



NORTHWEST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Letter from NWGS President Katie Bower

Dear Northwest Geological Society members and friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. This is a confusing and uncertain time we all face in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. I wanted to reach out to you all and let you know that I and the Board of Directors are thinking of you in this difficult time.

As you all know, our monthly spring meetings, as well as planned field trips, have all been cancelled in light of the government-established stay-at-home order and restrictions on public gatherings. This has been personally disappointing, as I had looked forward to being proactive in the role of your president, and instead much of our progress is being delayed.

As a first-time President of the NWGS, I knew it would be a challenge to jump into something new and I expected to face a few obstacles. But, this entire year of 2020 has been an unexpected level of hurdles, starting with inclement weather in January and then on to COVID-19. It has been quite challenging and has required extensive virtual communication and support from the Board of Directors, to which I thank each one of them for their involvement.

Having successfully filled each month's presentation slot, I was looking forward to bringing exciting topics and presenters to the meetings throughout the year to share them with you. A few of the presenters are my geology professors, mentors and friends from my alma mater. We had unfortunately been forced to cancel the spring presentations for the time being, pushing them out to following years. It is my hope that our president-elect will be able to reschedule some of them in the near future when our situation improves.

I sincerely hope we are able to reconvene soon and continue our meetings in the fall of 2020 and please know that your Board of Directors continue to work behind the scenes to make the best and safest decisions for you, our membership.

As we go into summer break, keep yourselves and families safe, strong and healthy. My best wishes go out to you all.

Sincerely,

Katie Bower
NWGS President

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+Executive+Inn+by+the+Space+Needle,+200+Taylor+Ave+N,+Seattle,+WA,+98109). See [Google Maps directions](https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+Executive+Inn+by+the+Space+Needle,+200+Taylor+Ave+N,+Seattle,+WA,+98109).

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

Nov 10: Dr. Sean Mulcahy, WWU, Subduction Initiation and Early Evolution of the Easton Metamorphic Suite, Northwest Cascades, Wash.

Dec. 8: Dr. Eric Cheney, UW Professor Emeritus, The Economic Geology of Washington

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

Please see the [NWGS website](http://www.nwgs.org) for detailed announcements

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

Announcements

Due to challenges with the previous venue, NWGS monthly gatherings will be moving to a new venue starting in October, the **Executive Inn by the Space Needle**, conveniently located a short distance south Mercer St & WA-99, a couple blocks east of Seattle Center. Details on location, directions, and parking will be in the October newsletter.

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).

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