MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Colleagues:

The Division's program for the Dallas meeting is in good shape. This year's program Chairman, Alan Dutton, helped develop last year's program for St. Louis, and Ken Hollett, next year's program Chairman, is participating in the development of the Dallas meeting. This process was initiated by the Management Board three years ago and has started to pay real dividends in strengthening the quality of the Division's program at the National meetings; it also opens the opportunity for developing multiyear programs.

The membership has raised a number of issues that must be effectively addressed by the Division in the next few years. Strong concern has been expressed about the need (1) to strengthen the Division's participation in Sectional meetings; (2) to adequately fund the newly established Student Research Fund; (3) to attract more student members; and (4) to address the problem of scarcity of hydrogeologically oriented papers in the Society's publication series. Starting with the St. Louis Meeting, the Management Board will meet each year with the Sectional Representatives to explore ways in which the Division can have more impact on the Sectional meetings. In the future, the Birdsall Lecturer will be requested to present a lecture at several Sectional meetings. Multiyear planning with the Society's Section Program Chairmen will be required to achieve this goal.

Issues two and three are interrelated. The Division expressed a strong need to establish a Student Research Fund, and the membership agreed to increase the dues by one dollar as a token expression of support for the concept. A Fund Raising Committee is in the process of being established. In the interim, each of you is asked to make a serious commitment to give a little of yourself back to the profession by contributing $10 or more to the Fund this year. Please send your contributions (made out to the Hydrogeology Division Student Research Fund) to our Secretary and Treasurer, Daryll Pederson. Warren Wood, our last year's Birdsall Lecturer, pointed out a disturbing trend in the educational institutions that would result in the next generation of hydrogeologists being supplied by non-geologic professions. Your contributions to the Student Research Fund is one small way to modify this trend. The Division's membership, as the single largest group of geologically oriented hydrologists in this Nation, needs to rise to the challenge of this problem.

A new Publication Committee has been appointed to address the Division's fourth concern. Frank Schwartz, Ohio State University, has agreed to chair the Committee. The Chairman has been asked to explore a wide variety of options and to develop specific recommendations to address the membership's concerns. Please convey your thoughts and suggestions to Frank.

Although the Hydrogeology Division is the second largest in the Society, the Division has the smallest percentage of Fellows. A review of the Division membership indicates that at least 250 of you who are not now Fellows are more than qualified to become Fellows. Each of you who is qualified is encouraged to apply. In addition, each existing Fellow is requested to nominate those of your peers whom you deem qualified to become a Fellow of the Society.

The Hydrogeology Division has matured to the point where it has the obligation and should have the privilege to play a larger and more responsible role in the affairs of the Society. This role can be effectively played only through direct representation on the Council. The Chairman has nominated George Davis as the Division's candidate for one of the Council's vacant seats.

Finally, the Management Board wishes to express its appreciation to those of you who have completed your terms on the Division's committees, and to welcome those of you who have agreed to accept committee assignments. The Division could not function without your devoted service.

Joseph S. Rosenshein
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