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President's Column

By Amanda Bielskas

Happy almost Spring! For those of us in most of the country - it's been a really loooong winter. For those of you that have been enjoying milder weather - just know the rest of us are very jealous! Hopefully spring reaches everyone soon!

I'm currently in the process of finalizing the rest of the GSIS committee appointments for this year. Thanks to those members that continue to volunteer for committee appointments and remain active members of the Society. There are still a couple of committees that need chairs. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering to chair one of the following committees: Best Paper Award; Archives; Preservation; and Membership. It is through the service of our members that GSIS is able to accomplish our goals and I commend those that continue to serve the Society.

Some committees have not been that active in the last few years. The Executive Committee and I have taken a closer look to see if some of them might be merged or disbanded. No decisions have been made yet, but without more volunteers for some of the committees it's a real

possibility that at some point, some of the committees will need to be merged or disbanded.

Several issues were raised at the annual Business meeting. One of the most critical seemed to be that GSIS should have a Strategic Plan. I've been working on forming a Strategic Planning group, as well as a charge for them. I have reached out to several folks that expressed interest in such a plan to serve on a Strategic Planning Working Group, and I am happy to announce that several have already agreed to work on it. Once the group membership is finalized I hope they can quickly get to work and come up with a plan that will help shape the future of the Geoscience Information Society. I'm sure the group will be reaching out to members for their thoughts and input once the work is underway. I'd be interested in hearing from members on their thoughts for the Strategic Planning process - please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to serve on any of the committees or as a chair for one of the committees that need it, or in some other capacity please let me know, the Society can't function well without an active membership.

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Vice President's Column: Hello Canada

By Emily Wild

It is planning time again for the annual conference! I hope everyone is excited to visit Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Information about the conference is available from the Geological Society of America (GSA) web site:

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2014/>

Canada has a "Fast Facts" link that may be of interest: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/media/facts-faits/109-eng.html>

To determine your eligibility-Visit Canada as a tourist: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

Vancouver Convention Centre:

<http://www.vancouverconventioncentre.com/the-city/getting-here/>

Please refer to Hannah's information about our technical and poster sessions on page 4. we are hoping librarians, scientists, and information specialists will flood the submissions with great ideas and observations of access and availability to data and publications! Abstracts are due July 29, 2014.

I am in the process of sending out emails about sponsorship opportunities for GSIS to our publisher and vendor supporters. Please note, I will be using my personal Gmail account, please add me to your address book:
Emily.geolib@gmail.com

We are all looking forward to some fun activities and will be sending out a survey of options in the next few months.

Happy Spring!

New GSIS Members

GSIS welcomes our new members!

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Call for GSIS Officers

By Linda Zellmer, GSIS Immediate Past President

Call for Officers: Vice President/President Elect

Looking for an opportunity to serve GSIS? In addition to committee work, we are looking for someone who is willing to serve as Vice President – President Elect. The person in this position raises funds (usually from publishers) to support the Annual Meeting, and plans the non-technical meeting sessions at the GSIS

Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting.

Attending the GSIS Annual Meeting helps librarians learn more about geology and find out about new resources available from major and small publishers, who rarely, display geoscience titles at library conferences. Anyone interested in this position should contact Linda Zellmer, LR-Zellmer@wiu.edu.

Renew your GSIS Membership now!

By Cynthia Prosser, GSIS Secretary

We are currently in the midst of our annual membership renewal. All members from last year should have received a personalized membership form. If you did not or would like to invite a colleague to join, you may use the form on the GSIS

website: <http://www.geoinfo.org/memberinfo.html>

And of course you may pay via PayPal on the website too. Be sure to send me the

membership application form with your information. The PDF can be saved to your desktop and emailed to me (cprosser@uga.edu), so that I can credit you appropriately.

If you would rather pay by check, make it out to GSIS and mail it to the GSIS secretary at the address on the form.

Thank you and looking forward to a great year in GSIS!

