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A MESSAGE FROM THE 2023/2024 NOGS PRESIDENT

As president of NOGS, I recently had the privilege of representing NOGS on the semi-annual Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) Board Meeting conference call. GCAGS serves as the Gulf Coast section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). GCAGS consists of 13 Gulf Coast area geological societies located in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The key event for GCAGS is the annual convention hosted by the various geological member societies. Papers presented at the annual convention are published in the annual Transactions of the Association. These Transactions form a valuable resource of Gulf Coast geology. The annual convention has been rebranded as the GeoGulf Convention.

NOGS holds the honor of hosting the inaugural GCAGS convention in New Orleans in 1951. NOGS has hosted eight subsequent GCAGS conventions with the most recent being held in 2013. We should all be very proud of the role our professional society has played in researching and documenting Gulf Coast geology for all future geologists to reference. I'd like to thank and acknowledge all of the current NOGS members and those that are no longer with us who volunteered their time and helped organize these previous nine conventions.

The most recent GeoGulf2023 Convention was held in Houston earlier this year. It was considered a major success based on attendance with over 400 attendees. The conference was also financially profitable, something that was an issue for recent conferences. GeoGulf2024 will be hosted by the South Texas Geological Society. It will be held in San Antonio, Texas on April 10-12, 2024. Informational flyers for GeoGulf2024 are included in this month's NOGS LOG. As we've experienced with NOGS, many of the Gulf Coast geological societies have shrunk in size and resources. A new trend has developed for the GeoGulf2025 convention. The East Texas Geological Society and the Shreveport Geological Society have pooled their resources to hold a jointly sponsored convention in Nacogdoches, Texas on April 6-9, 2025. In order to address costs and include academia, the convention will be held on the campus of Stephen F. Austin University at the university convention center.

Please join us for the November 8th NOGS luncheon meeting at Dab's Bistro in Metairie. Finding a suitable restaurant that can accommodate our south shore NOGS meetings and is convenient and economical has been a challenge. Holding the meeting on a Wednesday gives us more choices since many restaurants that can accommodate a meeting are closed on Mondays. The NOGS Memorial Foundation will be handing out scholarship checks to the 2023 Scholarship Recipients from the University of New Orleans, Tulane University and LSU. I hope you can attend the meeting to celebrate the next generation of geologists. As the end of year approaches please consider making a donation to the NOGS Memorial Foundation to support this worthy cause.

This month's Louisiana GeoNews column features a fellow NOGS member, Dr. Akinbobola Akintomide who works for the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS). Bobola talks about an LGS project he's working on jointly with surrounding states titled "West Gulf Coastal Plain Stratigraphic Reconciliation Initiative". I would encourage all NOGS members that have worked the subsurface of South Louisiana to consider helping Bobola with this worthy project by providing any information that you feel would be helpful.