



GEOSCIENCE EDUCATION DIVISION

Geoscience Education Division Winter 2019 Newsletter

Dear GSA GED members,

Welcome to the first division newsletter of 2019! I look forward to an active and exciting year for the Geoscience Education Division.

GSA EVENTS: ANNUAL AND SECTION MEETINGS

We would like to remind everybody that the [2019 GSA Annual Meeting](#) will be held **September 22-25 in Phoenix, AZ**, and that the dates for this conference are much earlier than normal. This means that all conference-related deadlines are also earlier than normal and some of them are arriving quite soon. The deadline to propose **Topical Sessions**, **Short Courses**, and **Field Trips** is February 1, 2019. If you are thinking of proposing a geoscience education session for the conference and would like division sponsorship please use the division sponsorship request form ([click here](#)) and then submit your proposal to GSA ([click here](#)).

One of our division goals for the year is increase the division's presence at GSA Sectional Meetings. Sectional Meetings provide an excellent opportunity for the geoscience education community to connect with folks who would not normally travel to the annual meeting. This especially includes K-12 teachers, 2YC faculty and students, and undergraduate students. While the deadline to propose sessions and submit abstracts for most of this year's Sectional Meetings has long passed, we encourage you attend your sectional meetings and consider proposing a geoscience education session next year.

The [Cordilleran Section](#) meeting abstract deadline has not yet passed (2/5/19), so please consider submitting an abstract to one of the following geoscience education sessions:

- T32. Where the Next Generation Science Standards Meet Place-Based and Outdoor Learning
- T33. Geoscience Education Research and Practice.

Dates for other section meetings:

- **Northeastern Section Meeting** will be held March 17-19 in Portland, Maine
- **Joint Section Meeting** for South-Central, North-Central & Rocky Mountain Sections will be held **March 25-27** in Manhattan, Kansas
- **Southeastern Section Meeting** will be held March 28-29 in Charleston, South Carolina

CALL FOR BIGGS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The division is now accepting nominations for the **Biggs Earth Science Teaching Award**, which recognizes innovative and effective teaching in college-level earth science. The award is open to earth science instructors and faculty members from any academic institution who are engaged in undergraduate education and have been teaching full time for 10 years or fewer. Peer- and self-nominations are accepted, so please consider nominating!

Nomination packages are due by March 1st and can be submitted using the **Biggs Nomination Form** ([click here](#)). Any questions about the award or the nomination process can be directed to Dr. Elizabeth Petrie.

GED SOCIAL MEDIA - WE'RE ON TWITTER!

Our division's new student rep **Larry Collins** has bravely volunteered to drag us into the 21st century by creating an official division twitter account! Please follow us [@geodgsa](#) for division news and more.

Sincerely,

Robyn Mieko Dahl
Chair, Geoscience Education Division