Making a Global Impact

2014 Annual Report





On the cover:

Students on a geology field trip at Hutton's Unconformity, on the island of Arran, Scotland. This photograph was a submission to AGU's Postcards from the Field program, which aims to communicate members' science with a broad audience, demonstrate its importance, and put the research in context.

Credit: Simon Redfern

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Letter from the President



n our interconnected world, the scientific community is coming together in unprecedented ways to address the planet's most troubling challenges, such as the growing impacts of climate change, predicting and mitigating natural disasters, promoting space exploration, and advancing myriad other areas of promising research. In 2014, AGU focused its energies on ensuring that we too were bringing Earth and space scientists together to have a global impact on exhilarating avenues of inquiry underway.

You, our 60,000 member-scientists, are leveraging technology to make amazing breakthroughs. With you in mind, we are working to make more information accessible and to build a more interconnected community to help accelerate your work. We revamped our weekly print newspaper, *Eos*, and transformed it into a dynamic website that serves as a digital front door to complement our social media tools and publishing and news platforms—many of which are seeing unprece-

dented use and exposure. We unlocked scores of journal articles and made them available for free to anyone with an Internet connection, boosting the research available to scientists in the developing world in particular. We continued to use technology to bring Fall Meeting content to people who could not attend in person, with more than 500 recordings available online and 3800 ePosters submitted. Nearly 200 journalists reported on the Fall Meeting, which has become a must-cover news event, and they produced more than 4500 original news stories that reached millions around the globe. Each of these initiatives, and many others, boosted our global reach in support of scientific advancement.

We're also working to identify the challenges facing the international scientific community and what can be done to alleviate them. AGU's leadership commissioned its first Scientific Trends Task Force, which surveyed AGU members and non-members about challenges facing their disciplines. The task force of 23 leaders in their fields gathered new insights about a dozen different trends and challenges across the sciences, ranging from data management to climate change to the growing demands on science from society. AGU will use these findings, which will be updated periodically, to help guide the development and growth of programs and initiatives to support its membership and help advance Earth and space science research around the world.

We know one of the greatest ways we, as an organization, can have a global impact is to bring people together. Our Fall Meeting once again attracted a record-breaking number of attendees. Luminaries, including U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator Kathryn Sullivan, spoke to us on the crucial role science plays in forming policy. We sparked extensive discussion—even outside the Moscone Center—about methane on Mars, sea ice loss, and scores of other subjects that spanned the Earth and space sciences. Our Science Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., provided leaders a chance to dive deeper and discuss ways to improve scientific funding and the relationship between the government and scientific community, and the Ocean Sciences Meeting in Honolulu, HI, allowed experts to discuss the fragility of our oceans, how to improve public engagement, and other thorny issues.

I am honored to have been at the helm of AGU at this pivotal time of scientific advancement. As the glue for this diverse community, AGU is looking ahead for opportunities to use our resources to have a global impact on complex scientific problems. We want to help you harness technology to find the breakthroughs buried in the data, fuse ideas coming from your cutting-edge labs, and share with the world the developments you are seeing and achieving in the field. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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Mission

The purpose of the American Geophysical Union is to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity.

Vision

AGU galvanizes a community of Earth and space scientists that collaboratively advances and communicates science and its power to ensure a sustainable future.

Strategic Goals

Scientific Leadership and Collaboration

The American Geophysical Union is a leader, collaborator, and sought after partner for scientific innovation, rigor, and interdisciplinary focus on global issues.

Science and Society

The American Geophysical Union engages members, shapes policy, and informs society about the excitement of Earth and space science and its role in developing solutions for the sustainability of the planet.

Talent Pool

The American Geophysical Union is a diverse and inclusive organization that uses its position to build the global talent pool in Earth and space science.

Organizational Excellence

As a scientific society, the American Geophysical Union operates within a new business model that is sustainable, transparent, and inclusive in ways that are responsive to members and stakeholders.

