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# **A MESSAGE FROM 2021/2022 NOGS PRESIDENT**

To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

I am thankful that we have seen an increase in COVID injections and a decrease in COVID cases. Hopefully we will see this trend continue and we will see an end to the global pandemic.

This time last year there was concern for the oil and gas market. Last year petroleum prices were down, but since then have increased: WTI from \$29.65 to \$71.12, Louisiana light from \$37.34 to \$73.00, and natural gas from \$1.74 to \$3.35.

During this last year of virtual/online monthly meetings we have had an excellent series of speakers giving presentations to the virtual audience of NOGS attendees. We continue to have a great line up speakers for the rest of the year. Hopefully, if the COVID case decrease continues we may be able to resume in person meetings in the near future.

Our incoming lineup of officers consists of President Elect: Hillary Sletten (Shell), Vice President: Nancy Dawers (Tulane), Treasurer: Ryan Weber, Secretary: Wayne Cook (Stratigraph), Director: Charlie Miller (OCSBBS), Director: David Culpepper, Director: Al Melillo, Editor: Emmitt Lockhart, and Editor Elect: David Reiter (Retired). I would like to thank all of those who served last year and for the excellent job they did during a difficult virtual year.

As always, a reminder of dues renewal if you haven't already done so, \$35.00 for Regular membership and \$15 for Student membership. Please be reminded that we haven't been able to have a lot of fund raisers this year so I encourage you to pay your dues and to give consideration to adding a special donation to the Memorial Foundation to help us continue our worthwhile local community, university, and education programs.

I am looking forward to this next year as we hopefully return to a more normal time.

Thanks everyone, stay well!

Regards,  
Doug Bradford