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**The Board of Visitors Meeting, September 21, 2007**  
**Standing l to r: Carl Fricke, Mark Emerson, David Stephenson, Kenneth Ciriacks, Jean Bahr (Department Chair), Robert Nauta, Carol McCartney, Timothy Carr, James Davis, Thomas Holley, Charles Andrews, and Jay Nania.**  
**Seated: Alfred James, Thomas Johnson (Board Chair) and Donald Cameron.**

## The Board of Visitors

Greetings from your Department of Geology and Geophysics Board of Visitors! It has been a challenging, but exciting and eventful year for the Department and I am enjoying the honor of serving as Chair of the Board of Visitors. The Board of Visitors is currently assisting the Department in many ways, including student mentoring, diversification, fund raising, and facilitating alumni support for the Department.

I am excited to announce that this fall the Department and the BOV will be sponsoring an **Alumni Reunion Event** on September 25-27, 2008. This Reunion Event, which will focus on the importance of faculty and student field experiences, will be similar to the tremendously successful reunion event and building dedication in 2005. I hope that each of you will consider attending this event. If you have visited the Department recently or attended the 2005 Building Dedication and Alumni Reunion Event, you undoubtedly shared the same excitement I feel every time I am in Madison and reconnecting with old friends. Many of you have also generously contributed to the Department, volunteered for the Mentor Program, or participated in other Department activities. In doing so, all of you have played a critical role in supporting this outstanding institution. For those of you who have not yet reconnected with the Department, I encourage you to do so now.

The Board of Visitors has been working with the Department and the UW Foundation to increase funding for student field experiences, one of the most critical aspects of a student's education. To accomplish that goal, the BOV launched a **Student Field Experiences Campaign** in the fall of 2007, with an initial

goal of creating a \$1 million endowment to provide sustained support for student field activities associated with department courses and the Geology Museum. With the recent gift of \$1 million from Marta Weeks in memory of Lewis G. Weeks, and many generous gifts and pledges from BOV members, alumni and friends, we have already exceeded this important goal. Recognizing the additional Department needs for support of field-based education beyond what will be provided by the income from a \$1 million endowment, the BOV and the Department have decided to increase our 2012 endowment goal to \$2 million. Additional endowment funds will allow the Department to offer increased tuition and expenses support to encourage undergraduate majors to attend the field camp in Park City, Utah. We encourage all of you to consider donating to this campaign or any of the other Department funds that support field work and research in a variety of sub-disciplines.

The Board of Visitors works very closely with the Department and the UW Foundation to raise the necessary funds to address some critical needs of the Department. Critical needs include increased funding for student and faculty support, including stable funding for Geology Museum staff, as well as graduate fellowships, equipment, and faculty expansion through an endowed professorship. The Department also has long-term plans for enhancement and expansion of the Geology Museum, one of the UW's most popular outreach facilities. Anne Lucke of the UW Foundation is assisting us with all of our Geology and Geophysics fund-raising initiatives,

and would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may desire. Anne can be reached at (608) 262-6242 or Anne.Lucke@uwfoundation.wisc.edu. To learn more about these and other related activities, please contact Ken Ciriacks, Chair of the Board's Development Committee at kwcir@msn.com.

The Board of Visitors has continued to sponsor and expand the highly successful **Student Mentoring Program**, and hosts annual Mentor-Student events in conjunction with our meetings. The program is coordinated by Mentoring Committee Chair, Carol McCartney. Volunteer "Mentors" are available to serve as advisors to the department's graduate and undergraduate student population, and welcome contact from students seeking career advice. The portal to establish mentor contacts is located on the department's website at <www.geology.wisc.edu/alumni/mentor.html>. If you are interested in participating in this very worthwhile and personally rewarding program, please contact Carol at mccartney@charter.net.

Board members Bill Morgan, Tom Holley, Rick Sarg, and Mark Solien have also continued

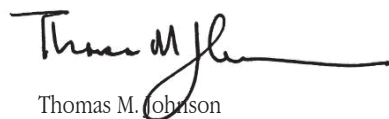
to work with faculty members to explore the potential for an **Industrial Associates Program**. Such consortia, commonly funded by industry, may be able to help the UW develop research programs that are of mutual interest and benefit to industry and the Department.