Members at a Glance

Section & Focus Groups

14% | Atmospheric Sciences

12% | Hydrology

11% | Ocean Sciences

7% | Volcanology, Geochemistry & Petrology Space Physics & Aeronomy

6% | Biogeosciences Seismology

5% | No Data |Tectonophysics

4% | Planetary Sciences | Global Environmental Change

3% | Paleoceanography & Paleoclimatology

3% | Earth & Planetary Surface Processes

2% | Cryosphere Sciences Geodesy Geomagnetism & Paleomognetism | Natural Hazards

1% | Earth & Space Science Informatics Mineral & Rock Physics | Near Surface Geophysics Societal Impacts & Policy Sciences Study of the Earth's Deep Interior Atmospheric & Space Electricity Nonlinear Geophysics

- The official 2014 year-end AGU membership is 59,443. The 2013 year-end membership was 62,982.
- In 2014 22% of AGU members were students. Of the 72% classified as regular members, 1% were Associate Members, and 5% were Life Members.
- The 2014 year-end gender distribution is 26% Female, 72% Male, and 2% chose not to answer or data were unavailable.
- AGU members resided in 139 countries in 2014.



REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

AGU MEMBERSHIP AGE BREAKDOWN





Scientific Leadership and Collaboration

GU set its sights on knowing more and sharing more in 2014, envisioning breakthroughs and helping create the framework to attain them within the worldwide Earth and space science community. As part of its wide-ranging efforts, AGU initiated the inaugural Scientific Trends Task Force that surveyed the entire AGU membership as well as non-members on trends in their disciplines. The results:

• our diverse community shares 12 common challenges, including the pervasive impact of climate change, challenges posed by globalization in science, and the need to store and use massive troves of data. These trends represent opportunities for AGU to help lead through its programmatic efforts in meetings, publications, honors and recognition, and affiliations with other organizations. Given the success of this effort, AGU will update the scientific trends profile at least every three years, examining current, near-term, and long-term scientific issues and trends across the Earth and space sciences.

A Publishing Leader

AGU continues to be the industry leader in Earth and space science publishing. AGU journal articles saw record reach and use in 2014, and its publications continued to demonstrate the fastest publication times across all Earth and space science publications.

The organization also expanded access to AGU publications by making all articles published after 1997 available for free online once they have been subscription-only for 24 months. From public libraries in England to labs in developing countries, the reach of AGU articles has grown thanks to this move, with the hope that this significant collection will spark innovation.

AGU also launched its second open-access journal in a 12-month period, Earth and Space Science, which is the only journal to represent the expansive range of AGU's membership, including all of the Earth, planetary, and space sciences. The journal also created a much-needed home for papers about data sets, models, and software.

Knowing that AGU can and should set a high bar, the organization adopted a new ethics policy that establishes standards for research and improves the processes and expectations for anyone who wishes to publish.



Collaborating for Better Data Management

AGU is constantly seeking ways to help members better manage data. Working with Kerstin Lehnert, Director of Integrated Earth Data Applications (IEDA) and others through a National Science Foundation grant, the organization helped form COPDESS, the Coalition for Publishing Data in the Earth and Space Sciences, and developed a set of best practices for data archiving and created a web resource curated by publishers to help authors. AGU hosted a meeting in October 2014 to bring Earth science publishers, funders, and data facility managers together to provide leadership in data policies.

AGU also established a new relationship with Amazon Web Services to help members harness the power of data by optimizing how they store and process it. At Fall Meeting, in addition

> to hosting a Hack-A-Thon, AWS distributed research grants to attendees, including those participating virtually.

Building Bridges

AGU meetings foster collaboration and innovation by bringing together thought leaders to consider new ideas and avenues for exploration.

