



Association for Women Geoscientists

Puget Sound Chapter

March/April 2002

From the Editor:

Greetings fellow AWGPS members! The last couple of months have been very hectic for your board members. Life kept interrupting all of our great intentions. Consequently, the newsletter is months late and this is the March/April newsletter, instead of the January/February newsletter.

In this month's newsletter, we have my comments, a report from the January 8th Board Meeting, a plea for assistance from Shawn Blaesing-Thompson, our Chapter's VP, remarks from the President, and an announcement for an April poster session.

Later in the newsletter, Shawn Blaesing-Thompson asks for help in her networking and job search. I am certain that there are others of our members that are in the same boat as Shawn. From time to time, I receive various job announcements by e-mail. I am willing to forward these on to any that are interested. Is anyone interested in receiving these announcements? If you are, please do not hesitate to contact me at ataub@co.douglas.wa.us or ahstaub@yahoo.com. If anyone has a job announcement that they would like distributed, please send it to me.

In the last newsletter, I asked if anyone would be interested in receiving our newsletter by e-mail. The response was underwhelming. However, I will ask again. Does anyone want to receive this newsletter by e-mail, either in addition to the paper or just by e-mail? If so, please do not hesitate to contact me at either of the above e-mails.

Interesting web sites:

Here is a site for the King County GIS Center Map Portal:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/gis/mapportal/index.htm>

Here is a very cute site with a great message: <http://www.whoohoo.net/worldturns/>

If anyone needs 10 meter digital elevation quads for Washington, go to <http://duff.geology.washington.edu/data/raster/tenmeter/> Here is a great web site for satellite imagery:

<http://www.spaceimaging.com/gallery/ioweek/iow.htm>

If you have a web site that you think might be interesting to the members, please e-mail it to me and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Now that Spring is almost here, I hope that everyone goes out and enjoys all that snow! ;) I know I will enjoy the 6 inches that fell last night at my home in Leavenworth (March 16, 2002).

Amanda Taub
AWGPS Editor

P.S. Congratulations to Gwyneth Jones, recipient of one of AWG's highest scholarships, the Chrysalis Scholarship.

Report from the January 8, 2002 AWG Puget Sound Chapter Board Meeting at the University Plaza Hotel in Seattle, 5 - 6 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Marcia Knadle (*President*), Shawn Blaesing-Thompson (*Vice President*), Carla Whittington (*Treasurer*), Jean Boucher (*Secretary*), and Lynn Hultgrien (*Scholarship Coordinator*). Amanda Taub (*Editor*) was absent.

Election Report

The Board reviewed the ballots for the recent Bylaws and Officer election and the results were certified. Voting was unanimous for the officers except for the following humorous write-in:

Ann Dee Site, *President*
Anne Tye-Klein, *Vice President*
Anna Bergite, *Secretary*
Anne Orth-O'Clase, *Treasurer*
Ann O'Mally, *Editor*

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$1,886.76.

Scholarship Report

Lynn has asked the AWG Foundation for information about the amount in the scholarship fund. We think it is \$270.00. She hopes to send out corporate fund-raising letters mid-January 2002, and the flyer with the

announcement/ application instructions will be mailed around the end of the January or early February. We will be announcing a \$1000 scholarship on the flyer.

Programs - Meetings and Field Trips

February - No meeting.

April - We will help co-sponsor the April 9th Northwest Geologic Society (NWGS) and Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG) posters meeting, with both graduates and undergraduates eligible. We will publicize the scholarship at the NWGS meetings, including announcing this year's deadline at the April 9th meeting.

May - May 21-23 are possibilities. The scholarship winners can be announced. Carla suggested two possible speakers: Lisa Gilbert, who teaches at Highline CC and is working on a Ph.D. at UW (Lake Powell) and Jessica Robertson, WWU grad teaching at Green River with a sedimentology interest. Carla will check with them about interest and dates. Shawn has also offered to talk sometime on the loess/sand interface paper she is working on. This might also work as a future field trip: Alan Busacca and Mark Sweeney are co-authors.

June - A possible field trip was discussed, possibly either the weekend of June 15-16 or June 22-23. Amanda will contact Central Washington University about a possible field trip in the Ellensburg-Leavenworth area. Another possibility is Bob Derkey, Spokane DGER. He

spoke at the last NWGS meeting about his work on the Spokane geology quads. and the recent Spokane earthquakes. He might be willing to do a field trip to the Dishman Hills and other sites around Spokane. Lynn will check with Derkey about this, and if it is a possibility Marcia will contact the Spokane chapter of AWG, probably President Jennifer Leinart, about this. A third possibility is that Anne Udalo and Marcia Knadle could lead a field trip to Cedar Hills.

