

## **AESE 2020 Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio to be postponed**

*22 April 2020 (Earth Day 50-year anniversary)*

An emergency meeting of Association of Earth Science Editors members and officers was held via Zoom meeting today. Present were Chuck Salmons, Board Member and host for the Annual Meeting in Columbus scheduled for September 30–October 3. Also present were Carole Ziegler (Treasurer), Phil Farquharson (President), Liz Koozmin (Chair, Awards Committee), Linda Deith (past chair, Awards Committee), Marg Rutka (Social Media guru), Meg Smath (*Blueline* coeditor), Mary Ann Schmidt (office manager), and Rowena Mills (*Blueline* coeditor).

After discussing the current pandemic emergency involving the whole Earth, it was decided to postpone our meeting by one year, until October 2021 (date to be determined). We hope to use the same venues that we had arranged for this year, pending availability. Our visit to the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center at Ohio State University, and Saturday field trip would remain the same, as would the guest speakers for our banquet, again, pending availability of personnel.

We hope to hold this year's awards presentation and the Annual Board of Directors' meeting virtually at the scheduled time within the September 30–October 3 timeframe. There might be other possible virtual presentations which could be shared on the AESE website around the same time.

Until then, stay safe, and we'll be providing updates via email blasts and on social media.

Be well, Phil Farquharson (still AESE President)