Once again, AGU's Fall Meeting in San Francisco broke records: More than 23,000 abstracts were submitted and more than 24.000 attendees participated in 2014. Prominent General Session speakers included U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator Kathryn Sullivan, founder and former Zipcar CEO Robin Chase, The Schmidt Family Foundation President Wendy Schmidt, and Jeffrey D. Sachs, one of the world's leading experts on the war on poverty and director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University.

AGU continued to expand its virtual attendance at Fall Meeting, with more than 500 presentation recordings and nearly 3800 ePosters—an unprecedented number of presentations available beyond the walls of the Moscone Center. This virtual presence sparked unprecedented social media reach and participation on the AGU site.

AGU also partnered with other like-minded organizations in smaller settings:

- With a keen eye on humans' impact on the oceans, AGU, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, and The Oceanography Society brought together 5600 experts across marine disciplines for the 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting—a 38 percent increase in attendance over the 2012 meeting in Salt Lake City.
- The Indian Geophysical Union invited AGU to participate in a panel on education at their annual meeting.
- AGU partnered with the Society for Exploration Geophysicists for a joint summer research workshop entitled, "Advances in Active + Passive Full Wavefield Seismic Imaging: From Reservoirs to Plate Tectonics." Leading scientists came together in Vancouver, Canada, to examine the challenges and road ahead for improved imaging of the Earth.
- · AGU partnered with the Japan Geoscience Union, European Geophysical Union, Asia Oceania Geosciences Society, and many others worldwide to strengthen Earth and space sciences in a variety of ways.

Leveraging Member Wisdom

The AGU Fellows Program Task Force took a close look at the esteemed fellows program and compiled a comprehensive report to expand and improve its operation. The panel's seven key recommendations—all in the implementation process—included the creation of an AGU College of Fellows to serve as senior experts in their respective fields.



Science and Society

n 2014, AGU transformed *Eos* from a weekly member newspaper into a dynamic digital news platform. Formerly available only to members, *Eos'* digital transformation expanded its reach to the worldwide Earth and space science community. Eos.org continues to be the authoritative source for scientific media coverage and a cornerstone of AGU's social media growth. The prestigious Interactive Media Council awarded the site "Best in Class" for science and technology.

AGU's online presence continued to grow in 2014. Facebook followers jumped 156 percent—from 20,164 to 51,543—and Twitter followers grew 34 percent from 20,785 to 27,886. The popular micro-blogging platform, Tumblr, became the backbone for the wildly successful Postcards from the Field campaign to showcase images—from the grubby to the gorgeous—of members' fieldwork and research.

The media took note of AGU. A May press release on the irreversible loss of west Antarctic glaciers was covered by dozens of major news outlets including *The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, CBS Evening News,* and *The Associated Press.* In October, *The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Reuters,* and other news organizations reported on the Fall Meeting presentation about a methane plume on Mars detected by the Curiosity Rover. Readers around the world learned of this possible sign of life.

Community Engagement

The Sharing Science Program brings together AGU members who are interested in sharing their expertise with the public, media, and policymakers. Opportunities include answering questions from news outlets or government officials, writing blog posts or op-eds, contacting their representatives or senators, or fulfilling requests for speakers. Participating scientists are invited to invaluable communication workshops to help hone their skills. One hundred people applied to attend the Fall Meeting workshop on communicating climate science and science storytelling in video, led by AGU, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and Frontier Scientists.

Thriving Earth Exchange, or TEX, continued to grow its relationships with partner organizations that want to harness the scientific expertise of AGU's diverse membership. Promising collaboration opportunities were established with Google Earth Outreach, the National League of Cities, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the International Association of Emergency Managers. TEX also embraced new online collaboration opportunities and forged new partnerships with its web platform, experiment.com, and M.I.T.'s Climate CoLab.

