New AGU Donor Incentive Program
AGU is piloting a donor incentive program that would provide additional, unrestricted funding to the SIPS focus group if 5% of our focus group 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

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

2016 Elections for SIPS Focus Group Officers
Elections for the 2017–2018 SIPS focus group president and secretary will be held this summer. AGU has announced the slate of candidates for all positions on the AGU Elections Page. Please look at the slate of candidates and prepare to vote in August of 2016 when AGU announces the elections are open.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Fall Meeting student awards coordinators, as well as in other special positions on AGU committees and task forces. Please contact sips@agu.org to volunteer.

2016 Honors, Awards, Lectures, and Fellows
AGU has announced the section/focus group awards and lectures on the AGU Honors Page. Over the next month, AGU will announce the Union awards and prizes as well as the new AGU Fellows. Please take a look, congratulate your colleagues, and consider which lectures and awards you may wish to attend at AGU Fall Meeting.

Consider Abstract Submissions for AGU Fall Meeting 2016
AGU is now accepting abstract submissions for the 2016 AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco. Please consider submitting an abstract to a Public Affairs session or another section. There is a robust list of sessions within Public Affairs, and submissions to any of these sessions would be very beneficial. Do also consider submitting a policy-relevant abstract to a different section or focus
group. Many sessions in other sections would benefit from a policy-relevant abstract submission. The deadline for submission is 3 August 2016. Please note that authors can submit an extra abstract to a Public Affairs session.

**Contact a SIPS Liaison About Abstract Submissions**

SIPS has a growing group of liaisons to other sections and focus groups of AGU. The liaisons are working with their sections to include policy-relevant submissions within sections for Fall Meeting. The liaisons will also help to identify policy-relevant sessions in their sections, and these will be listed on the SIPS website once the Fall Meeting program is finalized. Please see the list of liaisons on the SIPS website. If you would like to volunteer to be a liaison to a section or focus group that is not already covered by the current list, please contact sips@agu.org.

**SIPS-Related Events at AGU Fall Meeting**

Here is a preliminary list of policy-related events that are being planned for AGU Fall Meeting. Times, dates, and locations are to be determined. Please visit the SIPS website in the fall for more details.

- SIPS Leadership, Liaisons, Volunteers, and Awardees Lunch on Monday
- SIPS Focus Group Lunch on Tuesday
- How to be a Congressional Science Fellow or Mass Media Fellow Workshop
- Science Policy 201: Advocacy in Action
- One-on-One With an Attorney
- Climate Science Legal Defense Fund/AGU Legal Symposium
- Consider Contributions to AGU’s Science Policy Blog, The Bridge

Please consider submitting an article to AGU’s science policy blog, *The Bridge*. Submissions are welcome at any time.