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President's Column:

By Linda Musser

If this column has a theme, it would be one of adaptation and change. The fall colors in North America were in full display on the drive through Pennsylvania as the seasons are changing. It was a pleasure to join other GSIS members at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Pittsburgh in mid-October. The exhibits, posters and programs were interesting but, as usual, the most satisfying interactions were with colleagues. We had several meals and field trips together which afforded ample time for discussions of challenges and changes at our organizations. Despite the varying sizes of our institutions, many of the issues we face are universal. I hope to repeat the experience at the co-sponsored meeting of the Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) in Baltimore in late January 2024 so please consider attending. Alternately, consider creating a GSIS 'pod' at an upcoming professional meeting. Share with your GSIS colleagues where you plan to attend and perhaps arrange a coffee, meal or even a field

trip! The Executive Board is willing to provide some seed funding for such networking activities. Thinking of ASLI, by the time this newsletter appears their special meeting to discuss the future of ASLI will have occurred and I expect it will be a topic at the next GSIS Executive Board meeting and possibly the annual meeting as well. As I mentioned in my column in the Spring 2023 newsletter, the perceived scope of the geosciences has been evolving, broadening, as have our roles as information professionals and we need to adapt in order to remain vibrant and valued.

Looking back, this year leading the GSIS has sped by and I appreciate the many contributions of our colleagues, who led or served on committees and devoted precious time to furthering our collective understanding and appreciation of geoscientific information. In particular, I want to acknowledge the GSIS Executive Board – Jenna, Kelly, Monica, Bob, Amanda and Michael – for their support and cogent input throughout the year.

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Times of change can be challenging yet, as long as we remain adaptable, we can persevere and even thrive. As the GSIS adjusts to the new normal, the leadership will continue to seek ways to right size our activities and provide impactful programs and opportunities for members. As a small organization, there are ample possibilities for engagement and for

leadership, whether through service on a committee, as an officer, as a representative for the GSIS, or in an appointed role. Becoming active in the GSIS is your chance to directly impact the future and direction of the profession and I encourage each of you to consider how *you* want to contribute. I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual business meeting in a few weeks when the organization will transition to new leadership.

Member News

Many of you know that Sharon Tahirkheli retired in March 2023 from American Geosciences Institute.

Tia Colvin, a 26-year member of the AGI staff, is now the **Director of Scholarly Information**. Serving previously as Associate Editor, she has been substantively engaged in many functions of AGI's Department of Scholarly Information-GeoRef. She just attended the GSA conference in Pittsburgh and is looking forward to meeting and networking with more members of the geoscience community.



Registration Now Open: Geoscience Librarianship 101

Registration Open: Geoscience Librarianship 101 - November 14-15, 2023

Join the Geoscience Science Information Society free annual "Geoscience Librarianship 101" two-day virtual event that introduces library/information science students, new librarians, and information professionals to some areas of geoscience librarianship, earth science information resources and their organization. GL101 is presented annually by members of the Geoscience Information Society. Participants are encouraged to attend both days of the webinar, but they may also opt to attend individual sessions. View the complete presentation schedule on page 5 of this newsletter.

Geoscience Librarianship 101 Information

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:00 5:30 pm (EST)

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 3:00 – 5:45pm (EST)

Register: <https://libguides.lib.usm.edu/gl101/sessions>

Vice President's Column

By Bob Tolliver
GSA Annual Meeting

A was able to attend a couple of days of the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in early October. This year GSIS did a tour of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh where we got a behind the scenes look at the library and its history from their archivist. They were nice enough to set out some of their historical books and maps including early works from the early history of geology and regional publications. Linda, Monica, Cynthia, and I kept stretching out the length of the tour by stopping to look at and ask about books and such throughout the tour. We were also able to get together for some meals and discuss the issues we are facing as a small professional society.

GSIS Virtual Annual Meeting

This year we will have our virtual GSIS Annual Meeting events the day after Geoscience Librarianship 101 on Thursday, November 16. Our events will include a special session in honor of Sharon Tahirkheli, the GSIS awards presentations, and our annual business meeting. I plan to schedule our professional issues forum as a webinar at a later date, most likely in late January or February.

I especially wanted to point out the special session for Sharon Tahirkheli. GSIS wanted to honor Sharon for all of her work with GeoRef and her contributions to the geoscience information profession and a number of geoscience librarianship colleagues were happy to contribute to this session. I especially want to thank Shaun Hardy for initiating this and putting in most of the work, as well as Michael Noga for his contributions to the development of this special event. I hope many of you will be able to attend this session and I would like to share some information on the speakers:

GSIS Special Session in Honor of Sharon N. Tahirkheli
11:30am – 12:45pm (EST), Thursday, November 16, 2023

Schedule

- Welcome, Bob Tolliver, Geoscience Information Society
- A GSIS Tribute to Sharon Tahirkheli, Michael Noga, MIT Libraries
- Sharon's Long Involvement with GeoRef, Afifa Kechrid, American Geosciences Institute
- Indexing UBC Dissertations for Inclusion in the GeoRef Database, Kevin Lindstrom, Woodward Library, University of British Columbia
- GeoRef in the Literature – A Brief Timeline, Rusty Kimball, Texas A&M University Libraries
- Remarks, Sharon N. Tahirkheli
- Conclusion

I hope to see you virtually at our annual meeting events.

