



SAPROLITE

NEWSLETTER of the SOUTHEASTERN SECTION
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
Spring 2024

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America!

We enjoy much success and great opportunity in the geological community within the southeastern United States, the Caribbean and Mexico. The long-awaited 2023 Joint Meeting of the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections in Reston, Virginia was a great success in every way, and in 2024 we look forward with high expectations to the return of the Southeastern Section meeting to the beautiful Blue Ridge city of Asheville, North Carolina! As outlined in the accompanying Annual Report section of this newsletter, the state of the Southeast Section is very strong both financially and in overall membership while the meetings of our section continually have high impact in professional development, service to government and industry, scientific content, and student participation. Hurrah!

The 2023 Joint Meeting of the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections in Reston, Virginia was a very well-attended conference in a wonderful venue. With strong participation (1,076 attendees) and a rich scientific program (6 Symposia, 27 Theme Sessions, 4 Short Courses and 4 Field Trips) the 2023 meeting fulfilled expectations for the joint meeting that had been deferred from 2020 by the pandemic. Kudos to Arthur Merschat (SE Section Chair) and Patrick Burkhart (NE Section Chair) and the respective organizing committees for your perseverance to host a terrific meeting!

We thank the organizing committee for Asheville 2024 in advance for the wonderful meeting we will soon enjoy with special recognition to Blair Tormey (General Co-Chair), Cheryl Waters-Tormey and Shane Schoepfer (Technical Program Co-Chairs), Mark Carter and Arthur Merschat (Field Trip Co-Chairs) Ashley Lynn and Scott Harris (Exhibits Co-Chairs), Frank Forcino (Volunteers Coordinator), Ken Taylor (Short Courses and Workshops), Beth McClellan (Sponsorship and Events), and Katie Luciano (Section Treasurer).

Penning the Letter from the Section Chair in *Saprolite* has typically been an honor extended to a previous meeting Chair, and it was my privilege to serve as Chair for the 2021 Southeastern Section Meeting hosted by Auburn University. But I carried out my duties and entered the ranks of section

meeting Chairs as one malformed, and not without anguish for our particular meeting committee, because we planned, arranged and held the ‘online virtual meeting’ through some of the most difficult times for the pandemic. Through those challenges we fixed our attention on the strong leadership of the Society and the Southeastern Section, and we came to see the net experience in hosting that meeting to be extremely positive and to give us lasting benefits.

If you look through the past decades of Southeastern Section meetings, you will find a pattern as the meeting venues move around the region and that any given venue does not repeat within about a ten-year period (with Blacksburg, Knoxville, and Asheville as examples). Recently, I encouraged some colleagues to consider hosting a future Southeastern Section meeting through their universities (and I even boasted to them that Auburn will seek to host again when our new building is complete, as it ‘should be’ by 2027). My cajoling of a few old friends (I’ll try to get to more of you) caused me to reflect upon our recent experiences, and my attendance in GSA section meetings spanning over 40 years, and I arrived at thinking there are many good reasons to serve, promote and attend the GSA section meetings. Here are my top ten:

1. It’s about the students.

Whether you are a student who simply comes to SEGSA to hear about the science and career opportunities in geology, or if you are a lucky co-author on an abstract, an intrepid presenter of hot new science, or a worker-volunteer with responsibilities for the meeting, ***this meeting is for you.*** and we hope it strengthens your sense of quality and opportunity in the geosciences.

2. You need time to focus on your colleagues’ teaching, research, and service.

By attending and paying direct attention to talks and presentations through topical and theme sessions, and the keynote and plenary sessions, you learn about the current state of knowledge and work in areas of your interest, and you create opportunity to broaden and develop new interests. You learn what work is done in your discipline, who is doing it in your region, and where it is heading. You can develop confidence to propose and serve as a Chair for future sessions that focus on your area of employment and research.

3. Honor the career accomplishments of your colleagues and students.

SEGSA meetings are wonderful opportunities to honor specific individuals in our region for their accomplishments and achievements.

4. Network with professionals, develop professionally, and recruit.

The section meetings are a preferred venue for companies to recruit geologists, as they are important opportunities for educational institutions to recruit future students. SEGSA meetings provide opportunities for continuing education and professional certification.

