

The Math-Science Connector

STEAM Rising in Phoenix
Phoenix, AZ
October 20-22, 2016



Report of the 2016 Spring Board of Directors Meeting

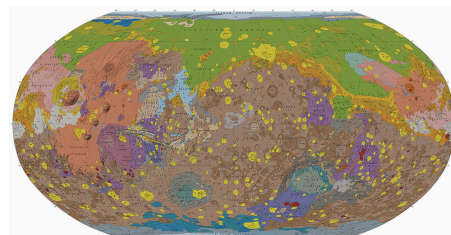
The Board of Directors met May 15 - 17 at the beautiful Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, the location of our 2016 Annual Convention on October 20 - 22nd. The resort will serve as a wonderful venue for our organization.

The Program Chairs - Ron Zambo, Juliana Utley and Adrienne Redmond Sanogo - have put together an exciting and diverse program of events. We are excited to have keynote Speaker, Dr.

David A. Williams, from the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University, specializing in planetary geology. The second keynote speaker will be finalized soon.



Dr. David A. Williams
School of Earth and Space
Exploration
Arizona State University



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Dr. Williams is also the Director of the Ronald Greeley Center for Planetary Studies, the NASA Regional Planetary Information Facility at ASU

SSMA strives to be graduate student friendly. Several sessions and events of special interest to graduate students are scattered throughout the convention. See the program where these will be highlighted --- including a Presidential reception on Friday evening for graduate students that provides an opportunity to meet and visit with the SSMA Board. Once again, we are offering significantly reduced convention registration rates for graduate Students - the rate is actually below cost of the meals provided.



While SSMA is financially stable, the Board recognizes increased cost of doing Association Business and voted to raise membership rates - **the first increase in dues since 2004**. New membership dues will be Regular Membership - \$75, Student/Teacher Membership - \$35, Lifetime Membership - \$900 and are effective with our next fiscal year starting on July 1, 2016.



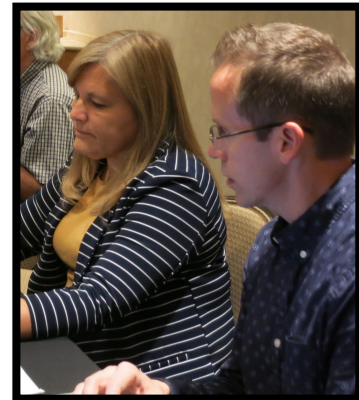
I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

Gil Naizer
SSMA President

Leadership Meeting



Our youngest "member!"



2016 SSMA Convention**October 20-22, 2016****Phoenix, Arizona****STEAM Rising in Phoenix****Room reservations by September 11th****Presenters must register by September 20th. All other authors by October 6th****www.SSMA.org**

We will host Research Presentations, Regular Sessions, Symposium/Panel sessions, Interactive/Hands-On Workshops, Roundtables along with several new formats.

If you have questions about the proposal process or the presentation schedule, please contact:

Juliana Utley	juliana.utley@okstate.edu
Ron Zambo	ronald.zambo@asu.edu
Adrienne Sanogo	adrienne.redmond@okstate.edu

2016 SSMA Proceedings Information

The 2016 convention will continue to feature a peer reviewed conference proceedings. Anyone accepted to present at the 2016 convention is invited to submit a paper! The papers – empirical or practitioner, not to exceed 8 pages including tables, figures, and references – are due AUGUST 1, 2016. Be sure that you follow the correct format – see SSMA Proceedings Guidelines and the templates at <http://www.ssma.org>. If you have any further questions, please contact us at ssmaproceedings@gmail.com



***Congratulations to
Our New Board Members
2016-2019***



Board Member

Toni Ivey
Oklahoma State University
Science



Board Member

Christa Jackson
Iowa State University
Mathematics

School Science and Mathematics, the SSMA Journal

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Please see an issue of the Journal or visit <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0036-6803> for more information about article submission. The journal's focus is on data-based research manuscripts on K-12 teaching or learning of science or mathematics, or their integration.

Manuscript submissions for *School Science and Mathematics* are now online through the ScholarOne website at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ssm>. Hard copy submissions are no longer accepted. See the current issue of the journal for information about calls for manuscripts.

The image displays two screenshots of the journal's website. The left screenshot shows the Wiley Blackwell School Science and Mathematics journal page, including navigation links, a search bar, and a 'Log In' button. The right screenshot shows the ScholarOne Manuscripts submission site, featuring a 'Log In' form with fields for User ID and Password, and a 'New User?' section with a 'Log In here if you are already a registered user' link.

If you would like to be a Reviewer, please contact the Editors (carlacjohnson@purdue.edu or harkneml@ucmail.uc.edu). Reviewers prepare comments, reviews, and recommendations for 1-2 manuscripts a year in their area of specialization. Reviewers are needed in all areas of expertise, especially teacher preparation and professional development.



