

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTION OF RICHARD H. JAHNS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

(Ratified: March 8, 2006)

Appointment of the Distinguished Lecturer will be considered annually in accordance with the bylaws of the Geological Society of America's Environmental and Engineering Geology Division (EEGD) and the policies of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG). The appointment will be made to an individual who, through research or practice, has contributed to the advancement of environmental and (or) engineering geology. The purpose of the lectureship is to increase awareness at institutions of higher learning about environmental and (or) engineering geology (i.e. applied geology).

- a. Selection Committee. The nominee for the lectureship will be selected by a committee made up of the Chair and Chair-Elect of the EEGD and President and President-Elect of the AEG. Each individual will serve a term of two years. Chairmanship will rotate annually between members representing each organization, with the senior member from either organization serving as Chair. A representative of the EEGD will chair the committee in even-numbered years. A representative of the AEG will chair the committee in odd-numbered years. Current committee members are not eligible for the award.
- b. Frequency. The appointment generally will be made annually, but in any particular year may be withheld if no recipient is decided upon.
- c. Qualifications. The appointment is based on either outstanding research in environmental and/or engineering geology or the relevance of geology to environmental site assessment and remediation and/or engineered work(s). The speaker should be prepared to speak on either earth processes and the consequences of human interaction with these processes, or the application of geology to environmental and/or engineering projects. Priority should be given to either research results or timely events. Joint membership in EEGD and AEG is desirable. When practical, research-oriented individuals will be chosen for even-numbered years and practice-oriented individuals will be chosen for odd-numbered years.
- d. Selection Procedure. Appointment of the lecturer will be made in accordance with the following procedures. Please note that the timeline has been compressed to meet the request of past lecturers that have asked for more time to plan.
  1. The Chair of EEGD (or President of AEG) shall, by December 1, email to each member of the committee, and to any member of EEGD or AEG requesting such material, the names and addresses of the committee members, a copy of these instructions, a list of past lecturers, nominating form, and a ranking form with deadlines.
  2. Each member of the committee, and any other members of EEGD or AEG who wish to nominate candidates for consideration, shall send to the committee chair by February January 31, a nomination form with the names of one to three candidates with their general topics, numbered in order of preference on the nomination form. It is recommended that the person nominating a candidate attach a copy of a nominee's resume, curriculum vitae, or a brief professional biography to the nomination form.
  3. The committee Chair shall provide by email to each nominee the Jahns Nominee Questions form and provide the nominees two weeks (hopefully by February 15) to

complete the questionnaire. Responses, submitted to the committee Chair, should include a completed questionnaire, and CV.

4. The committee chair shall compile the completed questionnaires and CVs of all nominees and email them to all committee members, including instructions on nominee ranking. Committee members should review the candidate's documentation and select their top three candidates by March 1 and email the committee chair a copy of the ballot showing preferred ranking of all acceptable candidates under consideration (best is number 1).
5. The committee chair shall total the numbers given to each candidate and prepare a list ranking each of the candidates with their scores ordered by ranking. The committee chair should discuss this list with the committee and decide upon a nominee, as well as the second- and third-place candidates, no later than March 7.
6. The EEGD Chair and AEG President will then confer and contact the top ranked candidate to confirm the candidate's availability to serve as lecturer. If the candidate ranked first is unable to serve, the second- and third-placed candidates will be contacted in place order to identify a candidate who is able to serve. The selected candidate will be asked to make a minimum of twenty visits during their tenure. If none of the top three ranked candidates are able to serve, no Jahns Lecturer will be appointed for that year. A decision will be made regarding the choice of Jahns Lecturer by April 1.

Announcement. The appointment will be announced at the annual meeting and in the fall newsletter of each organization.

Plaque. A plaque will be presented to the Distinguished Lecturer at the annual meeting, alternating between organizations. EEGD will present the plaque in even-numbered years. AEG will present the plaque in odd-numbered years.

Expenses. Travel expenses incurred by the lecturer, up to a limit of \$10,000, will be shared equally by EEGD and AEG. In any year, either AEG or the EEGD may elect to increase their contribution and the limit of reimbursement to the current year's Jahns Lecturer if funds are donated to either organization specifically for the Jahns Lecturer and disbursement is necessary to fulfill donor's intent for the money. Host institutions should be encouraged to pay per diem expenses incurred during the lecturer's visit. GSA will coordinate reimbursement to the Lecturer upon receiving appropriate travel receipts, and will invoice AEG for their contribution.

Chair's Final Report. The committee chair shall file a one-page documentation report regarding the actions taken for choosing the Jahns Lecturer, which will be filed with both EEGD/GSA and AEG Headquarters. The report will include copies of the nomination and ranking forms.

