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# Trustees of the Future of Geoscience: The GSA Foundation's Board

Have you thought about how GSA has impacted your personal and professional life and wondered about the best way to give back? We'd like to introduce you to a group of people who have recognized the value of GSA to their careers and decided to engage at a deeper level.

These outstanding individuals make up the GSA Foundation's Board of Trustees. GSA Foundation Trustees are your peers, colleagues, and mentors—respected geoscientists who are all longtime members of GSA and volunteer for the foundation on behalf of GSA members. The GSA Foundation Board includes representatives from academia, government, and industry. While its members have rich and varied journeys in Earth science, they share a commitment to GSA's future. With GSA Foundation staff, they help raise money to support programs and operations of GSA, now and in the future.

## The GSA Foundation's current Board of Trustees are:

- Lydia Fox, Chair, Associate Professor of Geological and Environmental Sciences at University of the Pacific
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- Farouk El-Baz, Member of the Advisory Council of Scientists and Technologists of President Sisi of Egypt
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- Rhea Graham, a retired transdisciplinary geologist whose experience spanned consulting, industry, and government
- Leslie (Les) McFadden, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of New Mexico

These trustees exemplify the best of our community's values. The board includes past GSA presidents and council members and numerous GSA Fellows. Before joining the foundation board, many shared their time by volunteering with their sections and divisions and editing GSA journals, among other efforts. To learn more about them and their accomplishments, please visit **https://gsa-foundation.org/gsa-foundation-trustees/**.

George Davis, who served as GSA President from 2012-2013 and is currently a GSA Foundation Trustee, invites your questions on behalf of the foundation's work and GSA's impact. "Take a look at the current GSA Foundation Trustee roster," Davis says. "Individually and collectively, we are dedicated to supporting the Geological Society of America in every way we can. For example, GSA has been my 'go-to' professional society since I was a junior in college, for I attended GSA Connects in New York City in 1963!"

George is not alone in welcoming questions about how you can support GSA's vital work. He continues, "If you have thought about making any kind of philanthropic gift to GSA, do not hesitate to reach out to any trustee with questions you may have. Our desire is to serve as a reliable contact if you wish to initiate a conversation. Of course, you may also reach out to staff directly as well! We stand ready to respond in an informed way, providing our best knowledge of GSA priorities and GSAF best practices to ensure your donation has the impact you are seeking."



Figure 1. GSA Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Lydia Fox.

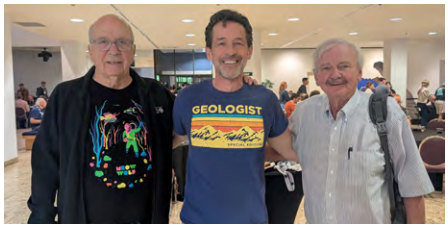



Figure 2. L–R, GSA Foundation Board Trustee George Davis, GSA Foundation Executive Director Sean O'Brien, and former GSA Foundation Board Trustee Steve Wells.

**All of us at the GSA Foundation would love to hear from you. To make a tax-deductible gift today, please scan the QR code—or reach out to your friends at the GSA Foundation to discuss your giving aims. We welcome your inquiries and are grateful for your generosity.**

We hope you might also consider sharing your time and expertise. If you are interested in serving on the GSA Foundation Board, please reach out to GSA Foundation Executive Director Sean O'Brien at sean.obrien@gsa-foundation.org. He can share general information and connect you with Board Chair Lydia Fox for more extensive conversations about how you might help shape the future of geoscience as a member of the GSA Foundation Board of Trustees.

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