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AGI Announces Dr. Gail M. Ashley as New President

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce Dr. Gail M. Ashley as its new President. She will be inducted on October 24, 2006 at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ashley received both her B.S. and M.S. from the University of Massachusetts in geology and her Ph.D. in geology from the University of British Columbia. After receiving her Ph.D., she entered academia and has been a member of the faculty at Rutgers University since 1977 as both an educator and researcher in modern sedimentological studies.

During her career she has edited six books and been an author on over 70 publications. While at Rutgers she has mentored over 35 graduate students and served on the thesis committees of many more. Ashley has been a role model and advocate for women in the geosciences. Because of her education and advocacy leadership she was the recipient of the 2002 AWG Outstanding Geoscience Educator Award.

Dr. Ashley has been professionally active in numerous geoscience societies including the Geological Society of America (GSA), Society for Sedimentary Geologists (SEPM), Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG), and the American Geophysical Union (AGU).

She has served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, Associate Editor for both *Geomorphology* and the *GSA Bulletin*, and has served on the Editorial Boards of *Geology* and *Geotimes*. Ashley's leadership within the geoscience community has included being President of SEPM and GSA. Ashley has also served on numerous NSF, NASA and NRC panels. In addition, by governor's appointment, she was a part of the New Jersey Environmental Risk Assessment and Risk Management Study Commission.

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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