



GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

FALL NEWSLETTER 2020

GANJ XXXVII

GANJ 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FIELD TRIP

POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 2021

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 17TH, 2020

Due to the on-going uncertainty related to COVID-19, the Geological Association of New Jersey Executive Board has determined it is in the best interest of the membership to postpone the Annual Field Conference, scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2020, until October 2021. The exact dates will be announced in the future. We endeavored to hold our scheduled conference this year, but it has become increasingly clear that we cannot do so in a manner that would ensure the safety of all participants in the meeting. We regret any inconvenience that this decision has caused for our members.

While we cannot convene a traditional Field Conference, we are planning a one-day virtual meeting of the entire membership on October 17, 2020, beginning at noon. Please reserve the day and time. The purpose of this meeting is to give all members a chance to ask questions about the purposes and future of GANJ. This will be an opportunity for all participants to learn more about the organization and to add their voices to shaping our future. A part of this gathering will be a panel for students discussing the importance of undergraduates attending professional meetings, and how such experiences have influenced their education and career. Please forward this and future information to those students you believe may be interested in becoming part of our organization. Students interested in attending the virtual meeting are not required to be active members.

The official meeting notice will ask you to make a reservation to attend the meeting (you have to make a reservation to receive the link to the virtual meeting) and will give you the opportunity to propose up to three questions to be discussed at the meeting. Those questions will be due no later than Friday, September 25, 2020. Watch your email for the official invitation, which will be sent at the beginning of September. Check the GANJ web site (www.ganj.org) for more information as it becomes available.

Our plans for future years are:

October 2021—Karst Geology of NJ and Vicinity: Revisited

The theme planned for the 2021 GANJ annual conference and field trip will be “Karst Geology of NJ and Vicinity: Revisited”. The meeting will be hosted by Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, with the field trip convening at Swartswood State Park in Swartswood, New Jersey. This field trip will include visits to numerous karst features, recently active features, and examining groundwater and stream activity in karst regions.

October 2022—Superstorm Sandy – 10 Years Later

In as much as October 2022 marks the 10th year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, the theme of the GANJ 2022 annual conference and field trip will be “Superstorm Sandy – 10 years later”. The field trip will include selected localities in Staten Island NY and coastal NJ.

We are in the planning stage, so if you are interested in making an oral presentation, contributing a paper or field trip stop, please contact Alan Benimoff (alan.benimoff@csi.cuny.edu).

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REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS GANJ 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving on the Executive Board of GANJ for 2020-2021, please email their name, affiliation, and contact information (email address and phone number) to any current board member. Nominations may also be mailed using the GANJ address. While nominations may be made at any time, making them by September 1, 2020 will assist in planning for the annual conference. If you are nominating someone, please be sure that the nominee is willing to serve, if elected. Members are also invited to suggest ideas for future meeting themes, locations, and presenters. Members are also welcome at executive board meetings to become more involved in the organization; contact an existing board member for details.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Responsibilities: A three (3) year position (as President-Elect, President and Past-President) where during the first year one learns the responsibilities of the President, the second year is responsible for organizing the annual meeting and field trip, and the third year assists the President by sharing past experiences.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Responsibilities: A one (1) year position (with the understanding of serving multiple years) maintaining the membership database and mailing out the biannual newsletters.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Responsibilities: A one (1) year position recording minutes at the Executive Board and Annual Meetings, preparing the bi-annual newsletters, and tracking correspondence.

TREASURER: Responsibilities: A one (1) year position (with the understanding of serving multiple years) keeping track of the organization's finances, including registrants at the annual meeting.

COUNCILORS AT LARGE (3 POSITIONS): Responsibilities: A one (1) year position assisting other executives as needed and learning the organization's operations in order to possibly serve in another position on the Executive Board.

Position: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Affiliation: _____

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Email to any current executive board member or mail to:

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GANJ MEMBERSHIP

The Geological Association of New Jersey is a strictly volunteer non-profit organization that, through its annual meeting and field guides, encourages Earth Science education and the distribution of geological information, with an emphasis on the state of New Jersey and adjacent localities.

Please note that if you registered for the GANJ XXXVI Conference (October 2019) or submitted a membership application since that time, you are a current member and your membership is good until October 2021 (up until, but not including, the 2021 meeting). New membership applications (e.g., those received in the Spring or Summer of 2021) will be valid from the date received until October of 2021 (before the meeting). Membership applications for 2021-2022 and registration for the 2021 meeting will start with next year's Fall Newsletter.

You may register online at <http://shop.ganj.org> or by mail utilizing this form.

If you are a member, see if you can persuade a colleague, an associate, or friend to become a member!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Affiliation: _____ Title: _____

Professional Member: \$25.00 _____

Student Member: \$7.50 _____

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