

The Geomorphologist

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To Affiliates of the Geomorphology Division:

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OFFICERS AND PANEL MEMBERS

For the benefit of all affiliates of the Division, we list here the new Officers of Division and Members of the Panel.

> Officers: William D. Thornbury Chairman

First Vice Chairman Arthur D. Howard David M. Hopkins Second Vice Chairman Secretary

Sidney E. White

Panel Members: Term of Office:

Joseph H. Hartshorn July 1967 through December 1968 July 1967 through December 1968 Troy L. Péwé July 1967 through December 1968 M. Gordon Wolman Dwight R. Crandell January 1968 through December 1970 January 1968 through December 1970 Stephen C. Porter January 1968 through December 1970 A. Lincoln Washburn

The revised By-Laws of the Division stipulate two-year terms for Panel Members. During the transition period Joe Hartshorn, Troy Péwé, and Reds Wolman serve only one and one-half years. The three new members that you chose by ballot last November will serve the new full two-year term. We shall again have to nominate three Panel Members later this year for two-year terms.

PUBLICATIONS

In 1967, the then Chairman of the Geomorphology Division appointed a Publications Committee consisting of Donald F. Eschman, Chairman; Arthur L. Bloom, and Ernest H. Muller, to investigate the feasibility of the Division sponsoring a series of paperback books on different phases of geomorphology, for use as primary or supplementary textbooks in colleges and universities or as up-to-date reviews of special subjects in geomorphology for all geologists and other scientists. During 1967 up to the time of the annual business meeting of the Division at New Orleans, the committee encountered general enthusiasm for the idea from the many geomorphologists they consulted, as well as from prospective commercial publishers. At the annual business meeting, definite interest was shown again for the Committee to investigate further the feasibility of such a publication series, and, in fact, a motion was carried easily by those present in favor of such continuation. This Committee, then, is still in existence and continuing its work.

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Two questions, which, if answered by you, may help your Publications Committee in their work:

- 1. What are your current favorite publications that you use for review reading or that you read to bring yourself up-to-date in your special area in geomorphology?
- 2. What areas in geomorphology do you believe need a review paper written to bring us up-to-date with the latest information and research in that area?

Please give these two questions some thought, and then please send your answers to the Chairman of your Publications Committee:

Dr. Donald F. Eschman
Department of Geology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

OR, you may instead, if it seems easier, enclose your answers to these two questions with the news of your research progress or plans to Sidney E. White, Editor of The Geomorphologist, our Division's Newsletter. Your answers to these two questions will be forwarded to Don Eschman, of course.

In addition, on the older problem of a journal publication, at the annual business meeting of the Division in New Orleans, the possibility of an international journal on the Quaternary, to be edited by A. Lincoln Washburn at University of Washington and to be published perhaps by Elsevier, was announced. This news was received with great enthusiasm by those present and it was moved immediately and passed that the Division endorse Linc Washburn's efforts to establish a Quaternary journal and offer whatever assistance it could. This indeed is great news, for it may eventually become the solution to our decade-old problem of our need for a Journal of Geomorphology.

SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on the Quaternary of Quebec, organized by the section of Geomorphology and Quaternary of the A.C.F.A.S., and the Department of Natural Resources of Quebec, will be held in Chicoutimi, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of September 1968. A field trip within the Lake Saint-Jean / Saguenay area will be under the direction of Dr. Pierre Lasalle.

Those who expect to present a paper at this meeting must inscribe it in one of the following sections: (1) Glacial Quaternary, (2) Marine and Lacustrine Quaternary, (3) Periglacial, (4) Paleontology and Palynology, (5) Pedology - Ecology - Climatology, (6) Archaeology. Titles and abstracts must be sent to the Secretary before May 31, 1968.

To avoid confusion and to facilitate the planning of the meeting, it will be useful to know, as soon as possible, the intent of the scientists to present a paper and/or to attend the meeting. Please send all correspondence to: Jean-Claude Dionne, C.P. 35, Sillery, Québec, Canada. The Organizing Committee consists of

J. C. Dionne, Benoit Robitaille, Pierre Lasalle, et Robert Bergeron.

NEW YORK GLACIOGRAM

Since our last note of March 1967, the New York Glaciogram has appeared twice (Vol. 2, No. 1, May 1967 and Vol. 2, No. 2, Nov 1967). The May issue with yellow cover and sketch of old friend Smilodon yawning from a rock top holds 21 news items from 20 contributors, whereas the November issue with light blue cover and sketch of glacier and mountains contains 29 items from 30 people. The editor believes a plateau has been reached, but this writer believes growth and greater interest is indicated.

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Sidney E. White, Secretary

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If you will contribute news you may have about current or recently completed research, or research plans you may have, we will produce another Newsletter. Please send any news, or information you believe your fellow geomorphologists should know about, exciting new publications we might not have seen yet, and your answers to the two questions asked by your Publications Committee (please identify these answers for the Publications Committee).

Use the space below, and send to Sid White: - at least by <u>March 1st</u>

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