It’s a privilege to take part in this presentation of the Division’s Friedman Service Award to Ken Bork.

Ken has a remarkable record of sustained contributions to the community of historians of geology. Few have done so much as he has to foster and advance interest in and knowledge about the development of geological science. A brief rehearsal of some of the main service roles in which he has performed with distinction include the following:

— For this Division he has convened symposia, served on multiple committees such as the Rock Stars and awards committees, and presided as Division Chair (1981).

— For the History of the Earth Sciences Society (HESS) he worked as Secretary for half a dozen years (1987–1993), and as President (1999–2000). He also edited the inaugural issue of *Earth Sciences History* (1982), for which he has also served long periods on the editorial board.

— For several years (1983–1987) he was Secretary of the U.S. National Committee on the History of Geology (under the National Research Council).

— A very active member over three decades of the International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO), he distinguished himself during the four-year term (2004–2008) he spent in the very demanding position of Secretary-General.

In bestowing the Friedman Service Award upon Ken Bork, the Division is in a sense completing a highly appropriate *trifecta* of recognitions of Ken’s multiple talents and accomplishments. Ken’s excellence as a teacher was marked by a Denison University teaching award (1993), and by his appointment as Alumni Professor at Denison (1990), the institution’s only all-college chair; and by his receipt of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers’ Neil Miner Award (2000). Ken’s scholarly accomplishments, as author of a great many papers and articles as well as a major book on the history of geology, earned him this Division’s History of Geology Award (1997). Ken Bork exemplifies wonderful versatility, in his high level of success as a teacher, as a scholar, and of course also as a stalwart contributor of outstanding service to his profession and his discipline.

In short, Ken Bork is a marvelous colleague. Many present here today know Ken, as I do, as an always reliable resource for consultation and valuable advice. It’s an understatement to note that his many collegial actions, large and small, are carried out with his characteristic good cheer and ready wit.

Please join me in recognizing Kennard B. Bork as a very deserving recipient of the Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman Distinguished Service Award.