Call for abstracts: 2014 GSIS/GSA Annual Meeting

By Hannah Winkler

Please consider submitting an abstract for one of the Geoscience Information Society's (GSIS) sessions at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting, which will be held October 19 – October 22, 2014 in Vancouver, BC, Canada

This year GSIS is planning to have an oral technical session and a poster session around the theme of geoscience data. This year's session titles are:

- GSIS Oral Technical Session: "Where in the World? Access and Availability to Geoscience Data"
- GSIS Poster Session: "Where's the Data? Finding and Using Geoscience Data" (Posters)

Abstracts are due July 29, 2014, so please start thinking about participating now. Note: abstracts can be uploaded starting April 1 online: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2014/>

Session description:

Despite technological advances in data management and preservation standards, identifying and accessing geoscience data sets can be a daunting task. One of our greatest

challenges is how to respond to this new era of data-intensive science discovery in the geosciences. This session will examine how researchers, information professionals and librarians are supporting ways to easily find and rapidly visualize and analyze and use geoscience data.



Some thoughts we consider: How many people are looking for the old data; who needs data preserved? What happens with rediscovered and reused data? What impact is data management having on the geosciences? In what ways are the geosciences being transformed through new technologies and data services? How will geoscience preservation policies transform the field? What are some of the challenges of and solutions to sharing and managing data within the geosciences? How can we better promote data-intensive scientific discovery in the geosciences.

We welcome oral papers about programs, projects, crowdsourcing initiatives, examples of interdisciplinary research, and unusual findings related to the long-term sustainability of geoscience data and information.

We are keen to solicit abstracts from students, researchers and librarians in order to see a diverse range of topics and data sets.

If you have any questions, please contact Earth Sciences Librarian Hannah Winkler at winklerh@stanford.edu.

2013 GSIS Treasurer’s Year-End Report

By Angelique Jenks-Brown

The Society’s income for 2013 was \$15,238.67. Expenses for the year were \$11,472.11. GSIS therefore had a net increase of \$3,766.56.

As of December 31, 2012 the balance in the checking account was \$18,931.55 and savings account was \$9,694.98. The Society also has three CD’s with balances of: General Funds CD \$20,286.74, Ansari Best Reference Work Award CD \$5,883.05, and Ansari Distinguished Service Award CD \$3,537.84. All of these accounts total to \$58,334.16.

GSIS’s 2013 ending balance of \$58,334.16 minus the beginning balance of \$54,567.60 equals \$3,766.56, which agrees with the net increase tallied on the income and expense spreadsheets (see below).

Income from sponsorships for the 2013 conference paid for GSIS conference meetings. GSIS appreciates the work of President Amanda Bielskas for obtaining vendor sponsorships.

GSIS CDs will mature in May 2014. There does not seem to be a more lucrative investment option until we reach \$100,000 to invest.

In October 2013 I applied for a Certificate of Tax Exemption from the state of Virginia, where our organization is based. It was granted in January 2014 and is valid until January 2019.

I have enjoyed the last four years as Society Treasurer, but it is time for me to step down. I welcome Carolyn Rauber as our new Treasurer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Angelique Jenks-Brown, GSIS Treasurer

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2013 Q4 (by Angelique Jenks-Brown 1/8/2014)					
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual	
EXECUTIVE BOARD					
President			\$400.00		
Vice-President			\$375.00		
Past-President			\$25.00		
Secretary			\$125.00		
Treasurer			\$75.00		
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
MEETINGS					
Meeting (rooms and AV and Internet)			\$2,500.00	\$4,420.78	
Business Meeting refreshments			\$750.00		

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2013 Q4				
(by Angelique Jenks-Brown 1/8/2014)				
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
Meeting Reception			\$3,000.00	
Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture & drape)			\$1,000.00	\$778.02
lunches			\$80.00	
Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00	\$53.81
Speaker Honorarium / Gift				
Meeting: fieldtrip				
Sponsorship	\$3,500.00	\$5,727.70		
Subtotal	\$3,500.00	\$5,727.70	\$7,465.00	\$5,252.61
DUES				
Institutional	\$900.00	\$495.00		
Personal	\$5,500.00	\$4,767.10		
First Year (New Personal)	\$225.00	\$177.42		
Sustaining	\$405.00	\$270.00		
Retired	\$260.00	\$218.52		
Student	\$80.00	\$97.04		
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$65.00		
Subtotal	\$7,470.00	\$6,090.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
PUBLICATIONS				
Publications Manager			\$200.00	\$35.81
Mailing labels				
Newsletter: printing			\$380.00	
Newsletter: mailing			\$400.00	\$39.28
Newsletter: subscriptions	\$120.00	\$80.00		
Newsletter: back issues				
Newsletter: cancellation refunds				
Proceedings: subscriptions / inst. membr	\$500.00	\$700.00		
Proceedings, v.42 (2011)	\$500.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,536.13
Proceedings, v.41 (2010)	\$500.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,536.13
Proceedings, v.40 (2009)	\$200.00			
Proceedings, v.39 (2008)				
Proceedings, v. 38 (2007)				
Proceedings, prior volumes				
Subtotal	\$1,820.00	\$2,730.00	\$5,980.00	\$5,147.35
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	

