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### **AGI Announces New Officers**

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) welcomes three new officers to the positions of President-Elect, Member-at-Large and Secretary; Dr. Ernest Mancini, Dr. G.W. “Skip” Hobbs, and Dr. Robert H. Fakundiny, respectively.

Dr. Ernest Mancini will serve as President-Elect on the AGI Executive Committee. Mancini, also the 2004 recipient of AGI’s Ian Campbell Medal, is well-known in many sectors of the geosciences including academia, industry and government. He is a professor of Geology at the University of Alabama, an Honorary Member of the Association of American State Geologists and he has made significant contributions to many of AGI’s member societies such as the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and the Geological Society of America. As a leader and a public servant, his career has centered around three decades of commitment and dedication to the geological profession.

AGI welcomes New York State Geologist Robert H. Fakundiny serving as Secretary of the Executive Committee. He is currently State Geologist of New York. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1970, Fakundiny worked as an adjunct professor at the State University of New York-Albany from 1975-1987 where he pursued his interests in the Adirondack Mountains. His research interests include structural geology and radioactive and toxic waste disposal. He was the recipient of the John T. Gale, Sr., Memorial Public Service Award from the American Institute of Professional Geologists and a fellow with the New York State Academy of Sciences.

G.W. “Skip” Hobbs joins the AGI Executive Committee as Member-at-Large. Hobbs is the founder and managing partner of Ammonite Resources Company, an international petroleum consulting firm headquartered in New Canaan, Conn. Prior to founding the Ammonite Corporation in 1980, and Ammonite Resources in 1982, Hobbs was employed by Amerada Hess Corporation, International Division, New York from 1977-1980; and by Texaco, Inc. in Ecuador, Great Britain, Indonesia and Portugal from 1970-1977. In 1996 he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and has been the AAPG representative with AGI advisory board.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 43 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 society’s use of resources and interaction with the environment. More information about AGI can be found at <http://www.agiweb.org>.

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