5. You can contribute to the financial well-being of your GSA section.

Yes, you can! The donations of sponsors, fees from vendors, and registration fees of meeting participants are a primary source of the revenue for the GSA sections. The more participation, the better off we all are! The financial support enables two good things: 1) a large portion of the support is distributed through GSA research and travel grants to undergraduate and graduate students in the

coming year, and 2) support that strengthens the section provides greater opportunity in planning and supporting future meetings.

6. Create Field Trips and Workshops.

Field trips and workshops are wonderful learning and teaching opportunities. For the institutions of the meeting hosts, the field trips and workshops become part of your departmental resource base while your faculty, research scientists and post-docs can highlight their specific research projects, research groups, and facilities.

7. Serve your state and region.

The SEGSA meeting helps promote our teaching, research, and service components as noted above, with emphasis on our region. As Bob Dylan once observed, '*you gotta serve somebody*' and most of us serve a regional constituency — be it a college or university, a mid-size company, or a state agency — and it is to our benefit to serve the interests of our constituents.

8. Camaraderie with your colleagues.

Yes, we have come through what seems to be the worst of the recent pandemic. However, we lost much over the past four years and some (me included, with more than my share of mistakes) are still learning and relearning how to be better colleagues for one another in our present times. Serving, promoting, and attending SEGSA allows you to get to know people in your region who do work like yours and for you to be impressed by their efforts and creativity.

9. You can impress your Boss.

Always a good thing! Whether it is your instructor for an undergraduate class, your research supervisor, employer, department Head or college Dean, tell them with moxie and enthusiasm that you had a great time at SEGSA, you learned a lot, people were very happy for your participation, you look forward to the next meeting... do these things and I guarantee 100% they will be impressed!

10. People remember good meetings (and there are only good meetings).

There are only 'good' meetings for GSA because the leadership of the national organization and section are simply too good, too experienced, and too attentive to allow anything else. And let's be honest... what we do – study and work to understand Earth and its materials, climate and the atmosphere, the planets and our solar system, the water of Earth, the environment, natural resources, life through time, science education - is pretty cool. We need to pat ourselves on the back sometimes because we can forget the truth: geology is very fun and interesting and we are constantly training ourselves to be qualified and important spokespersons for Earth and its myriad of processes, and these are the main reasons there are only good GSA meetings.

Think about what you can gain from the SEGSA meetings and come up with your own list... I hope to see you in Asheville and that you'll tell me about it.

All the best,

Willis Hames (aka 'Bill')

Chair, Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Management Board	2023-2024	Institution
Chair:	Willis (Bill) Hames	Auburn University
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Membership

At the end of 2023, Southeastern Section membership stood at 2,647 total members, including 460 Student members, 142 Early Career members, 490 Professional members, 443 Senior members, 2 Honorary Fellows, 24 Teacher members, 92 Lifetime members, and 28 Affiliates.

Financial Status of the Section

At the end of the fiscal year, 30 June 2023, the SE Section Endowment had a balance of \$302,521, and the SE Section Operating Account had a balance of \$124,050. The total interest realized was \$1,284 during FY23, and income from contributions and sponsorships and members' dues was \$15,130 and \$1,866, respectively. This combined income is used to fund the Section's Student Research Grants, Student Travel Grants, and general operations of the Section.

Future Section Meetings

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Chair(s)</u>
Asheville, NC	April 15-16, 2024	Blair Tormey
Harrisonburg, VA	March 20-21, 2025	Steve Leslie and Steve Whitmeyer

Student Research Grants

The Section has research grant programs for undergraduates and graduate students. The graduate grant competition in spring 2023 resulted in the expenditure of \$12,400 from remaining FY23 funds to support the research of 11 graduate students from a pool of 11 applicants (2 PhD, 9 MS). The Section also awarded 3 undergraduate research grants, from a pool of 3 applicants, resulting in an expenditure of \$3,490.00 from the FY23-24 budget.

Student Travel Grants

In the fall of 2022, the Section expended \$6,200 to support the travel of 62 students presenting papers at the annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. In the spring of 2023, the Section expended \$1,800 in support of 18 students presenting papers at the joint NE-SE meeting in Reston, VA.