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2013 Q4				
(by Angelique Jenks-Brown 1/8/2014)				
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
COMMITTEES & SERVICE POSITIONS				
Archivist			\$150.00	
Award Certificates & Frames (Best Reference Work, Best Paper, Best Guidebook, Distinguished Service)			\$175.00	
Best Paper Committee			\$25.00	
Best Reference Work Committee			\$25.00	
Collection Development Committee			\$25.00	
Distinguished Service Award (Committee expenses and gift)			\$75.00	
Exhibits			\$50.00	
New display case/Repairs			\$0.00	
E-Resources			\$25.00	
Guidebooks Committee and Subcommittees			\$50.00	
International Initiatives	\$500.00		\$75.00	
Membership			\$50.00	
Membership Brochure			\$30.00	
Professional Issues RT				\$42.49
Nominating			\$75.00	
Preservation			\$25.00	
Website Advisory			\$25.00	
Subtotal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$880.00	\$42.49
MISCELLANEOUS				
AGI member society dues			\$270.00	\$270.00
GAP contribution			\$400.00	
GSIS International Fellow			\$500.00	
Ansari Best Reference Award			\$500.00	\$500.00
Ansari Distinguished Service Award			\$400.00	
Geoscience Librarianship 101	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Gifts (unrestricted)	\$200.00	\$626.71	\$100.00	
Gifts- Professional Develop Fund	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	
Bank charges			\$25.00	\$55.66
Survey Monkey			\$204.00	\$204.00
Interest	\$120.00	\$44.18		
Subtotal	\$920.00	\$690.89	\$2,999.00	\$1,029.66
TOTAL	\$14,210.00	\$15,238.67	\$18,399.00	\$11,472.11

Report: Science Boot Camp for Librarians

By John Hunter

In June 2013, I attended the 3-day “Science Boot Camp for Librarians West” held at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The goal of the conference is to explore key concepts and research tools in select subject areas and prepare librarians to engage with faculty about their research.

There were several sessions over a three day period, including a session on bioinformatics and computational pharmacology. The instructor was Dr. Larry Hunter who is the Director of the Computational Bioscience Program at the University of Colorado School of Medicine teaching pharmacology. His academic background in computer science led to expanded interest in capitalizing on those tools that retrieved relevant information and data from results in biomedical language processing. His presentation included an overview of how he used this language processing to pull relevant information from about 1560 peer reviewed databases that dealt with human genomics and nucleic acid research. An anecdote that he shared was much of the data that he captured was on a flash drive and necessitated him going back and forth from the medical school to other units within the school to carry on his research. The landscape is

rapidly changing with the advent of open access and the amount of material that a researcher has access to. He sees a need for more robust institutional repositories and he is a strong advocate of these kind of initiatives. He experienced such efforts when he was hired as one of the first computational staff scientists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The second Science Boot Camp West will be held July 9-11, 2014 at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. This workshop will explore key concepts and research tools in the fields of engineering, environmental sciences and the health sciences, all focused on the science of disaster. See their webpage for additional information and registration information:

<http://guides.lib.washington.edu/ScienceBootCampWest2014>

The New England Science Boot Camp for Librarians will be June 11-13 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. Sessions will explore pharmaceutical science, evolution and computer science. More information will be available soon from this webpage:

http://esciencelibrary.umassmed.edu/science_bootcamp

New Geoscience Open Access Publications

By Shaun Hardy

If anyone has news to share concerning new OA publications in the geosciences, please email me at shardy@ciw.edu.



