



NORTHWEST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Letter from NWGS President Katie Bower

Dear NWGS Membership,

This has been a most challenging year for all of us as we continue to struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy in its wake.

The Board of Directors has confirmed the unfortunate reality that we will not be able to meet in person again for some time. As I understand it, we are currently in Phase II of the planned phased reopening for Washington State, with groups of 10 or more not allowed until Phase IV. We have a long road to go, with an expected possible resurgence of cases this coming winter. Therefore all of our in-person meetings, as well as field trips, are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

That said, the Board and I are reaching out to you, our members and friends, to let you know we are working on the possible avenue of online webinar meetings to reconnect us as a group so we will remain safe, yet social about geology. It is unknown at this point in time whether we will be able to have our usual October meeting (online webinar), but we are working to that schedule. You will receive plenty of notice, if and when we have webinar meetings set up. Because of this new change and moving our meetings to an online format, we have created a new board position as NWGS Technology Officer. We will need someone with technology know-how to operate, administrate and assist members with webinar meetings, a willingness to participate in board meetings and decisions, with a possibility of managing the website as well. So if you would like to volunteer, or know someone who can (perfect for a student or young professional as a resume builder), please do not hesitate to contact any board member or myself.

We would also like to let you know that if you are a paid 2020 member, that your 2021 dues will be waived in light of all the cancellations.

Member safety is our primary concern in these uncertain times. Take care and best of health.

Thank You,

Katelyn Brower
NWGS President

See the next page for further important announcements.

PROGRAM DINNER RESERVATIONS: please make dinner reservations at www.nwgs.org by the **Thursday prior to the meeting**. Once you have submitted your reservation, you may pay online using your debit or credit card or your PayPal account (follow the online prompts), or by mailing a check or money order to Northwest Geological society, 4616 25th Ave NE #397, Seattle, WA, 98105 (must be received by the Thursday prior to the meeting). NWGS member dinner: \$45; non-member dinner: \$55; late registration: \$55, student dinner: \$20.

NEW MEETING LOCATION: The Executive Inn by the Space Needle, 200 Taylor Ave N, Seattle, WA, 98109. See Google Maps directions.

Upcoming Speakers and Field Trips

Fall Field Trip: do be rescheduled due to the coronavirus outbreak

Oct 13: ~~Dr. Mike McCulla, Retired Economic Geologist, People and Mineral Deposits of Papua New Guinea~~ **To be rescheduled**

Nov 10: ~~Dr. Sean Mulcahy, WWU, Subduction Initiation and Early Evolution of the Eastern Metamorphic Suite, Northwest Cascades, Wash.~~ **To be rescheduled**

Dec. 8: ~~Dr. Eric Cheney, UW Professor Emeritus, The Economic Geology of Washington~~ **To be rescheduled**

April 21-26, 2022: Grand Canyon Raft and Rock Trip, Williams GeoAdventures, \$3600 (includes all trip expenses except round trip transportation to and from Williams, AZ). Note: this is the upper canyon only, but there may be an option to continue for another week through the entire canyon. Contact Kathleen Goodman immediately if interested, as this will likely fill quickly.

If you would like to volunteer to give a talk or lead a field trip for NWGS, please contact President Katie Brower.

Please see the NWGS website for detailed announcements

Contact webmaster Julie Masura if you have any announcements to post on the website.

Announcements

- Due to the continued public health threat, the in-person gatherings for this fall have been cancelled.
- We are cancelling our contract with the Silver Cloud Inn and are seeking a new venue.
- It has been proposed that we amend the by-laws to create a new webinar board position (or perhaps combine the web master/social media/webinar positions). Approval by the board is pending.
- We are looking into purchasing a webinar platform. Approval by the board is pending.
- It has been proposed that we waive 2021 dues for all paid 2020 members. Approval by the board is pending.

NWGS needs great people like YOU!

Photo Spotlight

About NWGS

The [Northwest Geological Society](#) is a non-profit educational organization which provides a forum for information and discussion on Northwest geology and related topics. The Society sponsors talks by leading academic and professional geologists at its monthly meetings, conducts field trips to locales of regional geologic interest, and publishes meeting summaries and field guides based on those activities. Membership is open to anyone interested in regional geoscience issues.

Program meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays, October through May at the Silver Cloud Hotel Seattle-University District. Anyone may attend the speaker the speaker program, but a reservation is necessary for those wanting dinner (see 1st page).

Field trips (members only): The Society sponsors two overnight field trips each year, in the fall and the spring, to locales of regional geologic interest.

Membership is open to anybody with an interest in geology. **Annual dues:** Professional: \$55; Student: \$10. **To join or pay annual dues:** go to www.nwgs.org, or mail a check or money order to [Northwest Geological Society](#), 4616 25th Ave NE #397, Seattle, WA. 98105. Please include your name, address, home phone, email, and employer/affiliation (if any).

Please visit [About NWGS](#) for more details.

Recommended Readings

Knott, T.R., Branney, M.J., Reichow, M.K., Finn, D.R., Tapster, S., Coe, R.S., 2020, Discovery of two new super-eruptions from the Yellowstone hot spot track (USA): Is the Yellowstone hot spot waning? *Geology*, vol. 48, no. 9, pp. 934-938,
[DOI: https://doi.org/10.1130/G47384.1](https://doi.org/10.1130/G47384.1).

Please send your reading recommendations to Newsletter Editor [Tom Bush](#).

To report a change of email or postal address or request to be removed from mailings, notify Membership Chair [George Bennett](#). Questions or comments? Contact President [Katie Brower](#).

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