



# ***THE NEWS!***

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### **Important Changes to the Management of the ACG records and Funds**

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Firstly, an apology is needed for the lack of communication for the past year and a half. We have been in the process of transferring all of the ACG membership records to the American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) database. This transition has not been without difficulty, and is still not complete.

One of the important consequences of this change for ACG members is that the organization will **NO LONGER BE COLLECTING DUES** but relying on “donations” instead. This change has been approved by the ACG leadership. Donations to the ACG will now be made through the ASA. To make a donation you should go to the ASA website <[www.network.asa3.org](http://www.network.asa3.org)> and go to “Make a gift” and then click on “select a different fund.” You can then designate the ACG. You can donate regardless of whether you are an ASA member or not. Checks should not longer be sent to me. One benefit of this new system is that your donation will be promptly processed, and you will automatically receive acknowledgement for tax purposes.

The ACG membership records will also be maintained by the ASA. This DOES NOT mean that current or future ACG members must join the ASA, although everyone is always encouraged to consider membership in the ASA. New members will be able to join the ACG through the ASA website. As this part of the online system is still being worked on new membership applications can still be sent to me at the following address:

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I have been working to get e-mail addresses from as many ACG members as possible, so that newsletters can be sent via e-mail. This is a tremendous time and money savings.

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO ME <[keithbmill@gmail.com](mailto:keithbmill@gmail.com)> SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AS MANY MEMBERS TO E-MAIL DELIVERY OF THE NEWSLETTER AS POSSIBLE.

Because of the infrequent nature of the newsletter, I strongly encourage members who want to stay in touch and contribute to the ACG discussions and plans, to join the ACG list serve. To subscribe, you should go to the ACG website <<http://www2.wheaton.edu/ACG/>> and click on the “Listserve” menu item.

## **NOMINATIONS!**

We still have no nominations for ACG offices! All positions are open for nomination. However, the most important position we have to fill is the vice-president, who will serve as president-elect.

Please consider who you would like to see as your officers and communicate your nominations to Keith Miller at [keithbmill@gmail.com](mailto:keithbmill@gmail.com).

## **ACG WEBSITE UPDATE**

Our president **Charles Carrigan** is working on increasing the ACG online web presence. There are some individuals with the necessary skills who have stepped forward to help in this effort. The project would include steps of web development, content development, sharing and analytics, and testing and deployment. If anyone is interested in being involved contact Charles at [CCarriga@olivet.edu](mailto:CCarriga@olivet.edu).

## **MEETINGS**

### **ASA 2014 Annual Meeting summary**

Held on July 25-28 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, this was a special joint meeting that included our brothers and sisters from Christians in Science from the UK. The theme of the meeting was "From Cosmos to Psyche: All Things Hold Together in Christ." There were a number of talks related to climate change, creation care, energy, cosmology, and evolution.

There were two pre-conference workshops: one by OT Scholar John Walton on "Origins Today: Genesis through ancient Eyes," and one by Stephen Freeland on "Progress and Challenges in Understanding Life's Origins."

There was also an excellent ACG led geology field trip to the Niagara Escarpment and Gorge.

### **ASA 2015 Annual Meeting announcement**

The next ASA meeting will be held on July 24-27, 2015 at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK. The theme of the meeting is "Hearing God's Voice in Nature."

Scholarships are available for early career scientists and graduate and undergraduate students. Applications are available on the ASA website.

Message from the Program Chair: As scientists, we have the wonderful privilege of pondering what we hear from God through the study of nature. As we delight in the great creative works of the Lord, let us come together to consider our role in properly stewarding these profound truths. What does it mean to hear God's voice in nature? And what is he saying to us? How can we perceive God's presence and wisdom in some of the more disturbing aspects of nature? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in God's creative works, and how does the Spirit want to move within our scientific community today? How does our relationship with God influence our fundamental understanding of scientific knowledge? These are just some of the intriguing questions that will be addressed at the 2015 ASA Annual Meeting. Come and discuss the

issues with your colleagues and these exciting plenary speakers.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**Ken Wolgemuth** and **Gregg Davidson** have been enjoying positive receptions of their "Solid Rock Lectures" directed toward pastors and churches. Ken specifically asks for prayer for an opportunity to present a workshop at the annual Moody Pastor's Conference, May 18-21, 2015.

Ken is also in the last stages of editing a beautifully illustrated book on the history of the Grand Canyon.

**Jeff Greenberg** is editing a new GSA special volume entitled "Geoscience for the Public Good and Global Development: Toward a Sustainable Future."

This project is a result of collaboration following the 2013 GSA Annual Meeting in Denver, and builds upon the success of sessions that were held then. It also responds to the great need to publicize the value of science applied to the solution of daunting problems in our interaction with earth systems and for the common good. The volume will include a very wide variety of articles, including case studies, conceptual commentaries, and many interdisciplinary examples that should educate and inspire readership.

**Ken Vandellen** continues to have a significant ministry through the ACG website "Ask a Geologist." Recently he was able to match up an inquiring undergraduate student with a Christian graduate student at the same university. These types of connections are an important ministry that the ACG can provide.