Bob

GSIS Virtual Meeting Events

We hope that you will join us for our upcoming Geoscience Librarianship 101 workshop and our GSIS Virtual Annual Meeting events November 14-16, 2023. All events will be online.

Geoscience Librarianship 101 Information

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:00 5:30 pm (EST)

3:00-3:15 pm Welcome

3:15-3:45 pm *Introduction to Geosciences Librarianship:*

Exploring Publications for Natural Hazards and Resources

3:45-4:15 pm *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility in a Geoscience Library*

4:15-4:30 pm Break

4:30-5:00 pm *Tips for locating technical reports and other grey literature*

5:00-5:30 pm Networking with Presenters and Attendees

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 3:00 – 5:45pm (EST)

3:00-3:15 pm Welcome

3:15-4:00 pm *Collection Development in the Geosciences*

4:00-4:15 pm Break

4:15-4:45 pm *Outreach Strategies to Better Serve Hydrology Students and Faculty: Experience of a Geology & Environmental Science Librarian*

4:45-5:15 pm *Maps and GIS Data for the GeoSciences*

5:15-5:45 pm Networking with Presenters and Attendees

Registration: <https://libguides.lib.usm.edu/gl101/home>

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Coordinators, Geoscience Librarianship 101

GSIS Virtual Annual Meeting Information

Following Geoscience Librarianship 101, the GSIS Virtual Annual Meeting sessions will be 11:30am-5:00pm Eastern Time on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The schedule for the day is below:

Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:30 - 5:00pm (EST)

11:30-12:45 pm GSIS Special Session in Honor of Sharon N. Tahirkheli

1:00-2:00 pm GSIS Award Presentations

2:00-5:00 pm GSIS Business Meeting

Additional details and Zoom links will be available on the GSIS website: www.geoinfo.org and via GEONET listserv (info on the website).

I hope that many of you will join us for our annual meeting events.

Bob Tolliver, btoll@udel.edu

Vice-President, Geoscience Information Society

GSIS 2023 Committee Reports

Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee, Annual Report:

The committee selected Lisa G. Dunn to receive the 2023 Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award. She is currently Interim Director of the Colorado School of Mines Library and also serves as the STEM Research Librarian and Head of Special Collections. This award, consisting of a certificate, a \$500 check, and an engraved rock, was first presented in 2005 and there have been 16 previous recipients. It will be given at GSIS virtual business meeting on November 16, 2023, at 1:45pm.

The late Mary B. Ansari was familiar with Lisa's early career work in the geoscience profession and would have been delighted that Lisa has represented so well the spirit of the award with her many recent accomplishments.

A brief introduction to the award was added to the GSIS website.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Dvorzak, Clara P. McLeod, Chair, Cynthia Prosser, Robert Tolliver

GSIS Membership Committee Report:

The membership committee met via Zoom five times. It was very difficult to find times when all members could attend meetings. Our secretary, Jenna Thomson became a member of the committee and that was extremely helpful. She updated the membership form and Judie Triplehorn began an analysis of the membership. Other issues addressed included the decline in membership, how to solicit applications for the five free student memberships donated by Susie Aber and the preparation of a survey to get insight from non-renewal and current members about the concerns and needs of the membership. After several drafts, the draft survey has been sent to the board for review.

A flyer announcing GL101 with a QR code to the membership application and an e-mail message soliciting applicants for the free student memberships were sent to our publicity committee for distribution to library schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara McLeod – Chair, Justin Easterday, Monica Pereira, Joyce Shaw, Jenna Thomson, Judie Triplehorn
Emily Wild

Social Media and Publicity Committee Annual Report:

The Social Media and Publicity Committees merged into one committee this year. On the Social Media side, the committee continues to explore various social media platforms while debating what exactly we want our social media presence to be. The questions we are asking include what platforms would be most useful to the society, frequency of posting, and formality of postings. In addition, this year we conducted a survey to see which platforms members have found most useful. On the survey, we listed several of the most well-known platforms as well as including a write-in option and an option of none. At this point, we are exploring LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, as well as continuing with Facebook and

posting there semi-regularly. We are looking at what would be of the most benefit or interest to the membership and do not want to duplicate GEONET.

With regard to Publicity. I contacted numerous other societies requesting nominations for the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award. I will follow up with announcements after the award presentation at the online Annual Meeting this year. I am in the process of contacting library schools with the announcement of GL101 and the offer of free student memberships to GSIS.