Earth and Space Science

On February 6, AGU and Wiley announced the creation of a new open access, peer-reviewed journal called *Earth and Space Science*. The journal will be AGU's second OA journal launch in a year. The first, *Earth's Future*, was profiled in the June 2013 issue of the *GSIS Newsletter*. The intended scope of *Earth and Space Science* “reflects the expansive range of

science represented by AGU's more than 62,000 members, including all of the Earth, planetary, and space sciences, and related fields in environmental science, geoengineering, space engineering, and biogeochemistry."



Earth and Space Science
AN OPEN ACCESS AGU JOURNAL

Earth and Space Science will begin accepting submissions as soon as its editorial team is in place. As of March 10, the journal's website indicated that the search for its inaugural editor-in-chief was underway. No projected launch date has been announced.

WILEY

In addition to publishing observational results and interpretation, the journal will accept contributions in methodology, modeling, theory, and mapping. According to the AGU-Wiley press release, "in addition to direct submission, *Earth and Space Science* will welcome, via referral from other journals, articles that meet AGU's high standards of excellence, but that do not fit the unique criteria of those journals." How and from which particular journals (only AGU's? other Wiley titles?) those referrals will be made remains to be seen.



<http://publications.agu.org/journals/earth-and-space-science/>

Guidebooks Recently Reported

By Lura Joseph

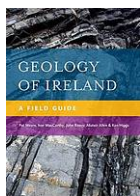
The following geology field trip guidebooks have been received and/or identified by GSIS members. See this list online and check for library availability at <http://bit.ly/GeologyGuidebooksMarch2014>



Beard, R. D. (2013). *Rockhounding Pennsylvania and New Jersey: A guide to the states' best rockhounding sites*. Guilford, Conn: FalconGuides.

Starry, R. M., & Knudson, S. (2000). *Exploring the ghost town desert: A guide to Rand mining area, its natural and historic points of interest*. Woodland Hills, CA: Engler Pub.

Meere, P. A., MacCarthy, I. A. J., Reavy, J., Allen, A., & Higgs, K. (2013). *Geology of Ireland: A field guide*. Cork: Collins Press.



Society of Economic Geologists:

Titles from the SEG are available for purchase as PDFs or CD-ROMs from the SEG store: <http://www.segweb.org/Store/>



Enriquez, E., (Ed.). (2010). *Gold and base metal deposits in the Mexican Altiplano, states of Zacatecas and San Luis Potosi, central Mexico* (Guidebook Series of the Society of Economic

Geologists, no. 40). Littleton, CO: Society Of Economic Geologists.

Gastelum, G., (Ed.). (2010). *Northern Sierra Madre Occidental gold-silver mines, Mexico* (Guidebook Series of the Society of Economic Geologists, no. 42). Littleton, CO: Society Of Economic Geologists.

Krahulec, K., and Schroeder, K., (Eds.). (2010). *Tops and bottoms of porphyry copper deposits: The Bingham and Southwest Tintic districts, Utah* (Guidebook Series of the Society of Economic Geologists, no. 41). Littleton, CO: Society Of Economic Geologists.

Logan, J. and Schroeter, T. (Eds.). (2013). *Porphyry Systems of Central and Southern BC: Tour of Central BC Porphyry Deposits from Prince George to Princeton* (Guidebook Series of the Society of Economic Geologists, no. 44). Littleton, CO: Society Of Economic Geologists.

Stegen, R.J. and Thompson, T.B., (Eds.). (2013). *Climax and Henderson Porphyry Molybdenum Deposits and the Leadville District, Colorado* (Guidebook Series of the Society of Economic

Geologists, no. 43). Littleton, CO: Society Of Economic Geologists.

Sammlung Geologischer Führer (Geological Guidebook Series)

This series contains 108 volumes published from 1897 to 2013. Topics include locations in Germany, German-speaking countries, and other areas around the world. Most volumes are in German. The latest volume features southern California. Print volumes can be purchased online:

<http://www.schweizerbart.de/publications/list/series/sgeolf>



Stäheli, P. (2013). *Kalifornien I - Süden und Osten: Basin und Range, Transverse und Peninsular Ranges, Death Valley, Mojave-Wüste, Geologie und Exkursionen* [Field Guide to the Geology of California Part I: Southern and Eastern California]. Stuttgart: Borntraeger.