Guiding Policy

"No matter what we do—whether it's land, water, wildlife, cultural and historic preservation, energy development—science is there every step of the way," Interior Secretary Sally Jewell stated in her keynote address at the third Science Policy Conference in June. Three champions of increased science funding—Reps. Jim Moran, D-Va., Donna Edwards, D-Md., and Scott Peters, D-Calif.—participated in a plenary session panel, entitled "Policy Perspectives: The Future of Science in the U.S. Congress." Moderated by POLITICO reporter Erica Martinson, the discussion challenged AGU members to help convince their colleagues in government that investment in

scientific research is essential to maintain the country's position as a world technology leader and well worth the sometimes-significant risk. The wide-ranging conference included sessions on natural resources, natural hazards, and science, policy, and public engagement on climate change. A highlight was the presentation of the AGU Presidential Citations for Science and Society to three leaders whose work has advanced the appreciation of the Earth and space sciences' value to society: Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., American science historian Naomi Oreskes, and American physical anthropologist Eugenie Scott.

AGU leaders also attended the official release ceremony of the third National Climate Assessment and hosted an exclusive conference call with several NCA authors, which attracted the participation of 144 AGU members.

With a keen eye on securing federal support for research, AGU organized three congressional visits days: Climate Science Day: Science D

congressional visits days: Climate Science Day; Science-Engineering-Technology Congressional Visits Day, and Geoscience Congressional Visits Day. AGU also sent 19 letters to Congress to weigh on key science policy topics including funding, conference travel, and the peer-review process.

AGU hosted six congressional briefings on Earth and space science throughout the year. Perhaps most noteworthy, AGU partnered with the Seismological Society of America and the Hazards Caucus Alliance to present the Earthquake Congressional Briefing, which marked the 50th anniversary of the great Alaska earthquake.





Talent Pool

he American Geophysical Union is a diverse and inclusive organization that uses its position to build the global talent pool in Earth and space science."

—AGU Strategic Plan, 2014

AGU embodied this pillar of its Strategic Plan for the talent pool by implementing several forward-thinking initiatives about the way it operates and recognizes contributions to the sciences.

The Honors & Recognition Committee invested substantial efforts in developing new ways to encourage the nomination of a diverse and inclusive field of candidates for recognition. The panel recommended canvassing committees to more broadly identify nominees and new award proposals that address diversity gaps. They also supported the work done by the Fellows Program Review Task Force, including the establishment of a College of Fellows.



Three new honors were awarded in 2014: the Ambassador Award, the Asahiko Taira International Scientific Ocean Drilling Research Prize, and the William S. and Carelyn Y. Reeburgh Award. These awards represent new areas of contribution for which AGU members are recognized—from significant societal impacts to transdisciplinary research.

Advancing Careers

AGU established an early career scientist position on the Board of Directors to enhance the engagement and involvement of scientists who are launching their careers. The 2014 election marked the first time that two early career members appeared on the ballot for the AGU Board. As a result, Kelly Klima became the first early career scientist elected to the Board. The Governance Committee, chaired by immediate Past President Michael McPhaden, evaluated all of the nominees for the student/early career Council positions and selected eight candidates for those slots. More importantly, the Governance Committee used this substantial vetting process to identify student and early career candidates who will be among the first to be considered for future volunteer positions.

AGU also worked to boost young scientific careers. During Fall Meeting, the Bright STaRS program brought together middle and high school students from Vermont, Colorado, California, Chile, and Hong Kong—with a record-setting 51 abstracts submitted by 90 participants. The youngest was a sixth-grader from Colorado who showcased his research on deploying unmanned aircrafts to observe glaciers and sea ice. For a second consecutive year, AGU also held a Virtual Poster Showcase session that allowed undergraduate students unable to attend the meeting in person to present their research. The Virtual Poster Showcase will be expanded in 2015 to operate outside the dates of the Fall Meeting and serve students in the southern hemisphere by offering opportunities to present their research according to their academic calendar. Lastly, AGU hosted its first "Student Mini-Conference" the day prior to Fall Meeting's opening session. The conference included a technical track focusing on hydrology-related topics and a general track focusing on student and early career professional development. Its popularity was striking: The event sold out within 3 weeks.

