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## A MESSAGE FROM NOGS PRESIDENT

To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

As I write my President's letter today, I see that our Governor has decided it is best to keep Louisiana in Phase Three at least through November 6th. That means that restaurants, churches, gyms and other businesses can open at a maximum of 75 percent of their occupancy, with social distancing practices in place. We are still urged to wear masks, wash our hands, and keep the distance, as everyone works together to help control the spread of this virus. For more details on Phase Three, please visit the Louisiana Department of Health website at <http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>. As for NOGS, we will still hold our monthly meetings on-line at least through the end of the year, and continue our on-line "Zoom-inar" sessions in place of our luncheons. I hope all of you can logon with us on November 9th when we will hear Taury Smith talk about the unconventional plays in the US. I'm looking forward to his presentation to learn more about the low permeability side of our business. Our local universities, colleges and some schools continue to be open on-line and in the classroom.

Speaking of on-line, we see many geoscience events occurring on the internet during the months of October and November. GeoGulf 2020, which was the 70th session of the Gulf Coast Association of Geologic Societies (GCAGS) Convention, was held on-site in Lafayette with an on-line component at the beginning of October, while the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) ran almost concurrently during the same time and completely on-line. The Houston Geologic Society (HGS) and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain (PESGB) are running their joint African Conference on-line every Thursday in October, and the 24th Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium will run its on-line meeting November 9-13. All of these sessions have and will provide a rich resource of papers on important work being conducted by our industry and schools.

NOGS and PLANO had beautiful weather on October 12th for their golf tournament at Beau Chene in Mandeville. You can read all about that in a separate article in this edition of NOGS LOG. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our photo calendar contest has gone quite well and we will soon be offering NOGS calendars for sale in our on-line store along with other special NOGS memorabilia like T-shirts, coffee mugs and other original items. We want to have that all in place so as the holidays grow near and you're looking for that special gift for the person who has everything, you can find something unique in the NOGS Store.

I close my letter today reminding everyone that we will have the opportunity to exercise our American right to vote on November 3rd. Not only do we have a Presidential race to decide, but there are also some very important amendments on our Louisiana ballot including one on Taxing Oil and Gas Wells (No. 2), another on Freezing Tax Assessment Levels (No. 6), a proposition on Sports Wagering, and five other amendments. So please employ this precious privilege to let your wishes be known at the ballot box.

Stay safe NOGS!

Regards,  
John Dribus