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A MESSAGE FROM 2021/2022 NOGS PRESIDENT-ELECT

To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

To many of you I may be a new face, and certainly I am new to writing this letter to our NOGS membership. Last year I served as the Vice President helping to run our speaker series and this year I have been serving as President Elect. Our current President, Doug Bradford, has had to step away from his NOGS duties to care for a family member. For the remainder of this term I have agreed to step into Doug's role, and with NOGS membership approval, Doug will return to his duties as President in the 2022-23 term. We wish Doug the best as he serves in this new role as caretaker and for his family during difficult times.

Another one of our core NOGS members who has suffered from an unfortunate family matter is our administrator, Christy Himel. In late August Christy's husband, Eddie Himel, passed away. His funeral service was held on September 24, 2021 after being delayed by the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. As you can imagine, this has been an upending experience for Christy and her family. Christy returned to work with NOGS in mid-October and we send our hearts out to her and her loved ones as they continue to heal from this very tragic loss.

With two of our rocks coping with extraneous circumstances on top of several members who were impacted by Hurricane Ida, the board decided to cancel September meetings and our October speaker. We apologize for this disruption in our programs, but we hope you all understand and thank you for your continued patience as we get the organization back on schedule. Moving forward, we have some exciting talks and program events ahead!

On December 6 meeting we will meet for the first time IN PERSON since the beginning of the pandemic to host our speaker and celebrate the NOGS 80th Anniversary!! We plan to hold this event at The Cannery in New Orleans beginning at 11:30 AM. Lunch to be served. Please look for an invite and RSVP request later this month. We can't wait to welcome our membership back to in-person events. We will still offer a virtual option for folks to join who cannot attend in-person. With that, I look forward to serving NOGS in this new way. Please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have as we round out another wild year! You can email me at Hillary.Sletten@shell.com.

**Stay safe and be well,
Hillary Sletten**