AGU continued to stress the importance of making personal connections. The third annual Networking Reception for Early Career Female Scientists was held at Fall Meeting and had over 500 registrants. AGU partnered with two organizations for the event: the Earth Science Women's Network and the Association for Women Geoscientists. Scheduled in conjunction with the reception, AGU also hosted a Diversity Reception in partnership with the Institute for Broadening Participation.



Organizational Excellence Governance and Technology

ided by input from members, AGU built on its strong organizational foundation to grow and include more voices in its programs, as well as address the diverse needs of its membership. A direct example of this was the establishment of the Affiliation & Engagement Task Force, charged with researching and understanding how members and other individuals associate and engage with AGU now—and how they would like to in the future. The task force answered the guestion: "What opportunities are being missed because they are not supported by our current structure?" Ultimately, the group will recommend a new model of affiliation and engagement to the Board.

Member voices were a key component of the process to transform *Eos* to Eos.org through the Eos Online Advisory Group. A panel of members and others, representing a variety of disciplines and experience with AGU and Eos, held several virtual meetings and provided continuous feedback to ensure that the design, content, taxonomy, and site functionality would create a positive user experience for AGU members and the wider Earth and space science community.

Finally, AGU conducted the Member Needs Assessment survey in October 2014 to establish benchmarks on the wants and needs of the membership, as well as trends when compared to the 2012 survey responses. Understanding the importance of working across disciplines, AGU added new questions to better understand member opinions related to affiliation, engagement, and interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research.

The American Society of Association Executives recognized AGU for excellence in its governance practices. AGU was placed in the top 10 percent of the ASAE's governance study, which is based on its national survey of good governance practices at 1500 associations. Among areas examined, the survey considered board dynamics, staff relationships, productive strategic orientation, and a culture of learning and accountability.

Tapping into Technology

AGU also received the "Forward Together" Award, recognizing outstanding work completed for a customer by an Avectra partner at the company's Users and Developers Conference. AGU earned the award for implementing Zurich, a point of sale technology used at conferences and events. Adhering to the guidance from its 2014 implementation plan, the AGU Information Services team completed a technology roadmap that provides a multiyear vision to guide AGU's technol-

ogy investments. In order to better manage the large volume of projects ongoing at any one time, AGU also established a Project Management Office that tracked approximately 150 projects in 2014 alone, trained more than 110 staff, led more than 30 projects, and routinely provided project management support. The PMO formally reports to the senior team monthly to mitigate issues stemming from at-risk projects and those with resourcing needs, as well as to keep the senior team abreast of ongoing efforts and statistics related to its diverse portfolio of projects.

AGU leadership launched its "From the Prow" blog in August as a new way to communicate and engage with the membership about key programs and initiatives. Since its début, the blog has featured nine posts and has been viewed nearly 2500 times. Posts primarily came from Chris McEntee and Carol Finn, with cameos from other AGU leaders, including the chair of AGU's Fall Meeting Program Committee.



Financial Summary

Statements of Activities

December 31,

Unrestricted activities

Revenue and support

Publications, net of cost of goods sold Meetings Member dues Grants and contracts Rental Income Other Contributions Royalty income

Net assets released from restrictions
Total unrestricted revenue and support

Expense

Program services

Marketing, communication, and engagement Meetings Publications Science Membership Federal grant subawards

Total program services

Supporting services Fundraising and development Building

General and administration

Total supporting services

Total expense

Change in unrestricted net assets from operations Investment income Net gain on interest rate collar Postretirement health benefit (expense) credit

Change in unrestricted net assets

Temporarily restricted activities

Investment income

Contributions

Net assets released from restrictions

Change in temporarily restricted net assets

Permanently restricted activities Contributions

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Change in permanently restricted net assets

