in earth-science publishing.

## **Je Me Souviens (I Remember), Part 2**

By Michael M. Noga

### **2003: Seattle**

- I remember hearing about the new GeoScienceWorld aggregate.
- I remember going on the Seattle Underground tour in Pioneer Square.

### **2004: Denver**

- I remember the field trip to the Celestial Seasonings tea factory and not being able to go into the mint room because the smell was so intense.
- I remember attending the **Geologic Time and CHRONOS** session.

### **2005: Salt Lake City**

- I remember attending the first **Geoscience Librarianship 101** course.
- I remember being surprised by the number of international restaurants and stores that probably started around the time of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

### **2006: Philadelphia**

- I remember the convenience of having the Reading Terminal Market next to the conference center and its great choice of lunch places.

- I remember visiting the Othmer Library of Chemical History with Jim O'Donnell and Shaun Hardy.

#### **2007: Denver**

- I remember presenting the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award to John G. Mulvihill for his leadership of GeoRef.
- I remember hearing about the success of the third **Geoscience Librarianship 101** course and realizing that it was now a proven activity.

#### **2008: Houston**

- I remember that this was a joint meeting with the Agronomical Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, and Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies. The exhibits included some farming equipment.
- I remember the bright gardens and rooftop restaurant in front of the convention center. They provided a nice respite.

#### **2009: Portland**

- I remember that this was one of my favorite meeting locations. Where else do you take a light railway across a major river between the meeting hotel and convention center?
- I remember the Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award presentation for **the Field Guide to Meteors and Meteorites**. Both the authors, O. Richard Norton and Lawrence A. Chitwood were deceased, but several family members and friends attended the ceremony in honor of the authors.

#### **2010: Denver**

- I remember that the Professional Issues Roundtable was held in a ballroom with several round tables. Each table considered different discussion topics.
- I remember a late night visit to a restaurant on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street mall with Jim O'Donnell, Shaun Hardy, and Miriam Kennard. Much joy.

#### **2011: Minneapolis**

- I remember our field trip to the Mill City Museum above the Mississippi River.
- I remember having my first encounter with zombies on the light rail and passing by the Occupy Movement's Minneapolis site on the way to the conference each day.

#### **2012: Charlotte**

- I remember our first reception and awards ceremony with the GSA Geoinformatics Division. It was election night and the unidentified reception down the hall was the victory celebration for the new North Carolina governor.
- I remember walking from the hotel to the convention center every day and seeing bank buildings everywhere.

#### **2014: Vancouver**

- I remember the crisp air, daily rain showers, Tim Horton's dark roast coffee and pretzels, the busy downtown, and the convention center that was ready to go to sea.
- I remember the many meetings at the top of the Hyatt with the excellent views and good treats.

#### **2015: Baltimore**

- No memories yet.

My Inspiration: Joe Brainard's *I Remember* (New York City: Granary Books, 2001)



## Seeking Nominations for the 2015 Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award

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The Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2015 award. This award recognizes and honors significant contributions to the geoscience information profession and will be given at the GSIS/GSA Annual Meeting in November in Baltimore. Please help us honor a deserving colleague by submitting a nomination to the selection committee.

Membership in GSIS is not a requirement to receive the award. A list of previous award recipients is available at:

<http://www.geoinfo.org/service.html>

Nomination letters should be sent by **May 15** to Jody Bales Foote, chair, Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee, Youngblood Energy Library, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019,

[jbfoote@ou.edu](mailto:jbfoote@ou.edu), 405-325-6451. Please provide the following:

- Your name and contact information
- Name, title, and contact information for the person you are nominating
- Resume or curriculum vita of the nominee
- Statement indicating why the nominee is deserving of this award
- Additional letters of support from other individuals endorsing the nomination

Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee

- Louise F. Deis
- Jody Bales Foote, chair
- Clara P. McLeod

## Guidebooks Recently Reported

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By Monica Pereira

The following geology field trip guidebooks have been received, and/or identified, by GSIS members:

Ream, L.R. (2012). Gem trails of Idaho & western Montana. [Upland, CA]: Gem Guide Book Co.

