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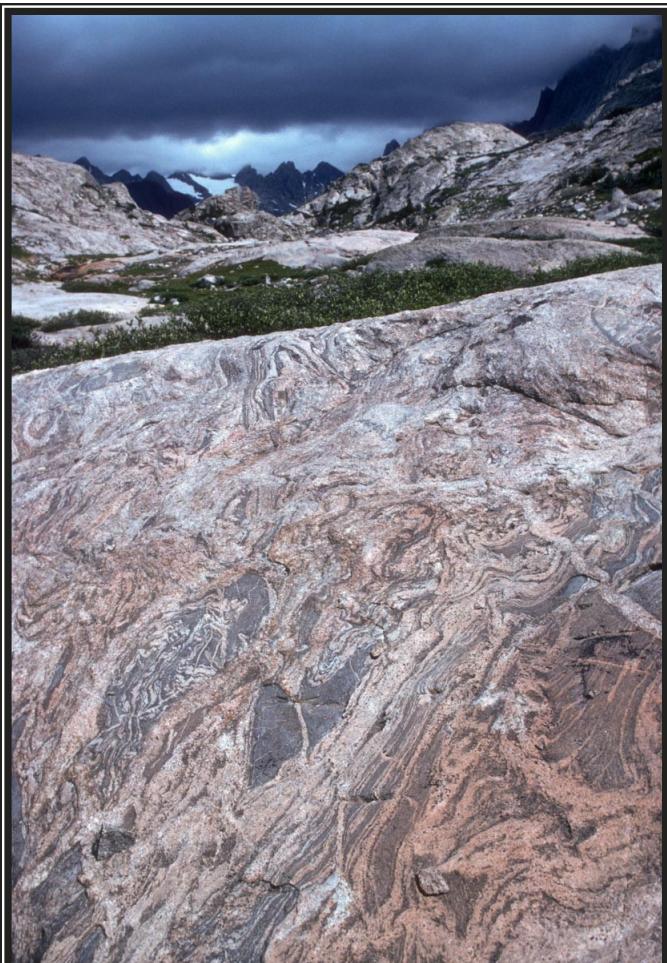
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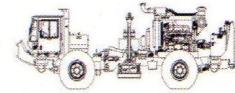
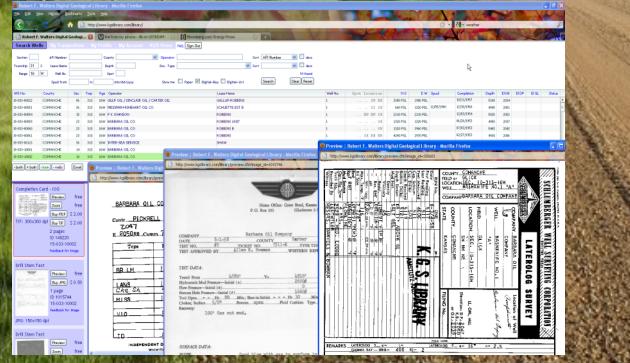
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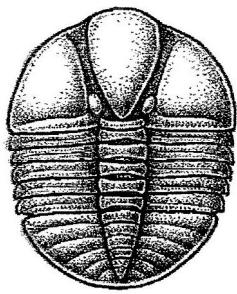
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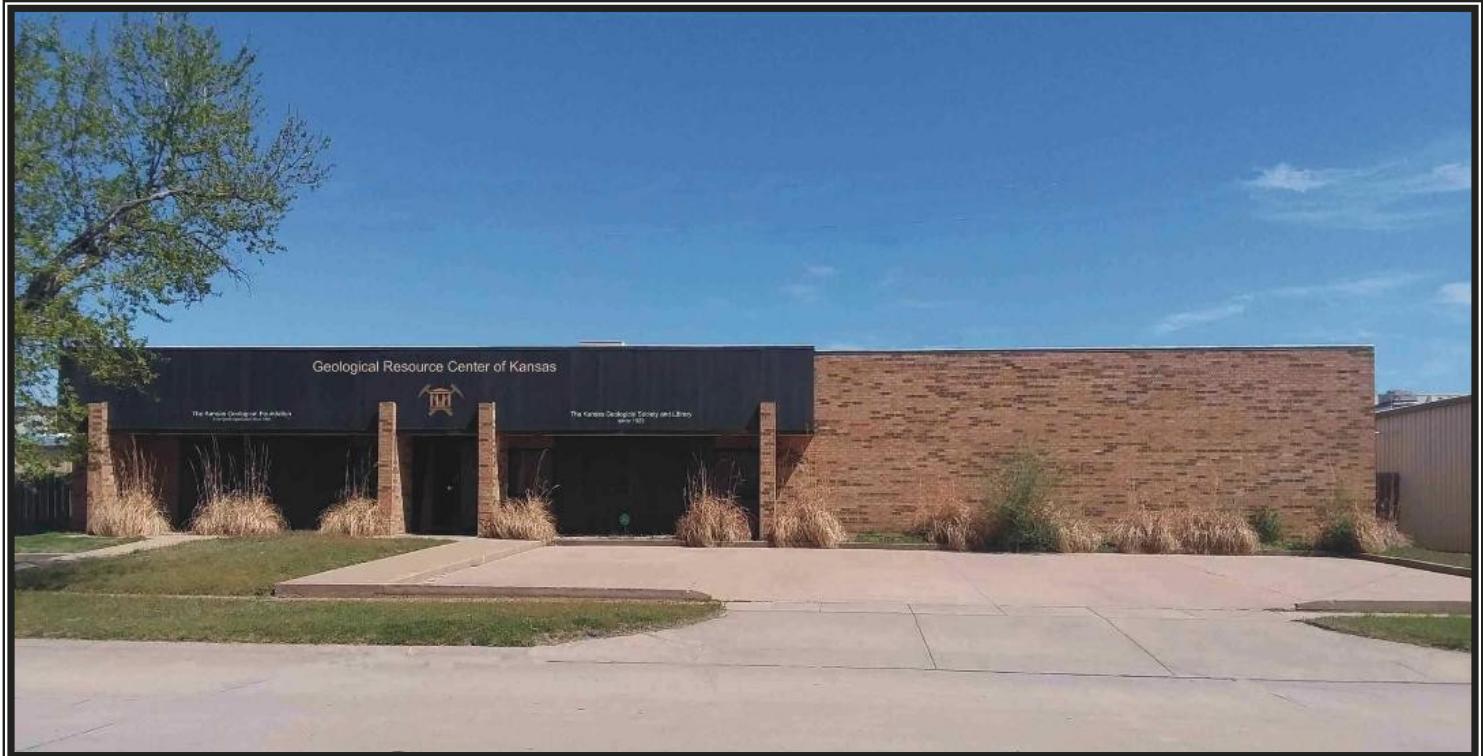
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KGS President's Letter