The committee also welcomed GSIS webmaster, Dwight Hunter, as an Ex Officio member. Committee members are: April Chen, Zoe Dillles, Elise Gowen, and Cynthia Prosser, Chair

GSIS Common Read Report:

Submitted by Cynthia Prosser

The GSIS 2023 Common Read occurred on Zoom on July 31, 2023 from 2 – 3 PM EDT.

After a somewhat lengthy selection process including soliciting potential titles (many interesting titles on various geoscience and geoscience adjacent topics were suggested) and then voting on a subset of five (trying to cover a variety of areas of interest), we chose: *Ice Ages: Their Social and Natural History* by Allan Mazur, by popular vote.

We had some good discussion about the book but were surprised that it really did not talk about Ice Ages per se. It discussed more the history of geologic history. This led to some general disappointment that the content of the book did not match the expectations from the title e.g. nothing about mammoths. Comments included that the author dwelt on subjects that are part of basic historical geology courses and some topics seemed outside what one would expect in a book on the ice ages including discussing Charles Darwin. There was comment that Allan Mazur was not from one of the traditional geoscience disciplines, but rather studies biosociology and it was thought that may be what ultimately led to the perceived disconnect. Even with the disappointments, everyone one considered it a good book, we had a good conversation, and no one regretted reading the book.

Mazur, A. (2022). *Ice Ages: Their Social and Natural History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 272p.

GSIS—GSA Publications Committee Report:

Lisa Dunn, GSIS Representative

I was unable to attend this year's Publications Committee meeting (viewing the eclipse in Albuquerque), but here are my notes:

Publications update—Publication figures for *Geology*, *GSA Bulletin*, and *Geosphere* were distributed, along with impact factors. Those impact factors for 2023: *Geology* at 5.8; *GSA Bulletin* at 4.9; and *Geosphere* at 2.5. There were also status reports on GSA Books, *GeoScienceWorld* and an Open Access update. GSW now has 55 journal titles and eBook content from 14 publishers. Publication activities of note include: Reportedly, Elsevier will discontinue *Geofacets* effective December 2023. *GSA Bulletin* will go online-only in January 2024.

2025 Science Editor openings—The Committee will put out a Call for Editors shortly; all applications

must be submitted by early Spring 2024. We have 3 editor position openings for *Geology* and 1 opening for *Environmental and Engineering Geoscience*. Please spread the word.

Authorship and Artificial Intelligence Tools Policy—A proposed policy on AI was introduced, centered around disclosure of AI tools, adherence to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines (<https://publicationethics.org/cope-position-statements/ai-author>) and guidelines on how the disclosure of AI use should be done.

Other topics included:

- GSA's proposed preprint server policy, on how submission to a preprint server impacts formal article publication.
- Recommendations on encouraging scientific or research publications on topics that are "less traditionally published in GSA science journals," for example on Diversity, Inclusion & Equity, geoheritage, and geological education.
- Publications language on ethical sampling, with the aim to consider strengthening this policy.

The GSA Publications Committee's next meeting will be in Spring 2024 (virtual). Please let me know if you have questions or concerns I can forward to Bridgette Moore at GSA. [Note: The Fall meeting is usually in-person (virtual attendance is possible but full communication is less than ideal). – Lisa Dunn, ldunn@mines.edu.

Guidebooks Committee Annual Report:

This Guidebooks Committee communicated via emails this year to introduce members to one another and outline the work we needed to accomplish. We searched through state and provincial geological surveys, professional organizations, and commercial publishers to discover newer guidebooks. We evaluated the ones we found, to determine this year's award winners. We also shared a list of these, as well as some going back to 2020, with AGI for inclusion in their Geologic Guidebooks of North American database. This collaboration is one that was picked up again this year after a hiatus over the past several years. Lastly we reviewed and suggested changes to the GSIS Handbook's excerpt on the Guidebooks Committee.

Committee Members: Kristen Adams (Chair), Amanda Bielskas, Marie Dvorzak, Paul Kirk, Michael Noga, Diane Taylor-Harding, Emily Wild

Best Guidebook Series

Title: Meeting Guidebooks of the Geological Association of Canada, Mineralogical Association of Canada, International Association of Hydrogeologists - Canadian National Chapter, and the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists

Author/s: Various

Publisher: Atlantic Geoscience Society

Link: <https://atlanticgeosciencesociety.ca/publications/field-guidebooks>

Best Guidebook

Title: Southeast Kansas: History, Industries, and Transformation

Author/s: Blair Schneider

Publisher: Kansas Geological Survey

Publication Date: 2022

Link: https://www.kgs.ku.edu/Field/Reports/2022_KFC_guidebook.pdf

Best Popular Guidebook

Title: Chicago in Stone and Clay: A Guide to the Windy City's Architectural Geology

Author/s: Raymond Wiggers

Publisher: Northern Illinois University Press

Publication Date: 2022

Link: https://www.amazon.com/Chicago-Stone-Clay-Architectural-Geology/dp/150176506X/ref=sr_1_1?