Rankin, D.W., and Rankin, M.B. (2014). A field trip guidebook to the type localities of Marland Billings' 1935 Paleozoic bedrock stratigraphy near Littleton, New Hampshire: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 2014 – 1026, 21p. [GPO depository item: I 19.76:2014-1026] Available online: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3133/ofr20141026>

Barry, J. (2010). Greymouth field excursions: Excursion guides with additional

contributions by Brian Hill. Guidebook for field trip held in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> AMHA Annual Conference in Greymouth, New Zealand, July 4-11, 2010. [Crawley, Western Australia]: Australian Mining History Association. Available online: <http://www.mininghistory.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/greymouth-field-excursion.pdf>

Australian Mining History Association. (2012). Waihi: Field trip guide book. Guidebook for field trip held in conjunction with the 18<sup>th</sup> AMHA Annual Conference in Waihi, New Zealand, November 7-10, 2012. [Crawley, Western Australia]: Australian Mining History Association. Available online: <http://www.mininghistory.asn.au/wp->

[content/uploads/2012/12/waihi-field-guide.pdf](#)

- American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Mid-Continent Section. Biennial Field Conference (2<sup>nd</sup> : 2014 : Ardmore, Okla.). Welcome to Ardmore! : field guidebook & general information, exploring the Arbuckles: outcrops to resources, October 17-19, 2014. [Ardmore, Oklahoma]: Mid-Continent Section, Ardmore Geological Society.
- Bauer, P.W. (2011). The Rio Grande: A river guide to the geology and landscapes of Northern New Mexico. Socorro, N.M.: New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.
- Gilbert, M.C. (2014). The Wichita Mountains in Oklahoma: Their story through time. (Oklahoma Geological Survey guidebook 39). Norman, Okla; Oklahoma Geological Survey, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy, University of Oklahoma.
- Suneson, N. (2014). Igneous and tectonic history of the Southern Oklahoma Aulacogen. (Oklahoma Geological Survey guidebook 38). Proceedings of a field conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Geological Survey, March 8-9, 2014. Norman, Okla.: Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy, University of Oklahoma.
- Suneson, N. (1996). The geology of the Ardmore basin in the Lake Murray State Park area, Oklahoma: An introduction and field-trip guide. Prepared for a meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, April 26-28, 1996. Norman, Okla.: Oklahoma Geological Survey.
- Suneson, N. (1997). The geology of the Gulf Coastal Plain in Marshall County, Oklahoma: An introduction and field-trip guide. Prepared for a meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, April 18–20, 1997, Kingston, Oklahoma. [Edmond, Okla.]: Oklahoma Academy of Science
- Suneson, N. (1997). The geology of the eastern Arbuckle Mountains, Pontotoc and Johnston Counties, Oklahoma: an introduction and field-trip guide. Prepared for annual meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, May 31, 1997, Pontotoc, Oklahoma. Norman, Okla.: Oklahoma Geological Survey.
- Suneson, N.H. (1998). The geology of the Gypsum Hills in Woodward and Major Counties, Oklahoma: An introduction and field-trip guide. Prepared for annual meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, May 30, 1998, Boiling Springs State Park, Woodward, Oklahoma. Woodward, Okla.: The Nature Conservancy.
- Suneson, N. and Luza, K.V. (1999). A field trip guide to the geology of the Black Mesa State Park area, Cimarron County, Oklahoma. Prepared for the fall meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, September 17–19, 1999, Black Mesa State Park, Kenton, Oklahoma. [Norman, Okla]: Oklahoma Geological Survey.
- Suneson, N.H. (2000). The geology of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve, Osage County, Oklahoma: an introduction and field-trip guide. Prepared for a meeting of the Legacy Club members of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, April 1, 2000. [Norman, Okla]: Oklahoma Geological Survey.

Please report any newly received or identified guidebooks, including online guidebooks. Please give as much information as possible, including the full citation and where they can be ordered, if known, and the DOI/URL if online. Also, let us know if you think a guidebook should be considered for the GSIS Guidebook Award; if so, please tell us the reasons. Send information to Monica Pereira, [monica.pereira@csuci.edu](mailto:monica.pereira@csuci.edu).

## 2014 Geoscience Information Society Treasurer's Year-End Report

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By Carolyn Bishoff, GSIS Treasurer

The Society's income for 2014 was \$15,890.84. Expenses for the year were \$10,755.47. GSIS had a net increase of \$5135.37. See detailed income and expenses in the table below.

As of December 31, 2014, the balance in the GSIS General Funds checking account was \$24,094.41. The GSIS General Funds savings account was \$9698.61.

The Society also has two award funds. The Ansari Best Reference Award CD matured in May, and the funds were placed in a savings account: \$3539.35. The Ansari Distinguished Service Award CD matured in May, and the funds were placed in a savings account: \$5885.57. The CDs were not accumulating substantial interest, so these funds were not reinvested in CDs.

Finally, the Society has one CD for General Funds. This CD matured in May, and was reinvested in a nine-month CD: \$20,295.30.

All of these accounts total to \$63,566.73. GSIS's ending balance of \$63,566.73 minus the beginning balance of \$58,431.36 equals \$5135.37, which agrees with the net increase tallied on the income and expense spreadsheets.

Income from sponsorships paid for the 2014 GSIS Annual Meeting expenses, and covered deposits for the upcoming 2015 meeting, as well. GSIS appreciates the work of President Emily Wild for obtaining sponsorships.

