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The American Geosciences Institute cordially welcomes new officers from the 2014-2015 year: Dr. Scott Tinker as AGI President-Elect, Mr. William Siok as Secretary and Dr. Paul M. Bertsch as the Member-At-Large.

Dr. Scott Tinker was the 2013 AGI Awardee for Outstanding Contributions to the Understanding of Geoscience, namely for his work on the documentary Switch, co-produced with Harry Lynch as part of the Switch Energy Project. Tinker is actively engaged in building bridges between academia, industry, and government. In 2000, after 17 years in the oil and gas industry, Tinker joined the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Allday Endowed Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences. He has given more than 500 invited and keynote lectures and visited nearly 50 countries. Dr. Tinker is the Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and the State Geologist of Texas, and a past President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Association of American State Geologists.

Mr. William Siok recently retired as the Executive Director of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, a position he held since 1999. His role as Executive Director had him organizing, running and implementing the decisions of Executive Committee and Advisory Board. Prior to being the executive director he was in hydrogeology, environmental engineering and waste management for over 40 years. Siok then pursued non-profit management which included fiduciary, personnel, technical, training, and regulatory responsibilities for the geosciences and the profession.

Dr. Paul Bertsch has experience with many AGI Member Organizations including the Clay Minerals Society, a Past-President of the Soil Science Society of America, the Geochemical Society, and the American Geophysical Union. He also has volunteered directly with the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy. He is a noted scholar in soil and environmental chemistry and is professor of environmental chemistry and toxicology at the University of Kentucky. He also currently serves as the Deputy Director of Science for the Land and Water Flagship at the Australian national research agency, CSIRO.

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