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A MESSAGE FROM 2021/2022 NOGS PRESIDENT

To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday celebrating with friends and family over the past few weeks. I had some rest and enjoyed watching my son experience his first Christmas, however, I did have to cover geology operations for the well my team is currently drilling and completing offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Never a dull moment when working a well delivery team, it would seem! As a Production Geologist working mainly onshore, I am always amazed at the offshore community and their perseverance to operate 24/7, even through the holidays, and to stay dedicated to safety and drilling successful wells. Truly impressive!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended last month's speaker and NOGS anniversary event, whether in-person or online. You all helped make this a great event and I hoped you enjoyed learning about cloud applications in the geosciences, as well getting an opportunity to socialize and meet with members if you were able to come to The Cannery. Thank you to all listening online who stuck with us. Hopefully our future events will run smoother with the sound and video, but overall, I think it turned out pretty good for a first run and hosting a speaker who was all the way across the pond in Ireland!

Our January speaker event will be on Monday, January 10 at The Cannery in New Orleans. We will be hearing from Dr. Bobola Akintomide, a recent graduate from Tulane University, about the impacts fault-induced subsidence is having on coastal wetland loss in Southeast Louisiana. We will again provide an online option, as well as the in-person luncheon. Please note that the speaker will begin speaking at noon, while we request all coming to lunch to please arrive by 11:30AM so that we can get folks settled with their meal, etc. and help reduce the down-time for our online audience. Dr. Akintomide will be speaking live at The Cannery.

In other news, the board is working this month to put together some additional in-person events and outreach activities for our members. Please look for more information on this in the coming months. If you have suggestions in this space, please reach out to me or any of the board members. Let's have a fantastic 2022 and keep the momentum going!!

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