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We trust everyone had a great time at the recent Annual Meeting. Looking forward to seeing you next year. Information on the meeting agenda, proposals for sessions and so forth will be available in our next newsletter.

Congratulations again to Sally Newcomb and Cliff Nelson who received their awards at the Annual Meeting in October. (citations and comments will be forthcoming shortly)

Mary C. Rabbitt Award

On May 1, 2011, by decision of GSA Council, the Mary C. Rabbitt Award has been given to Sally Newcomb. Sandra Herbert proposed Sally for the Rabbitt Award. Sally was recommended by the Awards Committee of the History and Philosophy of Geology Division (Greg Good, chair, Davis Young, and William Brice), and their recommendation was unanimously approved by the management board of the Division.

The Rabbitt Award was given to Sally Newcomb in recognition of years of publication in the history of geology, and especially in recognition of her monograph *The world in a crucible: Laboratory practice and geological theory at the beginning of geology. The Geological Society of America, Special Paper 449*, 204 pp. This monograph, her most recent scholarly achievement, is rightly admired, not least by those familiar with the difficult and comparatively little-studied problems it treats. By shedding light on an aspect of geology's history that few have ventured to explore, this book represents an important step forward and makes a significant contribution to our field. It culminates well over two decades of research contributions Sally has made, through articles and book chapters, to historical understanding of the roles played by experiment and chemical knowledge during crucial phases of geological science's founding period. In addition to her exemplary research contributions, Sally has been extraordinarily active in fostering fruitful activity in history of geology, by arranging sessions and meetings, and animating group activities.

Please mark your calendars for proposals for next year's Mary C. Rabbitt Award. The deadline for nominations is **February 1, 2012**. Please see the HAPG Division website for a description of the materials to include in a complete nomination file (http://gsahist.org/hapg_award/awards.htm).

Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman History of Geology Distinguished Service Award

On February 24, 2011, the Awards Committee of the History and Philosophy of Geology Division of the Geological Society of America recommended that Cliff Nelson be given the Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman History of Geology Distinguished Service Award. Their recommendation was unanimously approved shortly thereafter by the management board of the HAPG Division.

In their report, the Awards Committee recognized the extraordinary service that Cliff Nelson has contributed over the decades on behalf of the history of geology generally and of the History and Philosophy of Geology Division especially. He served as secretary-treasurer, newsletter editor, vice chairman, and chairman of the History of Geology Division of GSA from 1976-88; he chaired the US Committee for History of Geology at the NRC from 1985-90; he is a fellow of GSA, and a member of HESS and HSS. In the spirit of the Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman Distinguished Service Award, Cliff Nelson was chosen as an excellent exemplar of service to the community of historians of geology.

Please mark your calendars for proposals for next year's Friedman Distinguished Service Award. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012. Please see the HAPG Division website for a description of the materials to include in a complete nomination file (http://gsahist.org/hapg_award/awards.htm).

NEW LOGO??

We, as a Division, have the opportunity to devise a new logo for our Division which fits the newly established guidelines.

- The logo must conform to the Guidelines for GSA Division/Section Logo Revisions, 1 May 2011.
- The logo addition must be a vector drawn image.
- It should be iconic. With that in mind, the submissions so far make reference to Siccar Point or to Hutton. See addendum in website <http://gsahist.org/v35n04/v35n04.htm#addendum> .
- Please FEEL FREE to suggest some logo ideas of your own if you wish to do so.

The Management Board will have an election for a winning logo next year, probably February 2012 so there is lots of time to offer logo candidates.

For GSA Logo Usage Guidelines see

http://www.geosociety.org/aboutus/logo_usage.htm

For GSA guidelines for preparing the new logo see

<http://www.geosociety.org/aboutus/documents/divlogoguide.pdf> .

The submission of possible new logos is due by July 1, 2011. The Management Board of the Division will then select the new logo for submission to GSA. Thanks for your input!

Financial Statement for the Division as of 9/30/2011

This is somewhat abbreviated, if you want a bigger statement, let Jane Davidson know and she will send you the one that was presented at the meeting. It is more detailed.

Assets cash	\$3713.55
Loss	\$413.16
Net assets	\$3713.55

Results of Management Board Election 2011-2012

Thanks to everyone for voting.

There were 74 ballots cast with the following results:

Chair:	Ken Aalto	74 yes
First Vice Chair	James C. (Jim) Dawson	74 yes
Second Vice Chair	Renee Clary	72 yes
		2 abstain

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