The Cartographic Users Advisory Committee (CUAC) was disbanded, and dispersed remaining funds to member organizations. GSIS received \$1,191.39 from CUAC.

Starting in January 2014, PayPal fees were tracked. In 2014, PayPal charged the Society \$102.32 in transaction fees. These fees do not appear in the income and expenses spreadsheet, because all PayPal transactions were recorded as net income after fees, but the fees are recorded in the Notes.

In April 2014, while opening business accounts for the Society, the business banker alerted me to the fact that our Society was not listed as a corporation in the Washington, D.C. corporation database. Since the Treasurer "[s]hall maintain the paperwork necessary to ensure the Society's status as a tax-exempt organization and to keep the Society in compliance with state and federal tax practices," (GSIS President's Handbook) I looked into it and learned that the Society's corporation was revoked in 1974. The Executive Board has begun the process of re-incorporating in the State of Virginia. Many thanks to the Executive Board, particularly Past President Amanda Bielskas, past Secretary Cynthia Prosser, and Publications Manager Richard Huffine, for consulting on this matter and moving it forward.

I have enjoyed my first year as GSIS Treasurer, and look forward to serving GSIS next year.

<b>Geoscience Information Society 2014 Quarter 4 Report</b>					
<b>by Carolyn Bishoff (01/07/2015)</b>					
	<b>Income Budgeted</b>	<b>Income Actual</b>	<b>Expense Budgeted</b>	<b>Expense Actual</b>	<b>Notes / Updates</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>					
President			\$400.00	\$50.00	Survey incentives
Vice-President			\$375.00	\$166.18	Stamps, thank-you cards
Past-President			\$25.00		
Secretary			\$125.00		
Treasurer			\$75.00	\$91.22	Reimbursement for stamps. Fee for checks and endorsement stamp
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$307.40</b>	
<b>MEETINGS</b>					
2014 Meeting (rooms and AV and Internet)		\$806.22	\$2,500.00	\$6,251.33	2014 Meeting deposits, payment, and one refund. 2015 meeting deposits.
2014 Business Meeting refreshments					
2014 Meeting Reception			\$3,000.00		
2014 Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture & drape)			\$1,000.00		
2014 lunches			\$80.00		
2014 Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00		
2014 Speaker Honorarium / Gift					
2014 Meeting: Field Trip					
Sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$6,227.70			PayPal: Q3 977.70
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,033.92</b>	<b>\$6,715.00</b>	<b>\$6,251.33</b>	
<b>DUES</b>					
Institutional	\$500.00	\$1,200.00			
Personal	\$5,000.00	\$4,660.53			PayPal: Q1 1014.66 Q2 533.25 Q3 212.86 Q4 266.35
First Year (New Personal)	\$200.00	\$174.84			PayPal: Q1 43.71 Q4 131.13
Sustaining	\$250.00	\$398.46			PayPal: Q1 263.46
Retired	\$260.00	\$317.04			PayPal: Q1 38.52 Q2 19.26
Student	\$80.00	\$19.26			PayPal: Q1 19.26
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$80.00			

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<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,390.00</b>	<b>\$6,850.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>					
Publications Manager			\$200.00		
Mailing labels					
Newsletter: printing			\$100.00		
Newsletter: mailing			\$50.00		
Newsletter: subscriptions	\$120.00	\$230.00			\$40 returned check in June 2014
Newsletter: back issues					
Newsletter: cancellation refunds					
Proceedings: subscriptions/inst members					
Proceedings, v.43 (2012)	\$1,000.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,468.75	
Proceedings, v.42 (2011)	\$500.00				
Proceedings, v.41 (2010)	\$200.00				
Proceedings, v.40 (2009)		\$180.00			
Proceedings, v.39 (2008)					
Proceedings, v.38 (2007)					
Proceedings, prior volumes					
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,820.00</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>	<b>\$2,468.75</b>	
<b>REPRESENTATIVES/APPOINTEES</b>					
AGI Member Council rep					
AGI Gov't Affairs Program rep					
Congressional Science Fellow					
CUAC (2 reps @ \$200 each)		\$1,191.39			Received disbursed funds as member of CUAC
Publicity Officer			\$50.00		
Auditor			\$25.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,191.39</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>COMMITTEES &amp; SERVICE POSITIONS</b>					
Archivist			\$150.00	\$104.41	Shipping of GSIS records to archive
Award Certificates & Frames (Best Reference Work, Best Paper, Best Guidebook, Distinguished Service)			\$175.00	\$34.31	
Best Paper Committee			\$25.00		



