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Alexandria, VA - The American Geosciences Institute is pleased to welcome Dr. Eve S. Sprunt as its President-Elect, Keri A. Nutter as Secretary and Dr. Carolyn Olson as the Member at Large to its 2016-2017 Executive Committee. These distinguished individuals will begin their leadership roles on September 27, 2016 at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver.

Eve Sprunt has a 35-year career in the petroleum industry and has extensive professional society and business management experience. Her career has afforded her global experiences in the petroleum industry, alternative energy, environmental policy, venture capital, university relations, building educational programs in developing countries and workforce issues, including those impacting dual career couples and women, and attracting and retaining technical professionals. Her book, *A Guide for Dual-Career Couples*, was published last May. She previously served as the President of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and is finishing her service as the Vice President of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG). She was the founding chair of the SEG Women's Network Committee. She currently holds active memberships in the American Geophysical Union, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Geological Society of America, Sigma Xi, the Association for Women in Science and the Society of Women Engineers. She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MIT and a Ph.D. in geophysics from Stanford.

Keri A. Nutter will be the next Secretary of AGI and is a Certified Professional Geologist. She has been actively involved with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) Executive Committee since 2014, and is currently their Secretary. AIPG lauds Keri for her successful and organized work chairing the 2015 AIPG Annual Meeting that was held in Anchorage, Alaska, and she comes to AGI with high esteem from her colleagues. Her personal goals include fostering student and young professional engagement in member societies like AIPG. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Washington State University. Ms. Nutter has been working at the consulting firm DOWL since 2004 and is currently a Geotechnical Engineering Manager in their Anchorage office.

Carolyn Olson is the immediate Past-President of the Soil Science Society of America and will be a Member at Large for AGI. She brings with her 30 years of experience in soil geomorphology, hydrology and researching Earth's paleoclimate. She has had a distinguished career working in the government for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior's U.S. Geological Survey and is recognized by her peers for bringing stakeholders together to meet challenges and address transparency through policy guidance in climate change. She has served on the boards of the Geological Society of America, the Clay Minerals Society and the Soil Science Society of America. She holds active memberships in the American Geophysical Union, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of Women Geoscientists, the Geochemical Society, the National Ground Water Association and the International Association for the Study of Clays. Dr. Olson earned her Bachelor's Degree from Syracuse University, a Master's degree and Ph.D. from the Indiana University and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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