



# Kansas Geological Society & Library

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## New Subscription Options and Pricing

### Kansas Geological Society Library

Dear Members;

In 2022 the KGSL Board of Directors worked to increase the Library's financial efficiency by reducing expenses. As a result, annual expenses were reduced by ~\$70,000. In order to further increase the Library's present and future financial integrity, the Board has adopted the following changes to Library membership effective July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023:

#### **1. Removal of the "KGS member" qualification to use the Library**

The Board acknowledges that data archived at the Library are useful for all members of the Kansas oil and gas community. Accordingly, the stipulation that a Library member must be a geologist or geoscientist is now removed, which allows the Library to welcome engineering, land, and corporate members. Members of the Library who are not Society members will not have voting privileges on ballot issues per the current Kansas Geological Society membership by-laws.

#### **2. Corporate Memberships**

This new membership category allows all approved employees and contractors of a member company (such as XYZ Drilling or ABC Exploration) to access both the KGS Library and Walters Digital Library (WDL). This membership is designed for companies that produce oil and gas in Kansas and membership costs are tiered based on reported BOE production in the prior year. The number of users on a co

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porate membership will not be restricted, and this category allows concurrent logins on multiple devices to the WDL.

A corporate representative will be appointed to manage personnel on the list of approved users, and these designated users will be provided a security code shared by all account users to access Library data. Individual users may be added or removed at any time. It is strongly advised to request a new security access code when a person is removed from the approved list to avoid possible unauthorized charges to the corporate account.

### 3. Independent Membership

This membership category is for independent geologists, engineers and land professionals, and includes access to the KGS Library, Walters Digital Library (WDL), plus all the other benefits currently extended to the membership. Access to the WDL will be restricted to one user with no concurrent logins on multiple devices.

Independent members will have the option to pay monthly similar to a gym membership or streaming service. Membership fees can be debited from a card on file or a PayPal account.

#### New Membership Pricing Schedule

Membership Level	Annual Pricing	Monthly Pricing
Corporate - > 100K BOE/YR	\$5,000	N/A
Corporate – 50K-99K BOE/YR	\$4,000	N/A
Corporate – 1K-49K BOE/YR	\$2,800	N/A
Independent (or < 1K BOE/YR)	\$1,400	\$125

### 4. New Data Pricing in Walter’s Digital Library

All images available on the Walters Digital Library (excluding scout cards) will be priced at **\$1 per e-log/georeport** starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Board has generated a FAQ page at the end of this document to help explain some of the common situations that may occur. For questions not answered by the FAQ page, please call the KGS Library at (316) 265-8676 between 8:00am-4:30pm. This pricing and membership category change is an additional effort to keep the KGS Library financially solvent despite a significant decline in membership due to age and attrition. Prior to 2022, the Library was

consistently losing over \$100,000.00 per year. The Board has taken significant steps toward closing the funding gap through increased efficiencies and cuts in spending, but additional revenue is required to continue to maintain and operate all services currently available. The new pricing and membership schedule reflects the actual cost to keep the library open long-term as we navigate the realities of a declining membership base.

The cost of maintaining an exclusively digital library would be significantly less than also maintaining the paper archives, real estate, staff and physical work space we have all come to appreciate. It is time for the membership to speak and decide with their financial support whether the KGSL continues to exist in a physical space. If a significant portion of the membership does not continue with a KGSL/WDL annual membership, the Board will be forced, out of fiscal necessity, to consider other options to consolidate the current platforms for service. This will likely mean a significant reduction or elimination of what is currently offered in our current KGSL space.

The Board members, staff and volunteers have been working diligently to overhaul the Society and Library and make positive, lasting changes. We want your involvement! If you have ideas or skills that would be helpful, or just want to help where you can, please contact President Preston Doll (620-218-3076) or Vice President Doug Davis (316-641-4469).

Respectfully,

Your 2023 KGS Board of Directors,

President – Preston Doll

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## **FAQ**

### **I am a library member and work for an operator. Can I transfer my independent membership to a corporate membership?**

Yes! Please contact the library and we will get you the appropriate forms. It will be important to consider who will receive the prorated refund for your current membership and any funds currently in your WDL account (particularly if your employer has been paying the dues or funding the data purchases for your current subscription). Please discuss with your employer if they have been paying the membership.

**I currently only have a membership to only the physical library, can I continue to only be a member of the physical library?**

No, the physical library and the WDL are now one service and are no longer two different services. If you are a current member of the physical library your membership will continue until the renewal date, at which point you can become an Independent Member or Corporate Member.

**Will I continue to receive a Senior Discount on my membership?**

No, the board voted to discontinue the Senior Discount in an effort to reflect the reality that an overwhelming majority of our current membership qualified under the old pricing structure. Unfortunately, as we lose membership faster than it is gained, all remaining members will have to absorb some of the added cost if they value the Library as a physical place to work.

**I work for an operator and I keep getting disconnected from WDL when the other geologist logs in to the WDL. Why?**

Please contact the Library at (316) 265-8676, to verify your company has transitioned to a Corporate membership which allows multiple concurrent logins.