

March 2019 newsletter

Greetings from your Biogeoscience Section leaders, Elise, Margaret and Jennifer! The year promises to bring exciting change to our website, AGU grants, and more. In case you missed the AGU Centennial at the 2018 Fall Meeting, our Section's sessions, [Defining the Pulse of the Living Planet](#) and [Transformational Contributions of the Last 100 Years](#), were extremely well attended. The presenters condensed their highlights into high-impact, eight-minute talks, and our fearless moderators, Dork Sahagian and Durrelle Scott, kept the schedule on track. The Union-level [Centennial Plenary](#), organized by leadership of all 25 sections, presented talks delivered by inspiring speakers. Our section is in the Earth-Covering neighbourhood, and our "Earth, Wind and Fire" speakers resonated with the massive audience nearly as much as any rock concert. We encourage you to watch some or all of these fantastic presentations via [AGU GO](#), our On Demand video server.

We are proud to congratulate the 2018 OSPA winners, who receive complementary registration to the 2019 Fall Meeting, a Biogeosciences luncheon ticket and a \$150 voucher for Springer. Thanks to our OSPA Committee, led by Justin Dodd with assistance from Maggie Lau, Aditi Sengupta, Bassil El Masri, and our many judges (YOU) who make this program possible!

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ACTION ITEMS:

- **Submit** a [session proposal for Fall Meeting 2019](#), including Centennial sessions that will help prepare us for the coming 100 years of discovery in Earth and space science. Proposals for sessions, workshops and town halls are **due April 17**.
- **Nominate** a colleague for the Biogeosciences [Hilker Early Career](#) award, the [Sulzman Award](#) for Excellence in Education and Mentoring, or any of the [Union level awards](#) (*see below), **by April 15**. (Fellows nominations closed March 15)
- **Apply** for one of the [Centennial Challenge grants](#), which support new projects for societal outreach and public engagement activities to promote and celebrate our science.
- **Volunteer** to help with Biogeosciences activities including Centennial and early career activities. Contact [Elise Pendall](#) if you are interested.
- **Enter** our photo/image contest, deadline April 30! Send your favorite field photo or conceptual diagram with a brief description to [B-Section Secretary, Jennifer Pett-Ridge](#) so we can highlight your research on our new website.
- **Sign up** for [AGU Connect](#)! This new platform will soon host all section web sites and provides a way to communicate across the entire organization. Its a helpful way to keep everything AGU related organized. If you don't like receiving lots of emails, change your settings to a daily or weekly digest.

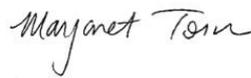
- **Contribute** your expertise in **water quality** to Fall Meeting program planning, spanning Hydrology/GeoHealth/SIPS/Biogeosciences. This convergent topic is an example of how AGU is leading the way in transforming 21st century science to better serve humanity. Contact [Elise Pendall](#) if you are interested.

Sincerely, your AGU-Biogeosciences leadership team,

Elise Pendall (President)



Margaret Torn (President-Elect)



Jennifer Pett-Ridge (Secretary)



* **Union-Level Awards**

The AGU leadership is committed to [addressing inequities in honours](#) awarded by the Society as shown in this post, and members are [suggesting incentives](#) to promote the process.

Nominations are due by April 15. For more info [click here](#). Some relevant awards include:

Macelwane Medal -- given annually to up to five honorees for “significant contributions to the geophysical sciences by an outstanding early career scientist.”

Joanne Simpson Medal -- given annually to two or up to three honorees for “*significant contributions to the Earth and space sciences by an outstanding mid-career scientist.*” ...to recognize exceptional mid-career scientists who have made transformative scientific advances or breakthrough in the Earth and space sciences, have demonstrated strong leadership, and provided outstanding service to science and society.

Ambassador award-- given annually to one or up to five honorees for “outstanding contributions to one or more of the following area(s): societal impact, service to the Earth and space community, scientific leadership, and promotion of talent/career pool.”

Education award-- “to acknowledge a sustained commitment to excellence in geophysical education by a team, individual, or group.” ...educators who have had a major impact on geophysical education at any level (kindergarten through postgrad), who have been outstanding teachers and trainers for a number of years, or who have made a long-lasting, positive impact on geophysical education through professional service.

Science for Solutions-- given annually to one student or postdoctoral scientist for “significant contributions in the application and use of the Earth and space sciences to solve societal problems.”

William Bowie medal- AGU’s highest honor, given annually to one honoree for “outstanding contributions for fundamental geophysics and for unselfish cooperation in research.” Unselfish cooperation is considered volunteer activity above and beyond any job requirements.

Roger Revelle medal-- given annually to one honoree for “outstanding contributions in atmospheric sciences, atmosphere-ocean coupling, atmosphere-land coupling, biogeochemical cycles, climate or related aspects of the Earth system.”