

## **Change is Coming to *GSA Bulletin***

Starting in January 2024, *GSA Bulletin* will be published online only. The final print issue will be mailed in November 2023.

Since 1890, *GSA Bulletin* has served many roles and appeared in varied formats. The Society's meeting proceedings, abstracts, and memorials to deceased members were published in the journal from its first issue in 1890 until 1932. Proceedings reappeared in *GSA Bulletin* in 1961 and 1962, abstracts returned from 1938 to 1960, and memorials again made a brief appearance in 1962.

As a top-rated journal that publishes peer-reviewed, data-rich, longer, and more detailed papers, *GSA Bulletin* has been popular with authors and readers for many years. To provide more space for these longer papers, the size of the journal grew from 6 × 9 to 8½ × 11 inches in 1974. Then, as the number of published papers increased, only summaries of articles appeared in print from 1979 to 1981, while full articles were published on microfiche, which seemed a promising format at that time. Microfiche lost momentum and ultimately made viewing and copying articles more difficult, so *GSA Bulletin* was soon back to publishing in print only until 1999, when the entirety of GSA Publications began appearing online.

In 1999, GSA Council funded the scanning of the print archives for *Geology*, *GSA Bulletin* (including the microfiche content), and the books series. It took several years to complete, but when the archives were available online, *GSA Bulletin* in particular enjoyed new life as researchers took advantage of easy access to the older papers, and readership soared.

Now, over twenty years later, individual subscriptions to printed journals have declined, more and more readers have moved to accessing articles online only, the lag time between accepted papers publishing online and appearing in print has grown by months, and printing and shipping costs have skyrocketed (both financially and environmentally). To address these changes and to continue providing the best service and value to authors and readers, GSA has decided to cease printing the journal. Although the format is changing once again to keep up with the times, rest assured that *GSA Bulletin*'s quality and impact on geoscience research will be preserved, and the journal will continue to thrive well into the future.