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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is pleased to recognize Dr. Rodney C. Ewing, professor in the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, Stanford Doerr School for Sustainability, as the 2023 recipient of the William B. Heroy Jr. Award for Distinguished Service to AGI, which is given in recognition of exceptional and beneficial long-term service to the Institute.

A well-known and respected scientist with expertise in mineralogy, geochemistry, materials science, and nuclear materials, Dr. Ewing serves as the Frank Stanton Professor in Nuclear Security and Co-Director of the Center for International Security and Cooperation in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. He has written extensively on issues related to nuclear waste and is a co-editor of *Radioactive Waste Forms for the Future* (1988) and *Uncertainty Underground: Yucca Mountain and the Nation's High-Level Nuclear Waste* (2006). From 2012 to 2017, he was Chair of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

Dr. Ewing has had a range of engagements with AGI and several additional geoscience organizations. Most notably, he provided thoughtful leadership as AGI President in 2019. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a founding editor of the magazine *Elements*, and a past president of both the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) and the International Union of Materials Research Societies. He has served on the Boards of Directors for the Geochemical Society (GS) and the Gemological Institute of America. He is an active member of several scientific societies, including MSA, GS, the Geological Society of America, and the American Geophysical Union.

"Rod Ewing's strong leadership was an invaluable asset to AGI during a difficult period in the Institute's recent history," said AGI Executive Director Jonathan Arthur. "Because his many efforts have contributed so significantly to the discipline, profession, societies, and wider community of the geosciences, it is my honor to present him with this year's Heroy Award."

"I am very honored to receive the Heroy Award from AGI," Dr. Ewing said. "The Institute is a great advocate for the importance of geosciences in addressing a wide variety of issues facing the world, including climate change, the degradation of the environment, and the need for natural resources, such as critical metals that are required to support the transition to carbon-free sources of energy. My humble thanks for this recognition."

The Heroy Award is named after William B. Heroy Jr.'s exemplary service to AGI. Heroy's professional accomplishments were exceeded only by his love of geology and his commendable modesty in the face of such achievements.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), a federation of scientific and professional associations representing over a quarter-million geoscientists, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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