Mary B. Ansari Best Geoscience Research Resource Work Award:

The Committee got together and ranked the nominations over email though our ranking sheets and found a clear winner this year:

Volume 88: Diamond: Genesis, Mineralogy and Geochemistry. (2022). *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*. <http://www.minsocam.org/msa/rim/rim88.html>

Editors: Smit, K., Shirey, S., Pearson, G., Stachel, T., Nestola, F., & Moses, T., (Editors)

ISBN 978-1-946850-10 & doi: <https://doi.org/10.2138/rmg.2022.88.00>

Committee Members: Chrissy Klenke (Chair), Amanda Bielskas, Edward Lener, Bob Tolliver

GSIS 2023 Secretary's report:

The GSIS has 73 members, which is the same as last year. There has been some turnover in membership and the organization has gained 11 brand new members in 2023, while some other members have renewed their memberships for the first time in a few years.

Affiliation breakdown:

53% (39) academic

23% (17) retired

8% (6) students

5% (4) government

5% (4) publisher

3% (2) corporate

1% (1) other

Demographics: 7% International

Countries of members:

- Primarily the US
- Canada
- South Africa

And finally, as of Monday, October 30th, there are 391 Geonet subscribers, up from 379 last year. Approximately 19% of Geonet subscribers are GSIS members.

I am working on updating the directory, and it will be uploaded to the website when it is ready.

New Open Textbook

Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/artificial-intelligence-and-librarianship>

Martin Finkel
Artificial Intelligence and
Librarianship:
Notes for Teaching



Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship - Open Textbook Library

Courses on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Librarianship in ALA-accredited Masters of Library and Information (MLIS) degrees are rare. We have all been surprised by ChatGPT and similar Large Language Models. Generative AI is an important new area for librarianship. It is also developing so rapidly that no one can really keep up. Those trying to produce AI courses for the MLIS

open.umn.edu

Past GSIS Newsletters Wanted!

Thanks to a project, we now have some older GSIS Newsletters digitized and up in the [GSIS Newsletter Archive](#). We are still missing several years of early issues if you have any and are willing to have them scanned, please let Amanda Bielskas or Linda Musser know. We would be happy to borrow them to get them scanned so we can get them up on the GSIS website. Thanks to Michael Noga who shared many back issues we have been able to fill in a lot of content back to 1986. We are looking for issues from number 1-97, anything published before 1986. If you are interested in a trip through GSIS history, take a look through some of the issues added online!



You are invited to participate in the:
27th Annual Conference of Atmospheric Science Librarians International

The [27th Atmospheric Science Librarians International \(ASLI\) Conference](#) will host their annual meeting in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society's (AMS) Annual Meeting. For this conference, sessions will be virtual and in-person. The theme for the 104th AMS Annual Meeting is "[Living in a Changing Environment](#)." With this theme, the AMS has organized the Annual Meeting theme around Climate Change.

Dates: 28 January – 1 February 2024

Location: Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Hybrid component: Yes

This year's sessions include:

- Library Tools and Tips
 - As a perennial favorite, these short talks are opportunities to describe any tool or innovation members have found useful. Talks on technology failures and lessons learned are especially welcome, as are proposals from students using innovative strategies around information.
- Science Librarianship 101
 - This session will involve looking to the future of the profession and cover a wide range of science librarianship-related topics.
- Changes in Collections
 - This session will focus on the changing landscape of science collections.
- Keys to the TRAIL
 - Some of the most underutilized materials in academic libraries are older U.S. government agency technical reports. This session looks at the Technical Report Archive and Image Library (TRAIL) and other collaborative resources relevant to science librarians.

Additionally, ASLI is cohosting sessions with the [40th Conference on Environmental Information Processing Technologies \(EIPT\)](#) - AMS Board on Data Stewardship.

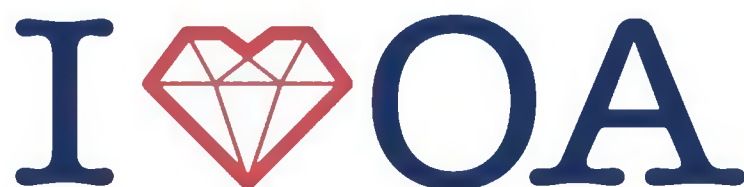
Important Information

Registration will open by the end of October – stay tuned for more information.

[Registration Information Page](#).

[Travel and Hotel Information](#) for Baltimore, MD.

[AMS 2024 Annual Meeting Website](#).










