2018 AGU Fall Meeting: Submit a Session Proposal to Public Affairs

Please consider submitting a session proposal on any policy-related topic to the Public Affairs program for the AGU Fall Meeting, 10–14 December 2018 in Washington, D. C. Proposals are due by 18 April and all proposals must be submitted via the online submission website. Here are the key deadlines for the Fall Meeting:

- 18 April, 11:59 p.m. ET: Session and tutorial proposal deadline
- 1 April: Workshop proposals open
- 13 June – 1 August: Abstract submission period
- 1 October: Abstract and sessions scheduled days/times notifications sent

Policy Activities at 2018 AGU Fall Meeting

Given that the Fall Meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., in December 2018, we are considering more policy-related activities. Our hope is to take advantage of the meeting being in the capital of the United States where the U.S. Congress, administration, many federal agencies, and most foreign embassies are headquartered. It is a unique opportunity to connect with decision makers at the meeting or in association with the meeting. SIPS is working with AGU and IUGG regarding a science diplomacy for risk resiliency to natural hazards and is considering other activities. Please send us your ideas for activities or participation. AGU has started a new program called Voices for Science. The people involved in this program will be participating in targeted events at the Fall Meeting.

SIPS Is Now a Section and May Change Names

SIPS is now a section instead of a focus group as per an AGU-wide change in naming conventions. SIPS has also requested a name change back to Public Affairs, and we are awaiting more information from AGU about this request.

Seeking Nominations for SIPS 2019–2020 Leadership

SIPS is seeking nominations for new leadership of the section. We are looking for a president-elect and a secretary with terms starting in 2019. Please email Linda Rowan with any suggestions or comments by 23 March 2018.

Nominations Are Open for AGU Awards

Nominations are now open for AGU awards, medals, and prizes. Please consider nominating a deserving candidate for one of the many AGU awards. The deadline to submit a nomination is 15
March 2018. In particular, consider a nomination for the Ambassador Award, which recognizes contributions to societal impact, service to the community, leadership, and mentoring.

**The Bridge: Consider Contributing to AGU Science Policy Blog**

Do you want to communicate about science and policy? Please consider submitting an article to AGU’s science policy blog, *The Bridge*. Submissions are welcome at any time, and it is a great way to get involved in science policy communications.

**AGU Donor Incentive Program**

AGU is piloting a [donor incentive program](#) that would provide additional, unrestricted funding to SIPS if 5% of our focus group primary members contribute $50 or more to any AGU program, including general support. The funding amounts rise as the percentages increase, as follows:

- 5% participation = $1000 contribution from AGU to SIPS
- 7% participation = $2000 contribution from AGU to SIPS
- 10% participation = $3000 contribution from AGU to SIPS
- 12% participation = $4000 contribution from AGU to SIPS
- >15% participation = $5000 contribution from AGU to SIPS

In the past, SIPS has leveraged donations for student travel grants to the AGU Fall Meeting. Additional donations could be used to enhance SIPS activities and support more students. Please let us know whether you have other ideas for donations.

Sincerely,

Linda Rowan, SIPS President

Maggie Walser, SIPS President-elect

Rebecca French, SIPS Secretary