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Dr. Robert J. Weimer Named Recipient of 2006 Legendary Geoscience Award

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce Dr. Robert J. Weimer as the recipient of the 2006 Legendary Geoscience Award. Established in 1999, the award is presented to a geoscientist who has demonstrated a long history of scientific achievement and exceptional service to the geoscience profession.

Weimer received both his B.A. (1948) and M.A. (1949) in geology from the University of Wyoming. He then received his Ph.D. in 1953 in geology from Stanford University. Weimer began his career at Union Oil in Utah in 1949 and became a consulting geologist in 1954. In 1957 he joined the faculty of Colorado School of Mines. He continues on as a Professor Emeritus at the Colorado School of Mines. Dr. Weimer has been influential to many students who went on to productive careers in petroleum and other industries.

Dr. Weimer has been extremely active in the geoscience community. He has served as an officer for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Geological Society of America, the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists and the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM). He has also authored or co-authored over 200 publications. In addition, he has been active throughout his career in public affairs as an advisor for local, state and federal agencies and for the judicial system.

His long and distinguished career includes many awards. Among them are the University of Wyoming's Distinguished Alumnus (1982), the SEPM Twenhofel Medal (1995), AAPG's Sidney Powers Medal (1983), and Distinguished Educator Award (1996), The Hollis D. Hedberg Award in Energy from the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man at Southern Methodist University (2001) and GSA's Sloss Award (2003). He is also an Honorary Member of both AAPG and SEPM.

“Bob Weimer is most deserving of this honor for his exceptional service in advancing and representing the geosciences across many sectors. He has provided significant support and mentoring to his students throughout his academic career. Last but not least, he has made major contributions to improving our understanding of hydrocarbon systems.” said AGI Executive Director Marcus Milling.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 scientific and professional associations that represent more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists, and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in our profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in mankind's use of resources and interaction with the environment. More information about AGI can be found at <http://www.agiweb.org>. The Institute also provides a public-outreach web site, <http://www.earthscienceworld.org>.

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