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Time: 1 - 4 PM

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DRAFT GSIS 2023 Annual Business Meeting

November 16, 2023

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern time zone

Virtual via Zoom (link forthcoming)

Agenda

A. Call to order –Linda Musser

1. Call for changes and approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2022 Business Meeting

B. Announcements and Introductions

1. Introduction of officers – Linda Musser
2. Introduction of new members
3. Future conference/webinar announcements – Bob Tolliver
4. Call for volunteers for 2024 committees, representatives - Bob Tolliver
5. Other announcements and introductions

C. Reports/updates to annual reports of Officers, Committees, and Representatives

1. President and Executive Board report (Linda Musser)
2. Vice President (Bob Tolliver)
3. Secretary (Jenna Thompson)
4. Treasurer (Kelly Grove)
5. Auditor (Sharon Tahirkheli)
6. GSA Publications Committee representative (Lisa Dunn)
7. ALA/ACRL/STS representative (Chrissy Klenke)
8. Past-President / Nominating committee chair (Monica Pereira)
9. Archivist (Shaun Hardy)
10. Webmaster (Dwight Hunter)
11. Geonet moderator (Emily Wild)
12. Publicity and Social Media (Cynthia Prosser)
13. Newsletter (Amanda Bielskas and Michael Noga)
14. Membership (Clara McCleod)
15. Guidebooks Committee (Kristen Adams)
16. Distinguished Service Award Committee (Clara McCleod)
17. Geoscience Librarianship 101 Committee (Clara McCleod)
18. Best Research Resource Award Committee (Chrissy Klenke)
19. Best Paper Award Committee (Chris Thiry)

D. Old Business

1. None.

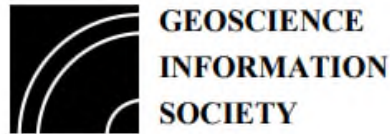
E. New Business

1. ASLI townhall and possible merger (Ashley Orehek-Rossi)
2. Future of GSIS – refocus and scaling back

F. Comments and Suggestions for the Good of the Organization

1. Welcome to the new GSIS President

G. Adjournment



Geoscience Information Society

Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2022

3:00-6:00 p.m. (ET) Virtual – Zoom

Attendees (17): Cynthia Prosser, Shaun Hardy, Monica Pereira, Bob Tolliver, Emily Wild, Joyce Shaw, Clara McLeod, Amanda Bielskas, Lisa Dunn, Linda Musser, Dwight Hunter, Dorothy McGarry, Lori Tschirhart, Marie Dvorzak, Ashley Orehek, Kelly Grove, Jenna Thomson

1. **Call to order** at 3:34 EDT

2. **Approval of minutes (2021 business meeting)**

a. Tabled until minutes are sent out to members and approval will be done remotely.

ACTION: Jenna will send out the minutes to the membership.

3. **Executive Board and Appointed Position Reports**

a. Presidential report (Monica Pereira)

i. GSA and AGI continue their diversity initiatives.

- GSIS held a webinar presentation on ableism in the geological sciences on Sep. 21, 2022 (International Association for Geoscience Diversity; Anita Marshall).

ii. GSA Annual Meeting

- In general, the meeting seemed well-attended.
- Program: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2022AM/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0> for your review.
- COVID is alive and well, and a few members mentioned that they no longer have the funds or time to attend the GSIS meetings as they coincide with GSA.

b. Past President Report (Emily Wild)

- People are interested in attending this type of meeting and other learning opportunities virtually. There is great demand for our sessions, GL101 in particular, but membership remains low.
- Recommends updating bylaws and ensuring we're using up-to-date materials to encourage participation.
- Recommends partnering with similar organizations like ASLI (Atmospheric Sciences Librarians) and sharing membership to ensure continuity. Shaun Hardy suggested that GSIS needs to do some visioning with the membership at large to clarify the purpose of the organization.

c. Topical Session Convener report (Lisa Dunn)

- i. GSIS did not organize a Topical Session or an exhibit at GSA 2022. This was consistent with a number of other groups similar to GSIS. Cost is a significant barrier to attendance at GSA and GSIS attendance is too low to staff booths, etc.
- ii. Lisa strongly recommends we stay affiliated with GSA and AGI but to de-emphasize presenting at GSA, focusing instead on virtual options.
- iii. Lisa participated on the joint technical program committee, which was considerable work.
- iv. Emily suggested not having a Technical Session Convenor going forward and to instead strike a committee to explore virtual options. She noted that there might be GSA and AGI affiliation requirements for tax and non-profit status reasons, but that GSIS can be an affiliate of GSA without having a Technical Convenor.