The Section appreciates the matching funds provided by the GSA Foundation and contributions from GSA members.

72nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section

The 72nd annual meeting of the Section was held in March 2023 in Reston, VA, as a joint meeting with the Northeastern Section. Arthur Merschat, with the United States Geological Survey (SE) and Patrick Burkhart, with Slippery Rock University (NE) were meeting Co-Chairs. The event was well planned, financially successful, and well attended (1,076 attendees). The meeting included 6 Symposia, 27 Theme Sessions, 4 Short Courses, and 4 Field Trips. The SE Section received \$22,074.50 in income from the meeting.

73rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section

The 73rd annual meeting of the Section will be held April 15-16, 2024 in Asheville, North Carolina. Blair Tormey (Western Carolina University) is the meeting Chair. Meeting details can be found online at: <https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/GSA/Sections/se/2024mtg/home.aspx>

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Luciano
Secretary-Treasurer
Southeastern Section, Geological Society of America

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION ENDOWMENT DONATIONS

The following people are donors who made a gift to the Southeastern Section Endowment in fiscal year 2023. At the end of the fiscal year, 30 June 2023, the Endowment had a balance of \$302,521. We thank each of you for your generous support!

Katharine L. Avary
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SECTION

Important Upcoming Dates

March 11, 2024: Application deadline for [student travel grants](#) for SEGSA 2024

March 11, 2024: SEGSA 2024 [Early Registration](#) deadline

April 1, 2024: [Undergraduate Student Research Grant](#) deadline

April 15-16, 2024: [SEGSA 2024](#), Asheville, NC

September 22-25, 2024: [GSA Connects](#) - Anaheim, CA

NAGT News

The 10th annual [Earth Educators' Rendezvous](#) (EER), a combination of workshops, posters, talks, round-table discussions and plenary presentations, will be held July 15-19th, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA. Starting in 2024, the EER will move to an every-other-year schedule – the next EER will be held in 2026.

Online Workshop on Mentoring for Student Success

April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024, 12:00PM Pacific | 1:00PM Mountain | 2:00PM Central | 3:00PM Eastern (2 hours). Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Cost: \$120 for NAGT Members, \$175 for non-members.

Do you mentor undergraduate or graduate students in research in the Earth sciences, geoscience education research, or related fields? Are you interested in improving your mentoring skills? This workshop is designed to equip mentors from diverse backgrounds with the tools and insights to support all students in being successful. We will discuss identity and mentorship, establishing expectations, communication strategies, and developing mentoring networks and development plans. You can expect a highly interactive, synchronous online workshop in which you will get to know and learn from your colleagues and the workshop leaders. Read more about the [workshop goals and expectations](#). The workshop will be held online via Zoom.

Traveling Workshop: Bring Our Experienced Leaders to You

Rolling, beginning Summer 2024 – four deadlines per year.

The NAGT Traveling Workshops Program (TWP) connects you with experienced facilitators to design a two-day workshop that meets the needs of your department, program, or group. The TWP has well-tested workshop sessions on adapting to change, (re)designing your courses and curriculum, inclusive mentoring, supporting all students, and more. Are you preparing for a program review or responding to feedback from one? Have you seen changes in the faculty in your department through new hires or retirements? Do you feel you could do a better job serving your students? We can help you!

Geo2YC Fireside Chats - Join the Discussion This Spring!

March and April Dates TBD: Join online via Zoom <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/82224004901>

Join the Geo2YC Division Executive Committee for a series of "fireside" chats on Zoom this spring. These sessions are open to Geo2YC members, as well as anyone you want to bring along - please invite your colleagues to attend! Days and times will vary to allow participation from coast to coast. Our goal is to have an hour-long, informal discussion on topics of interest to the membership - we'll provide a starting topic and see where conversation takes us. These sessions are an opportunity to connect, build community, and share ideas in real time. So, pour yourself a cup of coffee, grab a snack, and join us!

Nominate an Outstanding Adjunct 2YC Faculty today!

The Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award (OFA) is an opportunity to showcase the efforts of you or one of your adjunct colleagues who is doing great work in geoscience education. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis. See the [information page](#) for more details about the award.

Asheville Meeting Tips for Students!

Attending a scientific meeting for the first time is certainly a memorable experience; however, it's normal and common to feel slightly intimidated or overwhelmed. The best way to overcome those negative feelings is to inform yourself about what to expect during the GSA's annual meeting. For that reason, we created this document with general tips to maximize your experience during the event.

Read the Conference Program Beforehand and Download the Conference App

There are lots of exciting talks and events occurring and it can be hard to keep track of everything. I find it helpful, a week or so before the conference, to look up the schedule of sessions and talks and mark the ones that I want to attend. In the conference app, you can search by discipline or by day. You can even download the app for the conference, which lets you star any presentations you don't want to miss and create your own personal program!

Poster Sessions versus Talks

If this is your first conference, the GSA SE Section Meeting (and most conferences) are divided into poster sessions and talks. For every time slot (morning and afternoon) there will be both poster sessions and talks occurring. Talks are 15-20 minutes in length with time for questions at the end. Poster sessions are normally 2 hours long and offer time to interact with the poster presenters during their presentations. If you want to attend some talks in a session, but not all of them, it is okay to quietly leave after a talk is done. If you are trying to enter a session wait until you hear applause (a signal that a talk is over) and then you can quietly enter the room. You don't need to stay in one session for the entire time.

Take Advantage of the Poster Session

Poster sessions are a great opportunity to network. Don't be afraid to walk up to a presenter, and say "Hi, I'd like to hear about your poster!" That is all you need to break the ice and hear about some interesting science! Conferences are busy and it can be tough to talk to people right after their talks, so if you want to talk to someone who you heard talk earlier in the day, the poster session is a great chance to do that.

Make Sure You Account for Time

Between talks, poster sessions, and other events, meetings can be hectic. Make sure you leave enough time to get to the conference center in the mornings, and account for time if you are moving between talks and poster sessions.

Take the Opportunity to Learn Something New

One of the great things about the GSA SE Section Meeting is the diversity of geoscience research- from coastal storms to igneous rocks to geoscience education there is something interesting for everyone! It is enjoyable to attend a session in an area that you are unfamiliar with, you will definitely learn something new!

Attend A Career Workshop

The GSA SE Section Meeting offers an opportunity to explore different careers as a geoscientist! There are several different events ([Link here](#)):

1. Career Mentoring Luncheons
2. Career Workshop Series
3. Best Practices for Crafting a Résumé and Cover Letter

Each of these workshops (spread out over Monday and Tuesday) will give different insights on job searches, career options, and what employers are looking for! I highly recommend attending at least one of these. These do not require pre-registration.

Attend Meeting Events

In addition to poster sessions and talks, this meeting offers some great events to connect with your friends and make new ones! One of the great things about attending a Section Meeting is the community that exists between geoscientists, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the Welcome Reception Sunday night, special lectures, and the mentoring program. The following link will show you all the events ([Link to events](#)).

Need Help Getting There?

Apply for a Travel Grant or Volunteer! The Southeast Section offers some support to GSA Student Members to help defray the cost of travel to the meeting. Funds are limited, but every bit helps! Deadline to apply: March 11th. Visit the meeting website to apply ([Link here](#)). As a student, you can also apply to be a volunteer for the opportunity for free meeting registration. See the meeting website for more details.

Last Thoughts:

1. Wear comfortable shoes!
2. Aim to meet one new person each day.
3. Make sure your name badge is facing out.
4. If you have a free hour or two, go out and explore Asheville!

This article was modified by Miguel Valencia (GSA SE Section Student Rep.); the original version was written by Allie Nagurney (past Student Rep.).

Student Scholarships and Support 2024

The GSA Southeastern Section Student Rep. has compiled the following hyperlinked list of scholarships available for geoscience students.