Dear Friends and Colleagues of the Kansas Geological Society,

Happy New Year to all! I am pleased to introduce the new members to our 2026 Board of Directors. Mr. Tyler Sanders is joining us as Vice President/President Elect. Mr. Kyle Day has been elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Dick Jordan joins as Director at Large. Members continuing to serve include Mr. Jarred Leis, our 2026 Treasurer, Mr. Ryan Davis, Director at Large, and Mr. Seth Evenson, Director at Large. Thank you, gentlemen, for your service to our Society and membership. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

My advisors this year are Mr. Doug Louis and Mr. Ryan Dixon. I believe they will both be invaluable resources in navigating the issues we are facing this year. Thank you, gentlemen, for the hours of counsel you have already contributed. I could not fill this role without a team willing to jump in with thoughtful advice and assistance.

I would like to take a moment to offer a special thanks to all of the members of the 2025 Board of Directors. We started last January facing unprecedented challenges in our organization. There has never been a Board simultaneously facing the staffing and financial issues we all inherited before even convening our first meeting. A special thanks goes out to Seth Evenson, for volunteering countless hours in the library, and volunteering to serve as interim manager when few other viable options existed. Every week seemed to bring a new issue to address, and it was a thankless job. He was not alone in spending hours keeping the doors open. Mr. David Barker and Mr. Doug Davis also stepped in on countless occasions. If you see any of these gentlemen, please thank them for their contributions.

Finally, I would be remiss in not offering a heartfelt thanks to Rhonda Wisely. After many years of service, Rhonda had expressed a desire to retire in 2025. She has graciously agreed to postpone retirement to help us reorganize and recalibrate. I recognize the sacrifice in choosing to stay another year to help, so, Rhonda, thank you for hanging in there and going beyond the extra mile.

For those of you who have not been to the library recently, Jennifer Tafolla was hired in December. Her official title is Receptionist/Reproduction Tech, but Ms. Tafolla has an extensive background in multiple aspects of business, and I expect she will quickly become our go-to guru. So, if you have not been to the library in a few, stop in and introduce yourself.

2025 was a chaotic year for our Society, but 2026 will also bring challenges. There is discussion currently happening around the merits of moving the WDL away from the Survey. Our mortgage balloons this summer and will either need to be paid off or refinanced. I expect these two items alone will absorb a great amount of the Board agenda every month and are decisions that will affect both future Boards and the membership at large. As such, I believe it is important to review our by-laws and ensure we are acting in accordance with our original charter.

In reviewing the by-laws, the following rules apply to meetings:

Article IV — MEETINGS

Section 1. REGULAR MEETING — This Society shall hold not less than one regular meeting per

month, unless the Board of Directors specifically decides to omit such meeting for a month.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETING — A special meeting can be called by the Board of Directors, or by petition of ten members in good standing.