Washington State Science & Engineering Fair

The Science Fair will be April 5 & 6 in Bremerton at the Olympic College. Students in grades 1 to 12 compete first in a regional science fair. Then, they compete for ribbons and prizes at the State Fair. AWGPS will send our own judges and give out our own prizes, including books and savings bonds.

Newsletter

Try to get copy in to Amanda by February 1st. Jean will be back in town February 11th and could mail it out that week. Include:

- Gwyneth Jones - Chrysalis scholarship winner.
- Announcement of April 9 meeting
- Humorous write-in vote (see above)
- Story on the Nov. 10 meeting at Janet Tanaka's house
- Scholarship flyer
- President's thank you to chapter members for response to the election and a discussion of AWG events at the upcoming Corvallis GSA Section meeting

(From minutes submitted by Jean Boucher, *Secretary*, and with the

assistance of Marcia Knadle, *President*.)

A Plea for Assistance from our Vice President

I write to ask for your assistance. Since my project position as a GIS (Geographic Information System) Professional with the Washington Senate is nearing an end, I am seeking new professional opportunities. Since I'm fairly new to the area, I'd also like to expand my network in the local geosciences community.

My educational and professional background includes a BS in Earth Sciences from Iowa State University, an MS in Soil Science from WSU, soil and geology fieldwork, a wide range of laboratory work, advanced computing experience, and course work in engineering geology, climatology, and ecology.

If you or anyone you know any could direct me to part-time, full-time, contract, project, or long-term positions within government or private industry, I would greatly appreciate the assistance. I am somewhat limited to the South Puget Sound area, but I am open to any suggestions. I can be reached at (360) 867-9395 or via email at sblaesing1@attbi.com.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Shawn Blaesing-Thompson
VP AWGPS Chapter

President's Message:

We invite everyone to our next meeting, which will be held jointly with the Northwest Geological Society (NWGS) and the Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG) (see attached flyer). Local geoscience students are invited to make short oral presentations and present posters. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kathy Troost by March 29. We will be giving small prizes to presenters, in addition to the more substantial cash prizes awarded by NWGS. If you're attending the meeting and not presenting, please mail your **dinner reservation** to Art Coulter (8411 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040) in time for him to receive it by April 4. Make the check out to *Northwest Geological Society*. The price is \$20 for professional members and \$10 for student members (free for students making presentations!). If you pay at the door, the price is \$25 for professionals and \$12.50 for students; please contact Art by e-mail (coulters@worldnet.att.net) by Monday April 8 so he'll be able to give the hotel an accurate number for dinner.

Also in this issue is the 2002 Puget Sound AWG Scholarship

announcement. Please give copies to any women geoscience students you know who may be interested. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund. Of course, we're still accepting your tax-deductible contributions. Checks should be made out to "AWG Foundation" (please specify "Puget Sound Chapter Scholarship" on the memo line) and sent to:

Martha F. McRae
AWGF Treasurer
1125 East 6th ½ St.
Houston, TX 77009-7329

Speaking of AWG scholarships, congratulations to Puget Sound Chapter member Gwyneth Jones, recipient of one of the 2 highest 2001 AWG Chrysalis Scholarships! Gwyneth is a graduate student at the University of Washington, and I'm hoping to see a presentation by her at the April 9th meeting.

Finally, a big **thank you** to everyone for voting in the new chapter bylaws last summer! You made our jobs as chapter officers much easier.

Marcia Knadle
AWG Puget Sound Chapter President

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Student Poster/Oral Session

Tuesday April 9, 2002

Students (community college, college and university) are invited to submit a poster or give a short GSA-style oral presentation (15 minutes) describing their technical research. Posters or presentations submitted for or prepared for other professional meetings are acceptable. Students presenting posters or speaking will also be given a free dinner.

We will be presenting monetary awards for the three best posters or presentations (based on technical merit, clearly stated objectives & conclusions, and the quality of the presentation). One award will be given to each of the following: an undergraduate student, a community college student, and a graduate student.

This student session will constitute the NWGS meeting.
5:30 (social, display and informal presentation of posters)
6:30 (dinner)
7:30 (presentations and awards)

University Plaza Hotel, NE 45th Street (at I-5), Seattle, Washington

This is a great opportunity for students to meet prospective employers and gain experience at presenting research results. Students should feel free to bring their resumes to this and all NWGS meetings.

If you would like to submit a poster or give an oral presentation, please contact Kathy Troost by March 29th.

If you are attending the dinner, please contact Art Coulter by April 4th with your dinner reservation and payment.

Hope to see you in April!

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