Change in net assets

Net assets, beginning of year

Net assets, end of year

Statements of Financial Position

December 31,	2014	(Restated) 2013
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Cash and cash equivalents	6 304 397	\$ 5,095,761
Investments	89.071.726	85.847.963
Debt Service Reserve Fund and other escrows	616.312	660,766
Receivables, net	3.810.555	3.628.306
Prepaid expenses	838,755	526,120
Property and equipment, net	8,137,861	9,286,992
Debt issuance costs, net	149,777	167,046
Arts and precious stones	3,667	3,667
Total assets	\$ 108,933,050	\$ 105,216,621
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5 ,811,541	\$ 6 ,058,421
Deferred revenue	882,279	1,083,428
Postretirement health benefits	5,305,413	3,731,603
Security deposits	18,746	30,667
Interest rate collar	577,303	606,810
Notes payable	4,965,000	5,405,000
Total liabilities	17,560,282	16,915,929
Net assets		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	48,294,292	46,555,747
Designated	35,214,285	34,478,909
Total unrestricted	83,508,577	81,034.656
Temporarily restricted	7,258,771	7,266.036
Permanently restricted	605,420	-
Total net assets	91,372,768	88,300,692
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 108 933 050	\$ 105 216 621

year on 31 December 2014. Positive operational performance and investment performance combined to provide sufficient funding for AGU's continued improvements in products, services, and information offered to members and society. Tate & Tryon conducted the 2014 audit

AGU completed another fiscally successful

Tate & Tryon conducted the 2014 audit and gave AGU an unqualified opinion, indicating that AGU's financial statements fairly represented the organization's financial position and were in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Assets and liabilities were in balance on 31 December 2014, at \$108.9 million, which equates to an increase of approximately 3.5% over 2013. AGU continued to implement new technology and improved business processes during the year. Overall operating income and expense activities resulted in a gain of \$2.7 million.

To fund strategic initiatives in support of the Union's mission and to protect against business disruptions, AGU held financial reserves of over \$89 million at year's end. While positive investment returns are never guaranteed, AGU's

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	2014	(Restated) 2013
	\$ 18,266,684	\$ 18,338,358
	10,144,952	9,649,570
	2,024,234	2,049,287
	1,235,802	1,624,075
	659,382	677,045
	251,290	175,560
	153,258	190,912
	19,592	42,386
	454,301	438,109
	33,209,495	33,185,302
	8,867,452	7,807,425
	8,279,738	8,011,732
	6,890,924	6,814,450
	2,610,684	2,046,526
	1,489,872	1,276,496
	1,187,440	1,553,328
	29,326,110	27,509,957
	1,444,084	1,377,053
	944,760	1,291,621
	882,773	614,663
	3,271,617	3,283,337
	32,597,727	30,793,294
s	611.768	2.392.008
	3,406,456	8,480,525
	29.507	331.990
	(1,573,810)	281,810
	2 /73 021	11 / 196 222
	2,473,921	11,400,555
	289,643	839,792
	157,393	229,214
	(454,301)	(438,109)
	(7,265)	630,897
	605,420	-
	605,420	
	3,072,076	12,117,230
	88,300,692	76,183,462
	\$ 91,372,768	\$ 88,300,692

investment portfolio is continually monitored to ensure that appropriate levels of safeguards and risks are in place to take full advantage of the market, and to meet the long-term needs of the organization. The organization's 2014 financial reserves gained \$3.3 million.

Revenues from membership, publications, and meetings were used to support the AGU Mission of promoting discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity through programs focusing on Scientific Leadership and Collaboration, Science and Society, Talent Pool, and Organizational Excellence. Additionally, AGU staff is actively engaged in the development of new member, business, and societal opportunities that will support the mission, vision, and future needs of the organization.

AGU leadership and management remain mindful of the changing U.S. and World economies, and their impact on the Union and its members, and are prepared to modify the fiscal strategies of the organization in order to meet the ever changing needs of the membership.