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Best Reference Work Committee			\$25.00		
Collection Development Committee			\$25.00		
Distinguished Service Award (Committee expenses and gift)			\$75.00	\$162.75	
Exhibits			\$50.00	\$98.20	
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>\$399.67</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
AGI member society dues			\$270.00	\$202.50	
GAP contribution			\$400.00		
GSIS International Fellow			\$500.00		
Ansari Best Reference Award		\$2.52	\$500.00		Interest when CDs matured
Ansari Distinguished Service Award		\$1.51	\$400.00	\$500.00	Interest when CDs matured
Geoscience Librarianship 101	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$171.70	
Gifts (unrestricted)	\$200.00	\$350.00		\$91.25	Funeral flowers
Gifts- Professional Develop Fund	\$100.00	\$15.00			
Bank charges		\$24.18	\$50.00	\$158.87	For returned check, June 2014 & int'l fees. One fee was refunded in Oct 2014.
Survey Monkey			\$204.00	\$204.00	
Interest	\$120.00	\$12.19			
PayPal Fees					\$102.32 PayPal fees for transactions 01/01-10/31.
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$920.00</b>	<b>\$405.40</b>	<b>\$2,824.00</b>	<b>\$1,328.32</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,630.00</b>	<b>\$15,890.84</b>	<b>\$14,344.00</b>	<b>\$10,755.47</b>	

## A note from the editor

By Bonnie J. M. Swoger

It is with mixed feelings that I announce my resignation as editor of the *GSIS Newsletter*. While I am pleased to take on a new role at my library as the Head of Reference and Access Services, I will miss the intimate look at the society that I see as *Newsletter* editor. I have no doubt that my new role will keep me busy.

In the three years I have served as the editor of the *GSIS Newsletter*, I have learned a lot about this organization. In the years I was unable to attend the annual meeting I enjoyed reading the recaps. I have been excited to see Shaun Hardy's column about new open access geosciences journals arrive in my inbox each quarter. I have been delighted to continuously see evidence of the community and volunteer spirit that keeps this organization going, even at a time of immense change for subject librarians. I plan to stay involved in the *GSIS* organization, which has been one of the most worthwhile organizations I have been a part of in my professional career.

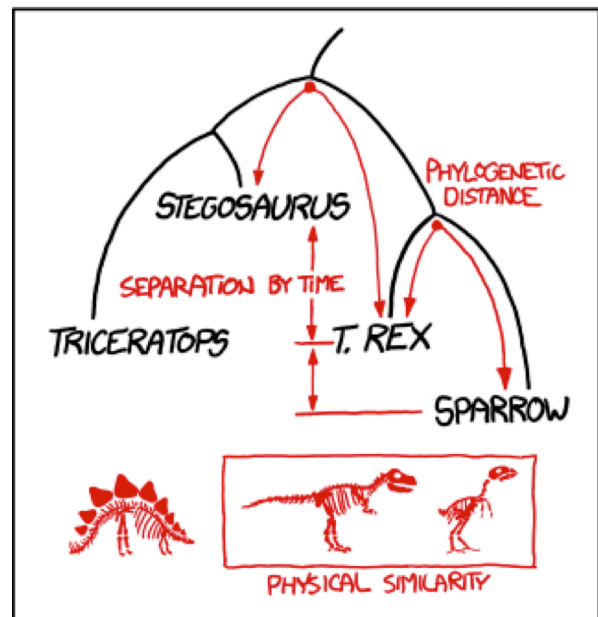
I am pleased to announce that long-time *GSIS* member Bob Tolliver will be taking over the job as editor.

Bob Tolliver is Head of the Science and Engineering Library at Stony Brook University and liaison to the Department of Geosciences and various departments in the College of Engineering. Prior to working at Stony Brook University, he was the Earth Sciences Librarian at Penn State University and had previously been an Engineering Librarian at the University of Michigan and a Geology Instructor at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Bob received his MLIS in Library & Information Science from the University of South Carolina and his PhD in Geology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

I know that Bob will be an excellent shepherd of the *GSIS Newsletter*, and the publication will prosper under his leadership.

Because XKCD is one of my favorite comics, I leave you with a bit of paleontology humor:

BY ANY REASONABLE DEFINITION, *T. REX* IS MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO SPARROWS THAN TO *STEGOSAURUS*.



BIRDS AREN'T *DESCENDED* FROM DINOSAURS, THEY ARE DINOSAURS.

WHICH MEANS THE FASTEST ANIMAL ALIVE TODAY IS A SMALL CARNIVOROUS DINOSAUR, *FALCO PEREGRINUS*.



IT PREYS MAINLY ON OTHER DINOSAURS, WHICH IT STRIKES AND KILLS IN MIDAIR WITH ITS CLAWS.

**THIS IS A GOOD WORLD.**

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- 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.)

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5th Edition, 1997. (ISBN 0-934485-25-9) Paper. \$ 35.00

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