Awarding Institution	Degree Level	Special Requirements	Deadline
Geological Society of America	varies	varies	varies
Association for Women Geoscientists	varies	varies	varies
American Geophysical Union	varies	varies	varies
Society of Exploration Geophysicists	varies	varies	March
National Association of Geoscience Teachers	Undergraduate & graduate	varies	varies
Karst Waters Institute Wilson Scholarship	Masters	Accepted or enrolled in Master's program	Feb 15 th
Groundwater Foundation Farvolden Scholarship	Undergraduate & graduate	Present abstract to NGWA Groundwater Summit	TBD
National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering	varies	varies	varies
American Geosciences Institute	varies	varies	May 1 st and April 2 nd
Tobacco Root Geological Society	varies	varies	Feb 15 th
Paleontological Society	varies	varies	Feb 10 th

Geoscience Internships for Summer 2024

Dr. Darryl Reano from Arizona State University and [GeoASCEND](#) kindly organized a document with geoscience internship opportunities for summer 2024. Please click on the link to see the internships ([Link to document](#)).

Geosciences Congressional Visits Day

Each fall, the Southeastern Section provides funding for a graduate student to participate in the [Geosciences Congressional Visits Day \(Geo-CVD\)](#) program. Our participant for 2023 was Oriana Calagna, who is a PhD student working on science policy and geoscience education at Florida International University.



Oriana Calagna with other Geo-CVD attendees on Capitol Hill (left); Oriana at Florida Rep. Maria Salazar's office (right).

Do you have news to share with the Southeastern Section? Email the Section Secretary-Treasurer (Katie Luciano, lucianok@dnr.sc.gov) to include it in the next issue of *Saprolite*! **Follow us on X!** The Southeastern Section X (formerly Twitter) feed is a great resource to find out the latest news about the Section and GSA. Follow us at [GSA_SESection](#).

IN MEMORIUM

The following are members of the Southeastern Section who have recently passed. If you know of any members who are not on this list, please notify GSA Membership. If you wish to share any remembrances in the next issue of *Saprolite* (2025), please contact the Section Secretary-Treasurer, Katie Luciano (lucianok@dnr.sc.gov).

Dr. Ina B. Alterman	New York, NY	19 February 2021
Dr. Wakefield Dort, Jr.	Lawrence, KS	13 May 2023
Mr. Robert L. Fuchs	Fort Myers, FL	24 October 2023
Mr. Charles R. Maise	Decatur, GA	30 January 2022
Dr. Graig D. Shaak	Gainesville, FL	Notified: 13 June 2023
Dr. William E. Wilson	Chapel Hill, NC	18 April 2023
Dr. Gerald (Jerre) H. Johnson	Boulder, CO	18 September 2023
Dr. Charles S. Bartlett, Jr.	Cary, NC	Notified: 13 October 2022
Dr. James F. Conley	Troy, VA	04 November 2021
Dr. Robert Calvin Milici	Charlottesville, VA	18 August 2022
Mr. John R. Ritter	Gainesville, FL	01 January 2022
Mr. John Brandt Roen	Monckton, MD	12 December 2021
Mr. Jack C. Rosenau	Tallahassee, FL	20 April 2019
Dr. William A. Thomas	Tuscaloosa, AL	30 September 2022

The memorial letter below for Dr. Jerre Johnson was written by College of William & Mary Provost Peggy Agouris and published on December 12th, 2023 in the W&M News – Campus Announcements. It is reprinted here with thanks and acknowledgement to Provost Agouris, and to Dr. Scott Harris, fellow SEGSA member and former student of Dr. Johnson.

Dear colleagues,

I write to share the news that Gerald (Jerre) Homer Johnson, Professor of Geology, Emeritus, passed away on September 18, 2023, in Boulder, Colorado. Born on February 16, 1936, in LaGrange, Indiana, Jerre was the son of Lucile Elizabeth Fonner Johnson and Chester Ellsworth Johnson. After attending an Amish primary school and high school in LaGrange, he earned his B.S., Master's degree, and Ph.D. in Geology at Indiana University. For two years, he was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army. He married Marilyn Ann Studebaker in 1958. After teaching briefly at Indiana University, he and Marilyn moved to Williamsburg, where he took a position with the Geology department at William & Mary in 1965. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1970 and Professor in 1977 and retired in 2001 after 36 years of dedicated service to William & Mary.

