GREETINGS FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR

Dear Friends

After a year of on-line teaching, isolation, interrupted plans, and a whirlwind of “crazy”, there seems to be an end in sight. I hope that most of you have received the vaccine or like myself, will be eligible soon. I have missed being at the GSA sectional and annual meetings and look forward to opportunities to catch up with everyone in Portland.

In this newsletter, we have included election results, topical sessions for the annual meeting in Portland, and the most up to date information from GSA about the meeting. I have also provided a summary of the spring division chair meeting. Please continue to log into the division website for the most up to date information and opportunities.

Stay safe and well. I look forward to seeing many of you in October!

Kathy Lohff

2021 HPG DIVISION ELECTION RESULTS

The HPGD held elections earlier this year. We were a little behind because of the pandemic. Here are the results. Congratulations to our new officers. Please consider ways that you can serve the division in 2022. The nominating committee will appreciate it.

Chair (one-year term):
  Kathy Lohff
1st Vice-Chair (one-year term):
  Eric Pyle
2nd Vice-Chair (one-year term):
  Patricia Bobeck
Student Representative (one-year term):
  John Sime
2021 - **GSA TOPICAL SESSIONS IN PORTLAND**

The annual meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon 10-14 October, 2021. This year we are sponsoring topical session T174: *Great Geological Outcrops and Locales*. In keeping with the division “Great” series, this session will explore important sites in the history of geology such as Sideling Hill and Siccar Point. This session will be Sunday afternoon (10 October).

We are also co-sponsoring topical session T114: *From the Guajira Desert to the Apennines, and from the Sardinia/Corsica Microplate to the Killer Asteroid: Honoring the Career of Walter Alvarez on the Occasion of His 80th Birthday*. Abstract submissions begin June 1. The deadline is 20 July.

In addition to the topical sessions, Renee Clary has organized a Pardee Symposium - *P3 Geoheritage: Celebrating Our Past, Protecting Our Future*. We hope that members of the HPG division will attend and participate in the town hall following the presentations.

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2021 - **PORTLAND ANNUAL GSA MEETING UPDATE**

As of right now, GSA is moving forward with an in-person meeting in Portland Oregon 10-13 October 2021. All participants must wear masks and agree to protective protocol. There will be capacity limits in sessions. No more standing room only. GSA plans to limit capacity to 50% with the expectation that not all participants stay for the duration and that people move from session to session. They are NOT planning to limit the number of people who can register, just capacity in sessions and activities.

To that end, poster sessions will NOT use both sides of the boards. Presenters will need to take their posters down after presentation rather than leave up all day as in the past. This will allow GSA to have multiple sessions per day to accommodate the loss to both sides. In addition, alcohol will NOT be allowed in the poster sessions.

GSA will be limiting the number of booths in the exhibit hall. Divisions WILL be allowed to have a booth. The hope is to have larger aisles and allocate booths in groups of no more than four. They will also NOT be using the carpeted aisles and have eliminated this requirement for booths. We can have carpet if we want it.
There will be an opportunity to attend the meeting virtually for those who cannot attend personally for various reasons. Each day, there will be ten rooms set-up with hybrid capabilities. Our topical sessions are not included in that. *GSA WILL Live Stream ALL Pardees, Noon Lectures, Award Ceremony, and President’s address.* There will be a reduction in cost for attending virtually. In addition, this year students who attend virtually will have to pay for it. Last year it was offered free of charge. There are opportunities for student to volunteer in Portland to cover their registration fee and travel grants are currently available.

**GSA CHAIRS MEETING SUMMARY**

The division chairs meeting was held virtually on 27 March, 2021. Here are the highlights.

1. **GSA will begin a long-term budget review in the coming months.** The purpose is to look at GSA programs and how they are paid for. The purpose will be to identify (1) ways to be more efficient and (2) opportunities.

2. **The communications department of GSA has developed a social media policy that includes guidelines and procedures.** All divisions must follow these if using a social media platform. A new MOU agreement will be coming out soon. It requires divisions to list platforms used and the person who maintains the social media site. In addition, the communications team is updating the division website template. Their hope is that all divisions will switch to this new standard format by the end of 2021.

3. **In addition to social media, webinar features and usage were discussed.** GSA can do 5 per year. Use of webinars is a great way to promote and build a division. Webinars are accessed and available to members through the web site. This is also a great way to collaborate with other divisions.

4. **There was a discussion about sectional meetings and increasing the presence of divisions at these meeting.** Suggestions were (1) sponsor topical sessions, (2) sponsor field trips—especially those appealing to students as sectional meetings tend to have higher student attendees than the annual meeting and, (3) assign (or hopefully have volunteers) a member from the division to each section to work with organizers to find ways to involve the division.

5. **GSA conducts a 5-year assessment report for each division.** Our division assessment will be in 2022. There is a template for this report. If those who have been involved in the past can help next year's officers, I am sure they will appreciate our support.
DIVISION NEWS

HISTORY OF EARTH SCIENCES SOCIETY
Many GSA Division members are also members of the History of Earth Sciences Society (HESS) and read and publish in its journal EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY. HESS would like to remind people to renew for 2021. The subscription rate is $45 online, $50 for print only or $65 for both print and online. Student memberships (online only) are $20. For renewal, contact our Subscriptions Manager, Kathy Lohff, at kathylohff@msn.com. Provide her with your name, address, email address, and subscription type.

More information about the society can be found at the HESS website: www.historyearthscience.org

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOLOGY STUDENT AWARD NOMINATIONS
Deadline for nominations is JUNE 15 2021.
Please email nominations to Michael Smith at smithms@uncw.edu
Nomination applications and more information use the URL: https://tinyurl.com/33a7j3ee

ROCK STARS
Please submit a profile for your favorite Rock Star. For the Guidelines to the preparation of ROCK STAR profiles, use the URL: https://tinyurl.com/fub8tcsz

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR GSA FELLOW
Moving forward, now is a good time to start thinking about nominating a colleague for GSA Fellow for 2022. A member can be nominated for Fellowship only by a GSA Fellow who initiates the process by completing the nomination form. Additional information can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/y9j69ket

26th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (ICHST) – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, 25-31 JULY 2021
Gregory Good (USA) and Marianne Klemun (Austria) are organizing as Symposium on behalf of INHIGEO: “Great to Small: Spatial and Temporal Scales in the History of the Geosciences”.
Please visit the conference website: https://www.ichst2021.org/

46th INHIGEO SYMPOSIUM – POLAND, 18-24 JULY 2021
The INHIGEO 2021 Conference will be held on-line from the Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute Headquarters – Warsaw. URL: https://tinyurl.com/dys7zszx