ACTION: Linda will find documents relating to GSIS' relationship with GSA and AGI on the wiki.

d. Treasurer report (Kelly Grove)

- i. Update on balances:
 - \$51,057.05 in checking and savings
 - \$3,562.07 in the Ansari fund
 - \$4,863.83 in the Best Reference funds
 - \$4,696.39 in the PayPal account
 - For a total of \$64,179.34
- ii. This year we have spent a grand total of \$2,245.52. After subtracting money coming in from membership dues and interest from the bank we have paid \$1,070.52.
- iii. We need an auditor for the 2022 books. It is preferable that this person serve a 2 year term.
- iv. Request to remove the option to pay via check from the website. We get very few checks, and when we do it actually causes more problems than amount of money we get out of it.

ACTION: Jenna and Kelly will move ahead with removing mentions of paying membership fees by cheque on the webpage and in the next round of renewals.
- v. GSIS goes up for reincorporation in April of 2023 (Thanks to Shaun Hardy for managing this.)

e. Secretary report (Jenna Thomson)

- i. 73 members. Down from 82 last year and 85 the year before. 12 new members in 2022. I suspect the pandemic still plays a role in our declining numbers, but it is an ongoing concern.
- ii. Affiliation breakdown:
 - 58% (42) academic
 - 23% (17) retired
 - 7% (5) students
 - 6% (4) government
 - 4% (3) corporate
 - 3% (2) other
- iii. Demographics: 5% International
 - Countries of members:

- Primarily the US
 - Canada
 - There has been a drop in international members, but the numbers outside of North America were never particularly high.
- iv. As of Thursday, November 3, 2022, there are 400 geonet subscribers, same as last year. Approximately 18% of geonet subscribers are GSIS members.
- ACTION:** Jenna is updating the directory, and will upload it to the website when it is ready.
- f. Newsletter Report (Amanda Bielskas & Michael Noga)
- i. The GSIS newsletter comes out four times a year (seasonally) and welcomes content.
- g. Webmaster report
- i. We are currently without a webmaster
- ACTION:** Monica will solicit for a webmaster, ensuring they are a GSIS member.
- ii. There are a number of executive board members who have the website login information and can tidy up the site.
- iii. Anyone can post updates to the site.
- h. GeoNet Update (Emily Wild)
- i. People are leaving GeoNet without unsubscribing. Emily will start a new protocol, reminding people how to subscribe and unsubscribe and how to reach the archives. Emily will send out a message at the beginning of each month.
- ii. Emily highlighted the importance of ensuring the list isn't being used to break copyright. Linda notes that ELD/ASEE has nice wording for handling this. Can be sent out as part of a reminder. Emily outlined other ways to obtain sources that are not freely available or internationally accessible via interlibrary loan.
- iii. Emily will be changing the settings so GeoNet doesn't automatically reply-all.
- i. Geoscience Librarianship 101 (Stephanie Earls and Clara McLeod)
- i. GL101 was held Nov 1 & 2, 2022
- ii. Presentations were done by Emily Wild, Amanda Bielskas, Samantha Teplitzky, Stephanie Earls, Ajatshatru Pathak, Linda Musser, and Alma Parada. Slides will be put up on the website.
- iii. Attendance:
- Tuesday 160
 - Wednesday 130
 - 242 people in total
- iv. Sessions were well received and evaluations will be analyzed. Networking sessions were particularly popular with new librarians. Shawn is curious about what percentage of attendees are library school students, but this information is hard to collect legally.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Archives (Anne Huber, chair)
- i. Anne not in attendance

b. Best Paper Award (Kay Johnson, chair)

i. No award this year.

c. Guidebooks (Kristin Adams, chair)

i. 2022 Winner of Best Popular Guidebook: *The Scenic Geology of Alberta*, by Dale Leckie

(<https://www.amazon.com/Scenic-Geology-Alberta-Roadside-Touring-ebook/dp/B0947DB82L>)

ii. 2022 Winner of Best Guidebook Series: *Nick from Home*, by Nick Zentner

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/GeologyNick/playlists>)

iii. 2022 Winner of Best Guidebook: *Geologic guidebook to Ohio State Parks in the Lake Erie region*, by D. Mark Jones (https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/geology/GB24_Jones_2021.pdf)

d. Mary B. Ansari Best Research Resource (Amanda Bielskas, chair)

i. Winner: *Strata: William Smith's Geological Maps* (University of Chicago Press) by Oxford University Museum of Natural History (Editor), Douglas Palmer (Introduction), Robert Macfarlane (Foreword)

e. Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award (Clara McLeod, chair) I

i. Winner: Emily Wild, Princeton University

ii. In the future, Clara recommends looking at new ways of soliciting nominees. Could include a year's free membership to GSIS with award.

f. Membership (Clara McLeod, chair)

i. Committee membership: Clara McLeod, Monica Pereira, Shaun Hardy, Jenna Thomson

ii. Clara and Shaun promoted GL101.

iii. Non-renewal members were contacted by email and telephone and asked a series of questions including:

- If they knew about the free membership for retirees
- Why they didn't renew
- If they know that the Annual meeting is on zoom
- If they have suggestions for retention and attracting new members
- If they read the GSIS newsletter and which benefits they found the most valuable

ACTION: Clara will share information once it is compiled

iv. Membership cycles on the calendar year.

g. Nominations (Monica Pereira & Linda Musser)

i. Bob Tolliver has been nominated as the next GSIS vice-president.