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETING — An annual meeting of this Society must be held. This annual meeting shall be held in December. Announcement of newly elected officers shall be made at this meeting; and the President and Treasurer, and such committee chairpersons as requested by the President, shall make full reports of the year's activities to the membership.

Our monthly meetings were originally intended to be Society meetings- membership meetings similar to a town hall. For as long as I can remember, the majority of the meetings have been held at the Petroleum club, and the space itself was not conducive to broad membership participation. In 2026, all meetings will be held at the KSG Library, with dates and times posted on the KGSL webpage. Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd at noon. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

If the political and economic forecasts hold true, I believe we can expect 2026 to be a year of stagnant oil prices and limited incentive for exploration. Geologists as a whole are resilient. It takes a special mindset to look at an area where teams of bright people have utterly failed in the past and envision success. The confidence to pitch that idea and raise capital to bring it to fruition requires a comfort with risk (and, frankly, a brand of swagger) that is admirable. We have all weathered poor economic environments, and many of us reflect on times that were better, or harder, or somehow fundamentally different than what we are facing now. Our resilience, creativity, and tenacity allow us to evolve, to change with time, technology, economic and cultural factors beyond our control to thrive in the good times and survive when the metric is less favorable.

The challenges of this year will bring forth some of the more sensitive issues we often try to avoid- discussions regarding interfacing with government (politics- yuck), how we manage money and view debt. Our opinions are often shaped by our world views in a way that is personal to each of us. I want to encourage open discourse and debate, but to remind all to be patient, open-minded, and thoughtful in how we engage with our fellow members. One project for 2025 has been an update of our directory (big thanks to Jarred Leis for spearheading this effort). There is no doubt we are losing long-time members faster than we are gaining new people in the Society. It is more important than ever that we work to find compromise that serves all of our membership to the best of our ability.

I look forward to the challenges we face this year and hope to hear from many of you as we press forward into a new year and new chapter.

Yours in service,

Kimberly Black

2026 Kansas Geological Society President

Editor's Page

Dear KGS members and friends,

I had a long phone conversation with VP-President Elect, Tyler Sanders, the other day. Tyler and I both agree that the membership needs to have regular, perhaps spontaneous, social gatherings after the work day. Not those that seek donations to pay for food or beverages, but pay your way events. As one of the old farts in this society, I remember in many years past that Bob Slamal would leave a paper holder on the front desk of the KGS Library with two feathers in it. This sign invited those interested to go to the Two Feathers Bar and Grill, located a block and a half from the front entrance of the Library. That local establishment is long gone. These get-togethers were an opportunity to visit with our colleagues and friends over a beer or two. Not to swab secrets from others but just to see if others needed help or had upcoming work for others.



As times have changed, our local area members are scattered to various parts of Wichita. Primarily on the east side, with others in the Old Town or Delano districts. We no longer get 150-200 members to show up for a KGS Picnic or Banquet. Those numbers are no longer even possible. At present, we are in another slow down in our industry. Believe me, I know that all too well. In the coming weeks and months, I'm going to ask Doug Davis to send out a quick email divulging the time and location of one of these social gatherings. I had long hoped to have a small tiki bar set up in a small outdoor space at our library, but alas, that spot is overgrown with weeds and saplings. We shall see how this attempt goes, but I'm hoping for a positive response.

On a sad note, we have been informed of the passing of Roger Friedly, owner of Diamond Testing. Old well sitters like myself, knew Roger well. I remember him as the most meticulous tester that I ever had the pleasure of working with. Diamond Testing was always a great benefactor of KGS activities.

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I joined AAPG late in my career, much to my regret. I now serve voluntarily on the AAPG MCS committee for our convention in Oklahoma City from October 7-9, 2025.