Under the guidance of Department Chair, Jean Bahr, and Jay Nania, Chair of the Board's Diversity Committee, the Board of Visitors also is committed to expanding our **Diversity Initiative**. This is an especially important effort for both the UW and the Department. With the help of the BOV and generous support from industry, the Department is continuing its highly successful minority research assistance program. Jean Bahr also is an integral member of the UW PEOPLE Program, which provides increased education opportunities for disadvantaged high-school students in Wisconsin. For more information about this exciting initiative, please visit the website at <www.geology.wisc.edu/misc/diversity.html>, or contact former Board Chair, Jay Nania (naniajc@bp.com) to learn more about this exceptional program.

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Geology and Geophysics is the oldest such Board in the College of Letters and Sciences and is recognized for its history of accomplishments, enthusiasm, organization and initiatives. This is due to the leadership and participation of all those who have contributed to the Board. Vice Chair, William Morgan, and I are both looking forward to exciting and challenging times as the Department seeks to continue its excellence in facilities, faculty, staff and students. In order to facilitate those efforts, we are seeking alumni and others who are interested in serving on the Board or its committees to help in achieving this mission. If you would like to serve on the Board or on any committee, please contact me. Please also contact me with any topics, issues or suggestions that you would like the Board to address at our spring and fall meetings in Madison.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.



Thomas M. Johnson

### *Alumni and Friends at the 2007 GSA Badger Reception in Denver:*

Ken Aalto	Mary Diman	Jonathan Levy
Lawford Anderson	Dona Dirlam	Yu-Feng Lin
Mary Anderson	Kirk Domke	Anne Lucke
Jean Bahr	Wes Dripps	Heather Macdonald
Robert P. Beringer	Greg Druschel	Brad Macurda
Bridget Berquist	Peter Drzewiecki	Norma Macurda
Jack Beuthin	Tim Eaton	Harmen Maher
Ilya Bindeman	Norlene Emerson	Lou Maher
Ron Blakey	David Fastovsky	Joe Mason
Bob Blodgett	Emily Freeman	Steven McPherson
Jody Bourgeois	Dana Geary	Mary McPherson
Carl Bowser	Ed Ghent	Donald Mikulic
Judy Bowser	Gary Gianniny	Bill Mode
Ken Bradbury	Roger Gilbertson	Maureen Muldoon
Steven Brown	Laurel Goodwin	Greg Nadon
Tom Burbey	Doug Green	Ed Nuhfer
Kurtis Burmiestser	Charley Haddox	Carolyn Olson
Sharon Byres	Dave Hart	Brian O'Neill
Elizabeth Carrington	Jonathan Hendricks	Shanan Peters
Alan Carroll	Darrell Henry	Laura Rademacher
Jonathon Carter	Pat (Thiel) Hill	Kurt Refsnider
Ken Ciriacks	Eric Horsman	Peter E. Riemersma
Bob Cluff	Randy Hunt	Rick Sarg
Sue Cluff	Tom Johnson	Peter Sheehan
Andy Czaja	Liz King	Bill Simpkins
Peter Davis	Matt Kohn	Dave Stephenson
Jim Davis	Matt Kuchta	Bob Sterrett
James C. Dawson	Hilary Sanders Lackey	Cindy Stiles



**At the GSA Badger Reception Jean Bahr, left, introduces the Student Field Experiences Campaign to alumni while Board members Dave Stephenson, Ken Ciriacks, Rick Sarg and Jim Davis listen.**

Michelle Stoklosa  
Buddy Tangelos  
Rebecca Tedford  
Joyashish Thakurta  
Cliff Thurber  
Basil Tikoff  
Sarah Titus  
Laura Toran  
John Valley  
Jim Welsh  
Rich Whittecar  
Joe Yelderman



**At AAPG 2007 in Long Beach Alan Carroll chats with Board Vice Chair Bill Morgan.**

See a GSA 2007 photo album on the web at:  
[http://www.geology.wisc.edu/news\\_events/GSA\\_07](http://www.geology.wisc.edu/news_events/GSA_07)