ACTION: An Election form for Vice-President will go out shortly.

h. Publicity (Shaun Hardy)

i. Assists in promoting GL101 to ALA-accredited library schools and other professional society email lists.

ii. Publicizes awards and recipients

- i. Social Media (Cynthia Prosser)
- i. Committee membership: Cynthia Prosser, Louise, Sabrina Miller, Shaun Hardy
- ii. The committee has updated GSIS Wikipedia page
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geoscience_Information_Society)
- iii. There has been a focus on GSIS facebook page, with the aim to have a couple of posts/week. There are over 100 members of the page, but only about 18 are seeing the posts. There are other social media options available, but it requires interest on the part of the person posting. So far GSIS' social media presence has not been very successful and could be rethought.
- iv. Cynthia is willing to continue chairing this committee but is also happy to pass it on if someone is interested. She will talk to Linda about next steps.

5. Representatives

- a. AGI GeoRef Advisory Committee (Linda Musser)
 - i. Essentially defunct. Can be taken off list for next year.
- b. AGI Government Affairs Program (Marie Dvorzak)
 - i. Little activity this year.
- c. AGI Harriet Wallace Scholarship Selection Committee
 - i. Nobody present
- d. AGI Member Society Council (Cynthia Prosser/President)
 - i. Monica did not attend any meetings this year. Linda will get in touch moving forward.
- e. ALA (Chrissy Klenke)
 - i. Nobody present
- f. ASLI (Ashley Orehek & Joyce Shaw)
 - i. Currently planning annual meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society meeting. The AMS meeting will be hybrid, both online and in person in Denver, and will be held January 8-12, 2023 with ASLI sessions January 10-12. Registration is \$50 until December 1st and \$75 after that. Registration link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwkEmWkmXgSTkc5nAf7WoxiC2XvFWG33Jt2AlkovgGl2b_jw/viewform
- g. GSA Publications Committee (Lisa Dunn)
 - i. Very active, meeting twice per year. The committee has seen an increased number of submissions and editorial workload is significant.
 - ii. Lisa is open to someone else taking on this role.
- h. SLA
 - i. No liaison members present
 - ii. As GSIS no longer has a clear affiliation with SLA this can be taken off the agenda for future years.

i. Western Association of Map Libraries

i. Nobody Present

j. AGU

i. GSIS doesn't have an official rep to AGU. Shaun recommends attending their librarians meeting in Chicago in December, to see their exhibit hall alone.

ii. It was felt it was worth building relationships with AGU.

6. Other Business

a. Linda thanked Monica for her work as President.

7. Passing of gavel to Linda Musser

8. Call to adjourn at 5:35 EDT

Moved by Linda Musser

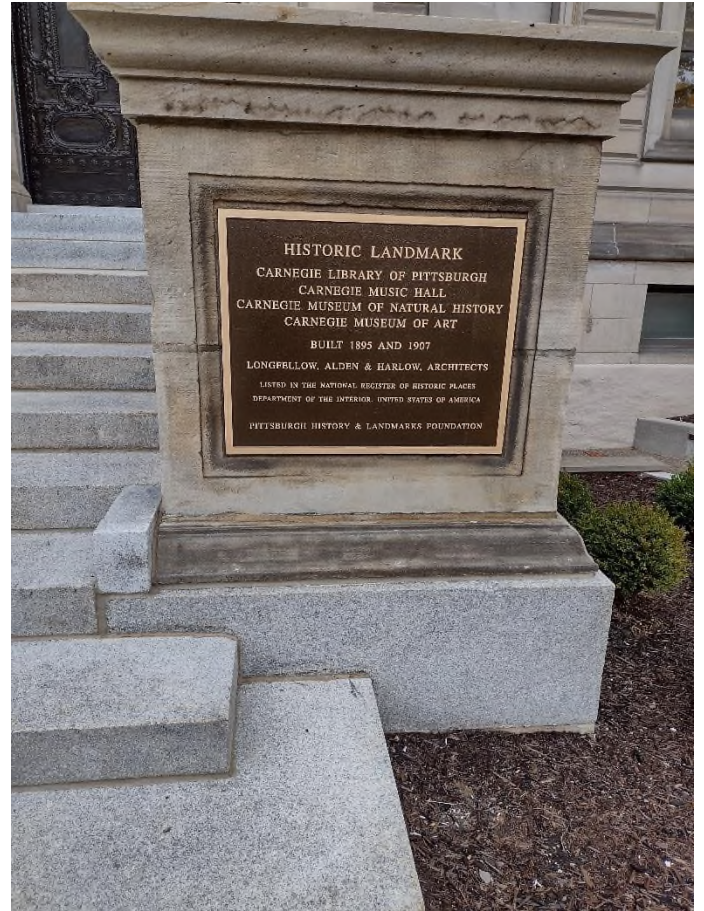
Seconded by Kelly Grove

GSIS tours at the 2023 Geological Society of America meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A small group of GSIS members gathered in Pittsburgh during the Geological Society of America meeting to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Science Center. Here is a photo montage of the day....