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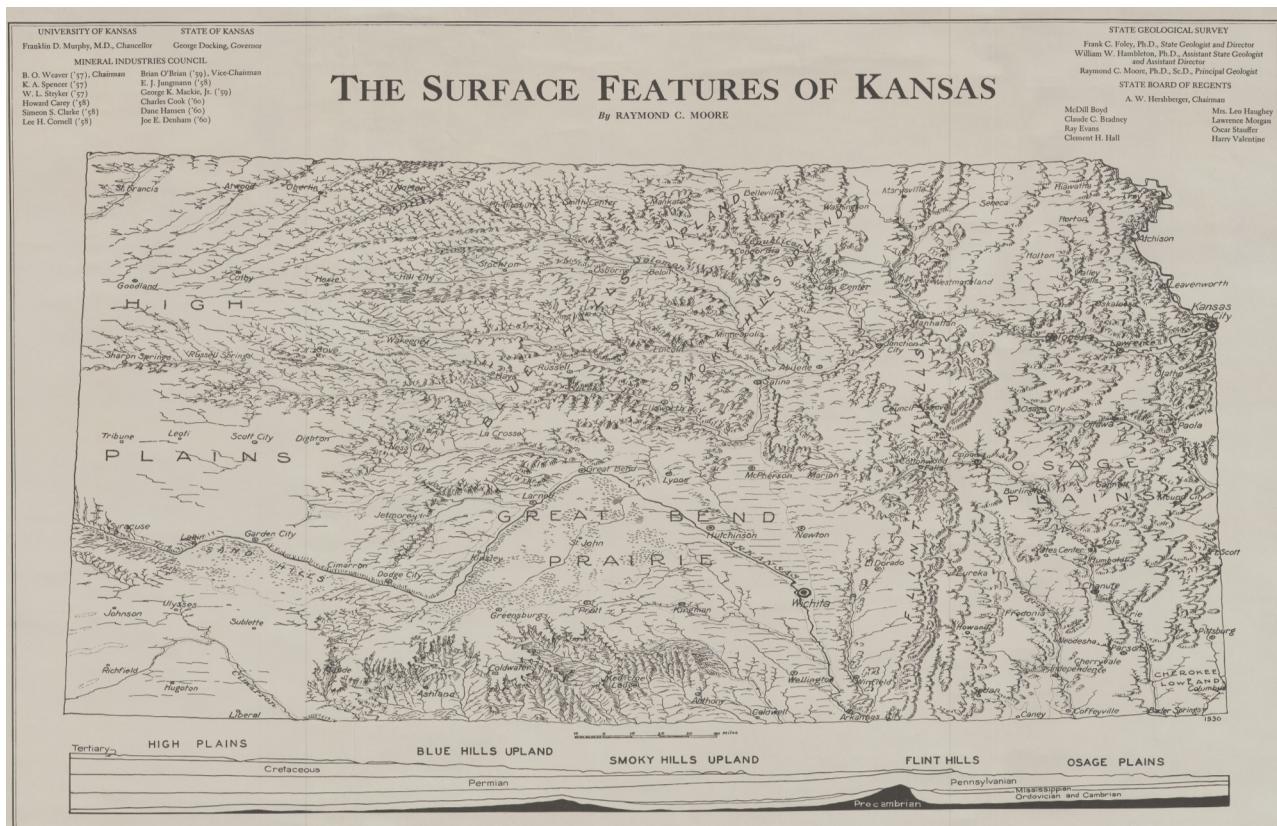
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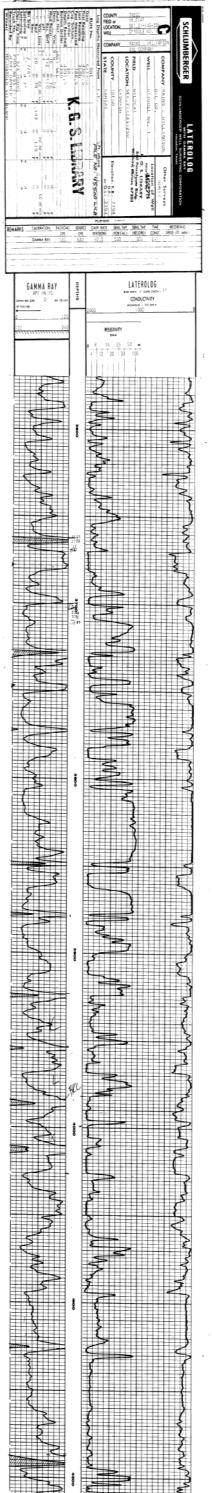
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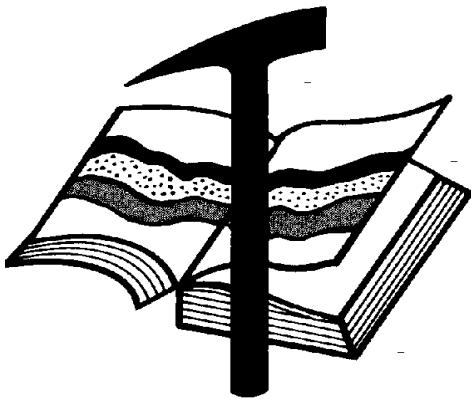
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KGS members please check your files

Fellow KGS members, please remember to check your files of elogs and geologist reports against the KGS paper library and the WDL before discarding them. I was contacted by John Morrison recently about a well I watched years ago that had some tops and DST info missing from his completion card. I took pics from my geo report of tops and DST results and sent them to John to update his card data. If I was to go through all of my files, I'm sure I have many logs and geo reports that are not in the files of either the KGS paper or the WDL. Before I hang things up in my career, I vow to go through all of my data and get it donated and scanned.

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August 2026



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Scholarship Applications for Spring semester will be due by December 1, 2026

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