AGU Donors

Since its inception in 1920, AGU has thrived because of the passion of its member scientists and the public who see the Earth and space science as a driving force for research and discovery. AGU recognizes the individuals who have made an exceptional impact through their annual contribution, helping AGU to become the international organization that it is today. Support from AGU donors, organizational partners, and charitable organizations funds the vital programs and services that make AGU the innovative and collaborative organization it is today.

How AGU Gave in 2014

- Student Travel Funds (Over \$40,000)
- Section and Focus Group Funds (Over \$60,000)
- Unrestricted Funds (\$110,000)
- Special Initiative Funds (\$500,000)



Donor Spotlight



Carelyn Y. and William S. Reeburgh (photo courtesy of the Reeburghs)

with senior members and mentors," recalls Reeburgh. "It was clear

inspired him as a student and continues to inspire him today.

that everybody regarded their work as more than 'a job." That passion

Reeburgh remained active with the Ocean Sciences and Atmo-

spheric Sciences sections through the years, eventually leading the

Biogeosciences Section as President-Elect and President (2004–2008)

and serving as editor of Global Biogeochemical Cycles for six years

William S. Reeburgh was a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University in the early 1960s when he was first introduced to the American Geophysical Union. A group of graduate students would drive to D.C. from Baltimore to attend the Spring Meeting, and "more than once we 'crashed the gate' by waiting in the men's room until the badge checkers left their stations at the meeting room door. We gained so much from attending the meetings and being able to spend time

(1998–2004). Now an AGU Fellow (2001), Reeburgh remembers his time with Global Biogeochemical Cycles as especially surprising." I simply didn't expect the reviews to be so thorough and constructive. The reviewers truly raised the bar with each manuscript, and the authors frequently requested extra time to incorporate reviewer suggestions."

The passion that AGU members share with each other, students, and early career scientists prompted Reeburgh and his wife, Carelyn, to find a way to give back and encourage future generations of AGU members. In 2014, they worked to endow the William S. and Carelyn Y. Reeburgh Lecture in Ocean Sciences and Biogeosciences—specifically global biogeochemistry and marine biogeochemistry with novel field or laboratory measurements.

Reeburgh believes that invited lectures are an excellent mechanism for a scientist doing cutting-edge research to update senior scientists with a state-of-the-art review, and for young scientists to gain new perspectives and interact with not only the speaker, but to engage with new colleagues and mentors. Along with scholarships, Student Travel Grants, and Outstanding Student Paper Awards, lectures create unique opportunities for those attending AGU meetings.

"AGU has provided so many opportunities—and we feel strongly that if you benefit, you should give back. AGU has meant so much to me over the years, and Carelyn and I want to help create similar experiences for the next generation of members."

2014 Donors

AGU gratefully acknowledges the 5649 gifts, grants, and pledges from members and friends during 2014. The 1919 Society (\$100,000 or more) and William Bowie Society (\$50,000-\$99,999) levels recognize single major gifts and cumulative contributions. Six societies acknowledge annual giving: the Principal Society (\$25,000 or more), Benefactors Circle (\$5000-\$24,499), President's Circle (\$1000-\$4999), Leadership Circle (\$500-\$999), Prow Partners (\$250-\$499), and Supporters Circle (\$100-\$249). Loyal members who support AGU with a one-time gift of \$1200 or more along with their commitment of lifetime membership are counted among our Supporting Life Members. The Sustainers' Circle recognizes donors who have supported AGU with a donation in each of the last 10 years.

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The 2014 breakfast was a huge success with over 400 people in attendance. AGU leaders and a representative from ExxonMobil, the exclusive sponsor of this event for the past 6 years, made opening welcoming remarks. During the breakfast, students and leaders of AGU are seated at tables that are organized by scientific discipline, making this more than just a social gathering, but also an opportunity to share their science on a personal level.

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Catherine McCammon and friends at the 2014 Student Breakfast



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