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ELECTION RESULTS

Because of delays in mailing brought about by the move of Headquarters to its new location in Boulder, many members of the Division received their ballots after the deadline stated in the ballot instructions. In order that no one be denied voting privileges, all ballots received were counted whether or not they met the stated deadline.

A nominating committee composed of Sid White (chairman), Joe Hartshorn, and Steve Porter selected a slate of officers including two nominees for Second Vice-Chairman, Art Bloom and Bob Nichols. As a result of the balloting, the officers of the Division for 1972-1973 are:

- Chairman: Harold E. Malde
- First Vice-Chairman: Dwight R. Crandell
- Second Vice-Chairman: Robert L. Nichols
- Secretary: Don J. Easterbrook

Three new Panel members were elected for two-year terms to join the three members who remain as hold-overs from last year. Newly elected for 1972-1974 are:

- Peter W. Birkeland, University of Colorado
- Lee Clayton, University of North Dakota
- Marie Morisawa, State University of New York at Binghamton

A tie in voting for Panel members was broken by the Management Board based on geographic distribution of the members. As luck would have it, late ballots received after the Minneapolis meeting would have resolved the tie in the same manner as the Management Board decision.

The three Panel members whose terms include one more year are:
Robert R. Curry, University of Montana
Richard J. Janda, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park
Stephen C. Porter, University of Washington

MACKIN FUND

Discussions between the Division Management Board, the Committee on Research Grants, and GSA Headquarters had led to a suggestion that GSA might be able to provide partial subsidies for Mackin Awards until the fund was able to generate enough income to sustain the awards itself.

The Council was unwilling to agree with this solution, largely because it would set a dangerous precedent. As a result, the Mackin Award apparently has to stand entirely on its own funding from the very beginning.

If you haven't yet made your tax-deductible contribution to the fund, please send any amount to GSA, 3300 Penrose Place, Boulder, Colorado 80301. Your contribution will help to further geomorphology and Quaternary research.

1973 GSA MEETING IN DALLAS

The Division will sponsor a symposium at the 1973 GSA meeting in Dallas relating Quaternary geology and geomorphology to studies of geologic hazards. In addition to this symposium and the usual technical sessions of the Division, there probably will be an evening session of discussion papers concerning the effects of severe storms on coastal geomorphology. Details may be obtained from Dwight R. Crandell, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

BYLAW CHANGES

At the Minneapolis meeting the Management Board proposed several changes in the Division Bylaws designed to modernize them in accordance with present GSA policy. These changes were approved at the Division Business Meeting and by the GSA Council. In order to acquaint all members of the Division with the new Bylaws, a copy is attached.

INTERNATIONAL GEOBOTANY CONFERENCE

The 1973 International Geobotany Conference will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 2-3, 1973. The conference theme concerns the interaction of Southern Appalachian vegetation and landscapes and related phenomena. A full day each of field conferences and invited and contributed papers is planned. Certain contributed short papers may still be accepted based on their pertinence to the four following major topics:

1. Problems in reconstruction of Southern Appalachian vegetational history from the fossil record;
2. Problems in Southern Appalachian landscape morphology and genesis;
3. Characteristics, distribution, and genesis of soils of the Appalachians south of the glacial border;
4. Problems of defining Southern Appalachian vegetation and in quantifying the interactions controlling its distribution.

For further information, write to Dr. Clifford C. Amundsen, Graduate Program in Ecology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916.

Preregistration will close February 15, 1973. Prospective participants should write for the final circular.

KIRK BRYAN AWARD

Dwight R. Crandell, USGS, Denver, received the Kirk Bryan Award for the best paper in geomorphology at the annual Division Luncheon in Minneapolis. Chairman Richard F. Flint presented the award to Crandell for his USGS Professional Paper, "Postglacial Lahars from Mt. Rainier Volcano, Washington." The citation and response will be published in the *Bulletin* of the Society.

To assess how well the fields of Quaternary geology and geomorphology are being represented by papers at GSA sectional meetings, Rocky Crandell has made a tally of papers for the years 1969 through 1972. In the following chart, the first figure represents all the papers presented at a section meeting, and the second figure is the number of volunteered papers in Quaternary geology and geomorphology. Papers given at symposia in these fields were not counted.

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Northeast	114/ 8	70/ 8	115/ 7	119/17
South-Central	66/ 3	85/ 5	42/ 2	65/ 0
Cordilleran	134/12	215/ 3	313/11	322/19
Southeast	161/ 1	121/ 9	150/ 6	118/ 2
Rocky Mountain	154/13	64/ 8	99/12	141/17
North-Central	111/10	83/10	68/10	119/31

Most papers at section meetings describe areas within the local region and are by workers who live in that region. Papers that deal with new concepts are relatively rare in all the sections.

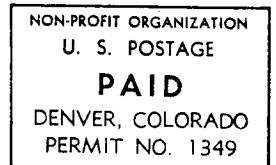
Obviously, the fields of Quaternary geology and geomorphology are under-represented in some of the sections. Perhaps those of you who attend the meetings of those sections will be able to stimulate increased participation.

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