



## **GSA Geophysics Division Newsletter: June 2016**

Dear Colleagues,

The 2016 annual GSA Meeting will be held from September 25-28, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. We hope to see you there!

We would like to remind you of some important deadlines and opportunities.

- The abstract deadline for the annual meeting is early this year, falling on July 12, 2016. Abstracts can be submitted at: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2016AM/cfp.epl>
- During the Woollard session, we will honor this year's award recipient, Professor Emeritus William J. ("Bill") Hinze.
- The Geophysics Division social and business meeting will be held immediately after the Woollard session. Our student award recipients, Ms. Rebekah Lee (Allan V. Cox Student Research Award), and Mr. Samuel Johnson (GSA Geophysics Division Student Research Award), will be recognized during the meeting.
- Please look for the Geophysics Division table during the Saturday, (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>) Icebreaker event the evening before the GSA Meeting. We will be selling t-shirts to support our student awards.

At this year's meeting, there are many interesting sessions being sponsored and co-sponsored by the Geophysics Division, including:

- T63. From Mantle to Landscape: Cenozoic Evolution of the Rocky Mountains
- T64. Injection-Induced Earthquakes: Geologic and Operational Constraints, Seismic Hazard, Mitigation, and Societal Impact
- T65. Precambrian Evolution and Mineral Resources of the Midcontinent Rift Region: In Honor of William J. Hinze
- T66. Structure and Tectonics of the South-Central United States: Craton to Gulf of Mexico
- T67. Under Cover: Exploration for Concealed Mineral Deposits, Mapping Concealed Terranes, and Relating Crustal Architecture to Concealed Mineralizing Systems
- T165. Impact Cratering on Earth and throughout the Solar System
- T208. Deconstructing Damage: Holistic Perspectives on the Spatiotemporal Evolution of Brittle Fault Zones
- T209. Earth History in the Broadest Context—Ophiolites, Global Tectonics, and Public Awareness of Earth Science: Celebrating the Contributions of Eldridge Moores
- T218. Evidence for Neotectonic Earthquakes and Their Driving Mechanisms in the Intraplate Region of Central and Eastern North America

In addition to the annual meeting, we are making some changes within the Geophysics Division. The first is the inclusion of a student voting member. We will be accepting nominations for this new member, who will have voting rights on the Division board, and serve for two years. This is a great opportunity for talented students to get involved in the GSA community!

Second, it was discussed last November at the annual business meeting if the Geophysics Division would like to change the Division's name. An informal poll at the meeting indicated that there is interest in adopting a name change. The motivation behind this discussion is to find a name that is more inclusive to the kind of science represented by our division within GSA. A similar name change discussion occurred within the Coal Division, and it has since morphed into the Energy Division. Such a move would prove useful for helping students to identify the division as their scientific home. Our division sits at the crossroads between Geology, Geophysics, and Geodynamics, and it would serve our membership better to have a name that reflects that excellence in multi- and cross- disciplinary science. Several proposed names include:

- A) Geophysics and Geodynamics Division
- B) Geophysics, Geodynamics, and Geology Division

Since the purpose of the division is to serve its member's scientific interests, we would like to hear from you about your thoughts. Please contact the Division Chair (Dr. Nicholas Schmerr; [nschmerr@umd.edu](mailto:nschmerr@umd.edu)), or visit our online community forum [here](#) to voice your opinions. We will consider your thoughts carefully, and determine if we would like to move forward with a vote on a change in the name of the Geophysics Division.

Best regards,

**GSA Geophysics Management Board**

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