Entrance to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Main branch.



Our first introduction to Pittsburgh-ian pronunciations – **Yinz** = you-uns = you-all



In the stacks – old, short stacks with glass floors!



Display of local crafts



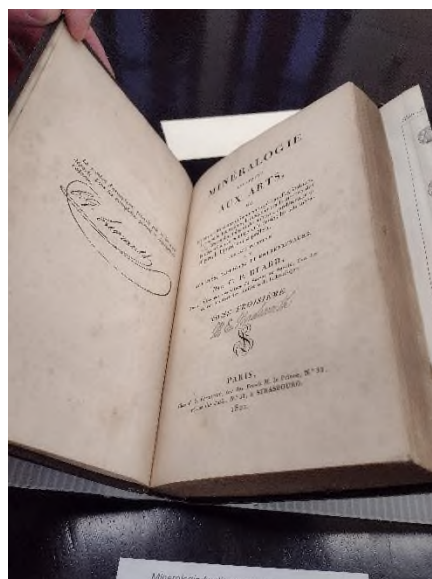
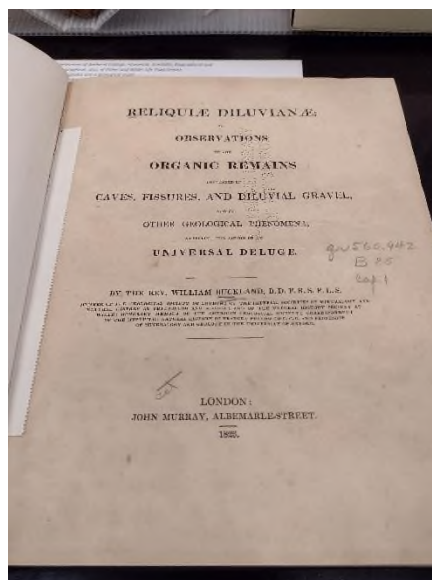
Lovely windows and murals



Traditional reading room – impressive space

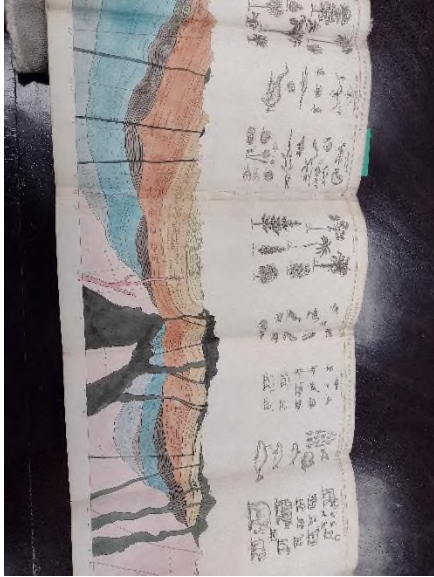


We nearly lost Bob in the synthesizer area



The librarians pulled a variety of rare and unique geologic works for us to examine. We totally geeked out.





From the stacks, there was a view into the natural history museum!



View from the stacks, looking at the Tower of Learning at the University Of Pittsburgh, nearby.



Dippy the dinosaur was welcoming in his Steelers attire.



At the Carnegie Science Center



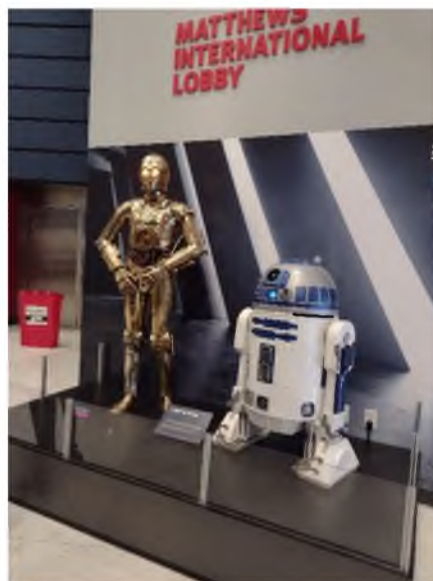
One of the many Halloween-themed items at the model Pittsburgh. I am not sure we ever found the zombie, though.



This was an extremely interesting display of a model of Pittsburgh in miniature. Lots of moving pieces and with surprisingly engaging 'Where's Waldo' type of action.



The museum shop had all the essentials.





View from the submarine looking at the Point State Park fountain.