Prepared by: Thomas L. Holzer  
October 27, 1988 revised

Revised by Gregory L. Hempen  
February 1991      Committee members may not be nominees  
March 1991        Limit of aggregate \$3000 payment per 3/14/91 letter of P. Rahn

September 1991 Nominee asked to make ten visits

Revised by Robert A. Larson

February 7, 1999 Grammar and sentence structure. Last deadline to allow nominee to submit abstract and attend meeting. Travel expense limit per 7/11/91 letter from Hempen and Keaton.

Dec. 31,2000 Increased reimbursable travel expenses to \$4000; Added presentation of plaque, announcement of selection, reimbursement coordination, presentation of plaque.

May 11, 2001 Eliminated honorarium. Reimbursable travel expenses set to \$5000.

Revised by AEG and EEGD/GSA

March 8, 2006 Committee make-up Amount of Award Nomination Form Ranking Form List of past Jahns Lecturers  
Increased reimbursable travel expenses to \$6000

Revised by AEG and EEGD/GSA

January 14, 2019 Committee edited the document to reflect name change for EEGD; updated committee member information and past Jahns lecturer list; updated reimbursable travel expenses to \$10,000

April 2, 2019 Committee moved due dates forward by about one month to meet the scheduling needs of some Jahns Lecturers. Also edited some member duties to reflect changes in the process, specifically incorporating the Jahns Nominee Questions form and providing time for nominees to complete the form.

# DEADLINES FOR CHOOSING THE RICHARD H. JAHNS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

## **DECEMBER 1**

The Chair of EEGD shall, by December 15, email to each member of the committee, and to any member of EEGD or AEG requesting such material, the names and addresses of the committee members, a copy of these instructions, a list of past lecturers, and a nominating/ranking form with deadlines.

## **JANUARY 31**

Each member of the committee, and any other members of EEGD or AEG who wish to nominate candidates for consideration, shall send to the committee chair by January 31, a nomination form with the names of one to three candidates with their general topic, numbered in order of preference on the recommendation form. It is recommended that the person nominating a candidate attach a copy of a nominee's resume, curriculum vitae, or a brief professional biography to the nomination form.

The committee chair shall notify by email each nominee the Jahns Nominee Questions form and provide the nominees two weeks (hopefully February 15) to complete the questionnaire. Responses should include a completed questionnaire, CV, and submitted to the committee chair.

## **FEBRUARY 15**

The committee chair shall compile the completed questionnaires and CVs of all nominees and email them to all committee members, including instructions on nominee ranking.

## **MARCH 1**

Committee members review the candidate's documentation and select their top three candidates by March 1 and email the committee chair a copy of the ballot showing preferred ranking of all acceptable candidates under consideration (best is number 1).

## **MARCH 7**

The committee chair shall total the numbers given to each candidate and prepare a list ranking each of the candidates with their scores ordered by ranking. The committee chair should discuss this list with the committee and decide upon a nominee, as well as the second- and third-place candidates, no later than March 7.

## **APRIL 1**

The EEGD Chair and AEG President will then confer and contact the top ranked candidate to confirm the candidate's availability to serve as lecturer. If the candidate ranked first is unable to serve, the second- and third-placed candidates will be contacted in place order to identify a candidate who is able to serve. The selected candidate will be asked to make a minimum of twenty visits during their tenure. If none of the top three ranked candidates are able to serve, no Jahns Lecturer will be appointed for that year. A decision will be made regarding the choice of Jahns Lecturer by April 1.

A final decision as to the Jahns Lecturer will be made by April 1 and the Committee Chair will issue an announcement to GSA/EEGD and AEG regarding the Jahns Lecturer for each organization's respective Fall newsletter.

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RICHARD H. JAHNS DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS

1989 – James E. Slosson  
1990 – Robert L. Schuster  
1991 – Ellis L. Krinitzsky  
1992 – Barry Voight  
1993 – Roy J. Shlemon  
1994 – James F. Quinlan  
1995 – Robert S. Yeats  
1996 – J. David Rogers  
1997 – Don U. Deere  
1998 – Thomas L. Holzer  
1999 – Mavis Kent  
2000 – Allen W. Hatheway  
2001 – Robert J. Watters  
2002 – Perry H. Rahn  
2003 – Chester “Skip” Watts  
2004 – Jeffrey R. Keaton  
2005 – Richard Iverson  
2006 – Jerry Higgins  
2007 – John Moylan  
2008 – John Clague  
2009 – Edmund Medley  
2010 – Paul Marinos  
2011 – Bill Haneberg  
2012 – Scott F. Burns  
2013 – James P. McCalpin  
2014 – Gregory Hempen  
2015 – Eldon Gath  
2016 – Jerome De Graff  
2017 – Scott A. Anderson  
2018 – John Wakabayashi  
2019 – Debra Green  
2020 – Scott Lindvall