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 Lura Joseph, luraj@Illinois.edu.

Review: Geoscience Data Journal

By Louise F. Deis



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Website: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2049-6060](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)2049-6060)

Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Rob Allan

Wiley has partnered with the Royal Meteorological Society to form this new and noteworthy serial, *Geoscience Data Journal*.

The journal's timely purpose is to make data from a range of geoscience disciplines known and available through open access, peer-review, and by describing these datasets with short papers. These data papers document circumstances surrounding data collection and describe the data. They do not present scientific analysis or draw conclusions. In checking the data analysis paper, I found a typo in the abstract in the HTML version, but not in the PDF version. In this case the data link is to scanned volumes of ships logs with explanations and justifications explained in the article. In the enhanced HTML, one can make comments and has the options of downloading slides or opening figures in viewers.

Geoscience Data Journal articles follow a Creative Commons attribution license (CC BY 3.0), so authors hold the rights. Data sets described in data papers must be housed within a data repository approved by the *Geoscience Data Journal*. For a data repository to meet approval, it must be an established resource for the scientific community, must adhere to a formal data management policy, and must be able to provide unique identifiers (chiefly DOIs) and/or stable URLs for the featured dataset. Publication fees are \$1500 per article, unless, under very unusual circumstances, they are waived. Royal Meteorological Society members are offered a 20% discount on publication fees.

Currently there are 6 data papers, 1 data analysis paper, 1 comment, and the introductory editorial.

While Wiley, the RMS and the editors would seem to be doing most things right, I can't find the papers indexed in any subscription databases as yet. However, Google and Google Scholar can, and the full texts are available via various Wiley-Blackwell platforms.

Per the journal's statement regarding subject coverage within the "Aims and Scope" notes, this resource will accept papers from a wide range of geosciences disciplines, "including, but not limited to: Weather and Climate; Oceanography; Atmospheric and Ocean Chemistry; Cryosphere; Biosphere, Land Surface and Geology, Hydrology, Geochemistry, Geophysics, Planetary and Space Sciences".

The closest competitor journal would be the journal *Earth System Science Data* (ESSD) (<http://www.earth-system-science-data.net/>), published in Germany by Copernicus Publications. It published its first issue in 2009. Its coverage is very broad and its articles are indexed in many databases, e.g. GeoRef and Scopus. *ESSD* has addressed the issues of persistent identifiers, open access, liberal copyright (Creative Commons Attribution License) and long-term availability, (e.g. CLOCKSS). The submission costs are still being waived, but authors can eventually expect to encounter publication charges.

GSIS Publications List

Proceedings of the Annual GSIS Meetings (ISSN 0072-1409)

\$45.00 each; standing orders are \$45.00/year.

Contents of *GSIS Proceedings* are indexed in *GeoRef*, the comprehensive geosciences online database.

Volume	Year	Title
v.42	2011	Printed Past, Digital Future: We Hold the Key
v.41	2010	"Peak" Performances
v.40	2009	Navigating the Geoscience Information Landscape: Pathways to Success
v.39	2008	Libraries in Transformation: Exploring Topics of Changing Practices and New Technologies
v.38	2007	Geoscience Information: Making the Earth Sciences Accessible for Everyone.
v.37	2006	Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery
v.36	2005	Collaboration for the Dissemination of Geologic Information among Colleagues
v.35	2004	Geoinformatics
v.34	2003	Geoscience Information Horizons: Challenges, Choices, and Decisions
v.33	2002	New Heights in Geoscience Information: Access and Technology
v.32	2001	Geoscience Information: a Dynamic Odyssey
v.31	2000	Electronic Information Summit: New Developments and Their Impacts
v.30	1999	Communication Divides: Perspectives on Supporting Information Bridges in the Geosciences
v.29	1998	Accreting the Continent's Collections
v.28	1997	The Costs and Values of Geoscience Information
v.27	1996	Expanding Boundaries: Geoscience Information for Earth System Science
v.26	1995	Crossing the Bridge to the Future: Managing Geoscience Information for the Next Decade

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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