



A MESSAGE FROM 2021/2022 NOGS PRESIDENT

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To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

I hope everyone was able to enjoy this year's Mardi Gras season! It is such a cultural lifeblood to our communities and so it was wonderful to see parades and festivities return to the region again after missing out on them last year. Krewe de NOGS, anyone? Just "floating" the suggestion for the future organization to consider. Dinosaur and fossil ammonite costumes would be a must! 😊

Thank you to everyone who listened to our February Speaker, Dr. Eleanor Killiam, from Mott MacDonald. She gave an excellent talk about engineering methods and strategies used for flood mitigation, along with a nice overview of the impacts climate change is having and will have on our coastal areas. As a reminder to those who attend our speaker events, please make sure to send us your feedback via the emailed survey! We use this information to vote for and recognize our top 2-3 guest speakers each year who receive a special award.

During March we are pleased to welcome Dr. Tom Missimer as our next guest speaker. Dr. Missimer is a scholar of geologic and hydrogeologic issues in Florida and the Gulf Coast and is currently Director of the Emergent Technologies Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University. This month he will be speaking about Miocene sediment transport systems, climate, and pulsed tectonism in the southeastern United States. His talk will be another virtual talk. We are currently planning for our future speakers to be in-person events back at The Cannery in mid-City starting in April. The NOGS Board recognizes that we need to rebuild our connections and that the immediate, more severe threats of COVID-19 have been reduced with increased time and vaccination rates. More details to come on in-person events next month.

I'd like to give a big "thank you" to Mike Merritt for stepping in and taking on the roles of Secretary and Field Trip Committee Chair. This will greatly help our organization get back on track with recording meeting minutes more consistently, reduce the workload on our administrator (Christy Himel), and also jumpstart our field trip program! Mike is investigating a field trip opportunity we hope to provide later in the year, so please stay tuned.

Another "thank you" goes out to Mike Fein for heading up the judges who represented NOGS for the virtual GNO Science Fair that was held February 14-17, and "thank you" to all of the volunteer judges who helped make this event possible! Mike will offer a more detailed update on the science fair in a coming LOG issue.

Stay safe out there and enjoy another great issue of the NOGS LOG!

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