

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**

July 21, 2006

TO: Member Society Presidents, Executive Directors and Representatives  
and Friends of AGI

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FROM: AGI Executive Committee

SUBJECT: AGI Executive Director

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**Dr. Marcus E. Milling**

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Dr. Marcus E. Milling has announced his plans to step down as Executive Director of the American Geological Institute effective July 31, 2006. He will remain on the AGI staff as Senior Advisor, serving at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. Dr. Milling's exceptional geoscience career spans 42 years in the private and public sectors. During his past fourteen years with AGI, working with AGI Foundation Executive Director Jan van Sant, the Institute has experienced unprecedented financial growth. The Institute's bottom line has improved from being negative in 1992 to 13 years of consecutive positive results. Annual revenues have increased from \$3 million to over \$6 million and cash investments have improved from \$500,000 to nearly \$4 million — an eightfold increase.

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Dr. Milling's leadership of the American Geological Institute is particularly laudatory in light of the Institute's growth and increased program activities. During his fourteen year tenure as Executive Director, AGI membership increased from 14 Member Societies to 44 geosocieties, representing over 125,000 geoscientists as well as some 250 university and college associates. AGI's acclaim has grown consistently and substantially during his tenure with the Institute becoming an important supporter of public earth science education.

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With all of this success, Dr. Milling continues to lead by example while remaining low key. He has provided vision and leadership for continued growth of the geoscience profession, for the preservation of geoscience data, for the support of geoscience research and the dissemination of the research results in a timely manner, for the development of scientific education programs at all levels, for the support of scholarships for underrepresented groups in the sciences, for the support of young professionals in countries from outside the United States, and for the development of effective public outreach programs to facilitate public awareness of the importance of geoscience to society for its present and future needs, safety, health and security.

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*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*  
Marcus E. Milling

Last, but not least, is the outstanding staff and directors that Dr. Milling has assembled to execute the Institute's program and business affairs. AGI is the strongest it has ever been in the Institute's 58-year history.

Dr. Milling has been honored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists with Honorary Membership, by the American Institute of Professional Geologists with the Ben H. Parker Memorial Medal, and by the Association of American State Geologists with the Pick and Gavel Award. These prestigious awards were presented to Dr. Milling for his long record of distinguished and outstanding service to the geoscience profession and for significant contributions in the areas of public education, policy and outreach.

### **Dr. Christopher M. Keane**

During the transition from the long-standing leadership of Dr. Milling, the AGI Executive Committee has appointed Dr. Christopher M. Keane as Acting Executive Director until a new permanent Executive Director can be named. Dr. Keane has been with the Institute for 9 years, operating in various capacities, including most recently as Director of Technology and Communications, as well as Editor of AGI's monthly news magazine, *Geotimes*, and overseeing the redevelopment of AGI's Geoscience Workforce Program. Dr. Keane's experiences with AGI have dealt with most aspects of the Institute's activities; and while serving in this capacity, he will continue to maintain his current activities.

Prior to joining AGI in 1997, Dr. Keane received his Ph.D. from the Marine, Estuarine, and Environmental Studies Program at the University of Maryland at College Park researching terrain evolution and actively worked on the K-12 earth science education Joint Education Initiative that brought the use of geoscience data into the K-12 classroom. Dr. Keane also previously worked in the Industrial Minerals Branch at the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Washington, D.C.

### **Search for New Executive Director**

On July 14, 2006, the Executive Committee established a 7-member Search Committee to conduct a national search for a new AGI Executive Director. The Search Committee will consist of the AGI Past President, President, and Incoming President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the AGI Foundation and 3 members nominated by the Executive Committee and Member Societies and approved by the Executive Committee. The AGI President will chair the Committee.

The Executive Committee seeks active participation of the Member Societies in the search for a new AGI Executive Director. The Committee requests that Member Societies nominate individuals for consideration to serve on the Search Committee by August 4, 2006. The full Search Committee will be constituted and approved by the Executive Committee by August 8, 2006. The search will be initiated on August 18, 2006.

Please send nominations, along with full contact information for the individual, to:

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