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Geology and Health Division

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Letter from the Division Chair

Hello, from the new Officers of the Geology and Health Division of GSA:

We would like to take this opportunity to both introduce ourselves and to alert you to several important items. First, we give our thanks to a number of individuals, led by Lynn Savage, who leapt into the breach and worked so hard at successfully starting this new division of GSA. We expect great things about this division, as do all of you, and we feel it is an honor to serve.

1) The Officers for the Geology and Health Division are

Gabriel Filippelli (Chair)
Geoff Plumlee (Vice Chair)
Monica Gowan (Second Vice Chair)
Kevin Nick (Secretary/Treasurer)

We are also guided by Lynn Savage (Past Chair).

Our goals for 2007 are to build a strong program at the GSA Denver meeting, to build bridges to the international and health sciences communities, and to develop and run a GSA-supported workshop focused on Geology and Health. We were very encouraged by the strong showing of Geology and Health abstracts at the GSA Philadelphia, and we hope to better that this year.

2) Session Proposals for GSA Denver

Session proposals must be submitted online at
<http://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2007AM/sessionproposals.epl>.

Deadline is January 9, 2007 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The Geology and Health Division is here to assist you in sponsoring a session of interest to our members. The Program Committee is working on several session proposals, but we would welcome additional ideas from all of you. Please feel free to contact members of the program committee to bounce ideas off of them.

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3) Please remember to renew your GSA membership and to be sure to check that all-important Geology and Health Division dues box.

To renew, please go to <http://www.geosociety.org/members/> and click the Renew Online button. If you have already renewed but forgot to add the division, please call GSA Services at (303) 357-1000, option 3 or 1-888-443-4472, or e-mail gsaservice@geosociety.org.

All of the officers of the Geology and Health Division wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Healthy New Year!

Best Wishes,

Gabriel Filippelli
Chair, Geology and Health Division, GSA