Dear EPSP members,

In lieu of a regular newsletter, we would like to share one announcement and the first in a series of three quarterly “notes from the president.” First, the announcement:

Amy East will be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of JGR-Earth Surface at the end of this year, after six years of stellar service. The search for a new Editor-in-Chief (EiC) is now underway: Could this be you?

Serving as Editor is an opportunity to be deeply engaged in leadership of our community. Among the EiC duties are:

- Managing the editorial board, including three Editors and dozens of Associate Editors
- Maintaining high peer-review standards and integrity
- Serving as an ambassador for the community
- Promoting efforts for improving diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility in scholarly publishing

In addition to the rewards of engagement and service, there are some small remunerations for service, as outlined in [the flyer available here](#).

**Applications accepted until 5 June 2024** ([apply here](#)). The position begins January 2025.

We would particularly appreciate applications from candidates who bring and/or promote diversity of all sorts to JGR-ES (geographic home, gender, ethnicity, type
Now, the “Note From The President”

Hi, EPSP friends, from the “office of the president” on the banks of the Mississippi River in Minnesota:

I am writing to start a tradition (quarterly) of providing a few details about AGU-related and other community activities that may be of interest to the EPSP community you may not yet know. This month, I want to present some details about an AGU program I find particularly inspiring: the “Thriving Earth Exchange” (TEX) program. In essence, TEX is a community science building program within AGU that connects connecting AGU-related researchers/scientists and communities with “pressing needs.”

This program really excites me for three of its principle components: (1) Communities “advertise” on the TEX website their self-defined needs and projects (click for examples); (2) They advertise this in a context specifically reaching out to *us* researchers, with scientific / engineering experience that is not necessarily directly related to their project (click for volunteer scientists expectations here), and (3) TEX provides AGU-trained volunteer community fellows (click for more about fellows) and AGU staff to train scientists and community leaders in building an equitable partnership in finding a solution together.

If this interests you, as a potential community scientist, as a potential future trained community fellow (click for fellows “expectations” here), or as a community member who wants to connect with their community with this program (community applications here), I encourage you to dive in (https://thrivingearthexchange.org/)! Many of the community projects involve topics already familiar to EPSP researchers and the TEX community fellows with additional AGU staff will support the project development with your own expertise substituting.

Before I sign off, I want to mention an opportunity for those interested in connecting earth and planetary processes with granular flows: Gordon Research Seminar (GRS) and Conference (GRC) on Granular Matter this 23-28 June (link to meeting website). The programs are designed to be deeply trans-disciplinary and have a number of “granular planet” related presentations including: by Prof. Marisa Palucis (Granular Processes across the Solar System), by Prof. Vashan Wright (Granular Media in Planetary Crusts), and by Prof. Rachel Glade (Discussion Leader on
There is new funding toward attending the GRS/GRC (registration and/or travel) particularly for early-career and/or underrepresented minority groups and/or those from non-R1 institutions. If you are interested, please fill out our funding application before 22 May, 22:59 h Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). We will notify all applicants about funding options by 24 May, (in time to meet the registration deadlines of 26 May). All attendees present posters and there are still some slots in the published GRC program for “late breaking topics”. If you are eager to orally present your late breaking work that is pushing the boundaries of granular research, please apply at the form linked here. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions about either topic.

Wishing you all the best this month!

Sincerely, Kimberly Hill
President, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes, AGU

AGU is a global community supporting more than half a million advocates and professionals in the Earth and space sciences.