A paleontologist by training, Professor Johnson was a versatile faculty member who taught courses ranging from Paleontology to Geology of the United States to Environmental Geology to Hydrogeology. He also played an active role in the development of the Geology curriculum and developed a field course to the Colorado Plateau area that he taught for decades. Professor Johnson was a true “public servant” of geology. He was a widely recognized expert on Coastal Plain geology, working on a variety of stratigraphic and paleontologic problems, including on the Chesapeake Bay Impact Structure. He was involved in geologic research on projects ranging from Jamestown Island to Ethiopia to Mars.

He was extensively published, contributing to hundreds of books, academic articles, scholarly papers, and maps. Jerre was particularly proud of his successful effort to make the *Chesapecten jeffersonius* scallop – the first fossil described in North America – the state fossil of Virginia. He was also thrilled when, after waiting several decades to get access to a site near the James River, he and dozens of enthusiastic volunteers were able to excavate the bones and tusks of a 12,000-year-old mastodon.

Professor Johnson's service to William & Mary included serving as department chair from 1996-1999, working on numerous committees, advising hundreds of students, and serving on committees of graduate students for the School of Marine Science. In addition to his teaching and service to the local community, he was elected Director of the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation Service.

During his tenure at William & Mary, Professor Johnson inspired and influenced thousands of students both in and out of the classroom. He also led field trips for pre-school students, taught elementary school classes, led workshops and field trips for K-12 teachers and mentored high school students. Throughout his life, he found great pleasure in reaching out

to the wider community, teaching courses at the Governor's School for the Sciences and Christopher Newport University and visiting local schools.

Professor Johnson received many awards for his contributions, including the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award (1974), the Conservation Achievement Award of the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation Department (1989), the SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award (1991), the Outstanding Educator Award given by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (1994), the William & Mary President's Award for Community Service (1996), the John H. Moss Award given by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (1998), and the Thomas A. Graves Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching (2000).

Professor Johnson will be remembered for his pizza parties, mischievous sense of humor and bad puns, for the gingerbread houses he made every Christmas, and for the many field trips he led to places of geologic wonder. Survivors include his wife Marilyn, his sons Mark and David Johnson, his daughter Jeannine Johnson Maia, and his grandchildren Daniel, Tyler, Ethan, and Allie.

Sincerely,

Peggy

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION
Ballot for 2024 - 2025 Officers: Southeastern Section

Please vote online at the link [here](#) by **4 April 2024**. Access the online ballot by using either your GSA member ID or the e-mail address associated with your GSA membership. For assistance, please contact GSA's Member Service Center at: 1-888-443-4472.

Biographical information for the candidates is on the following page.

Section Chair (one year term):

- Rebecca Freeman
- Write-in _____

Chair Elect (one year term):

- Arthur Merschat
- Write-in _____

Vice Chair (one year term):

- Stephen Leslie
- Write-in _____

Secretary-Treasurer (one year term):

- Katherine Luciano
- Write-in _____

Section Chair (one year term)

REBECCA L. FREEMAN, Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Paleontology. Education: Murray State University, B.S. 1988, University of Missouri-Columbia, M.S. 1994; Tulane University, Ph.D. 2011. Professional Experience: Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, 2011-present; Member: GSA; NAGT.

Chair Elect (one year term)

ARTHUR MERSCHAT, Structural Geology, Geologic Mapping. Education: Appalachian State University, B.S. 2000, University of Tennessee, M.S. 2003; Ph.D., 2009. Professional Experience: Research Geologist, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 2006-present; Member: GSA.

Vice Chair (one year term)

STEPHEN A. LESLIE, Paleontology & Stratigraphy. Education: Bowling Green State University, B.S. 1988; University of Idaho, M.S, 1990; The Ohio State University, Ph.D., 1995; Professional Experience: Professor, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 1996-2007, Professor, James Madison University 2007-present. Member & Fellow: GSA.

Secretary-Treasurer (one year term)

KATHERINE E. LUCIANO, Coastal Geomorphology, Seafloor Mapping. Education: College of William and Mary, B.S. 2007; College of Charleston, M.S., 2010; Professional Experience: Coastal Geologist, SOUTH CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 2014-present. Member: GSA.