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## A MESSAGE FROM NOGS PRESIDENT

To members and friends of the New Orleans Geological Society:

As I write to you today amidst the continuing uncertainty caused by the current surge in Covid-19 cases in Louisiana, and the prospect of a long national mandatory mask mandate should Joe Biden become President, I am unable to offer a reasonable prediction of when we will be able to meet again as a society in person. Here in Louisiana we remain under Phase Three Covid guidelines and are also under a statewide mask mandate. For more details on Phase Three, please visit the Louisiana Department of Health website at <http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>.

I hope that we can meet in person in Q-1 2021, but that is looking less likely every day. Consequently, we are planning to continue with our monthly technical webinar program in 2021. I will personally start the year off in the January session by presenting an update on the exploration activity that has been occurring in Guyana and Suriname where over twenty new discoveries combine to hold over 10 billion barrels of recoverable oil in three Cretaceous horizons. I invite you to join us for that webinar in January to learn about this important new play. I also invite you to contact me or Hillary Sletten, NOGS VP, if you have an interesting technical talk that you would like to share with the organization. We would be happy to schedule you in 2021.

Please be aware that we still have some very nice NOGS calendars for sale created from photographs taken by our own members, and we have some NOGS logo mugs and shirts available as well in our on-line NOGS store. As always, the money we collect from such sales, as well as from your yearly dues and additional end-of-year contributions, will help to fund our support of the local children's museums.

As I close my letter today I want to wish all of you a joyous Holy Day season and a much better and less uncertain New Year. I've noticed, at least in my neighborhood, that it seems more people have decorated their houses this season than in years past. I hope you are able to take some time to spend with your loved ones the next couple of weeks and that you stay safe and healthy.

Regards,  
John Dribus