**Want to serve on the Board or
nominate someone
to serve?**

Nominations for SSMA Board of Directors

To nominate a candidate to serve on the SSMA Board of Directors, a petition of twenty-five (25) signatures can be sent to Ken Miller, Chair of the Nomination and Election Committee. Self-nominations are accepted as well.

Please contact:

Ken Miller

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College of Education

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Call for SSMA 2017 Awards

Deadline for submission of nominations: March 15, 2017

The SSMA Awards Committee invites the membership to submit nominees to be considered for the following awards:

- **GEORGE G. MALLINSON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The award is given to those who have been a member of SSMA for at least ten (10) years and who have shown substantial participation and leadership in SSMA activities such as paper presentations at meetings, committee work, membership work, reviewing for journal, and so forth. Nomination is limited to SSMA members who are nominated by a current member of SSMA.

- **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

The award is given to a person or group who/which has fostered, promoted, and extended the integration of mathematics/science. The nominee should be a person or group who is active in science/mathematics education and in the development of curricula for the preparation of teachers, educational research, or other activities of significant educational value; thereby showing an impact on science/mathematics education. The competition is open to non-SSMA members but all applicants must be nominated by an SSMA member.

- **SSMA CONNECTIONS AWARD**

The nominee should be a person working in K-12 who has been a leader of an exemplary teaching and learning project that is school-based and focused on connections between science and mathematics.

- **OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR AWARD**

The nominee should be a person, within five years of receiving a doctoral degree, with an exemplary and productive program of research related to science and/or mathematics education. The nominee must be an SSMA member in good standing for at least 1 year prior to the submission of an application.

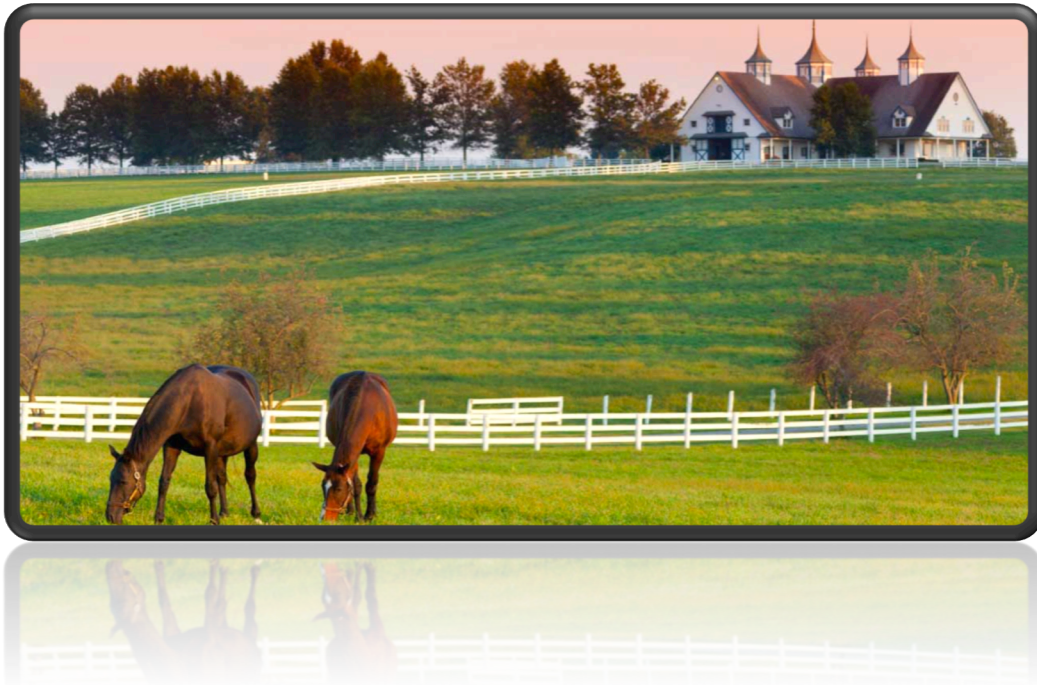
- **SSMA OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD**

The Award is given for dissertations related to science education, mathematics education, or integrated science and mathematics education. Competition is open to non-members, but all applicants must be nominated by an SSMA member. The nominee's dissertation must have been completed within the last three years.

Criteria details for each award can be found online at <http://www.ssma.org/award-descriptions-and-requirements>. Any member of SSMA is free to nominate a person(s) satisfying the criteria noted above.

Materials (for each award) are to be sent electronically to Melanie L Shores (mshores@uab.edu) & the SSMA office (office@ssma.org) prior to March 15, 2017.

**SAVE the DATE:
November 2-4, 2017
Annual SSMA Convention**



To be held at the
Hilton Lexington-Downtown
<http://www.lexingtondowntownhotel.com/>
Lexington, Kentucky
Proposals due March 15, 2017!

About Our Organization...

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<http://www.ssma.org/>

Membership in the School Science and Mathematics Association is open to any person who supports the objectives of the Association, who has paid membership dues, and completed an application.

Benefits of SSMA Membership include:

- Membership in an association encompassing both science and mathematics teaching and learning.
- 8 issues of the official journal *School Science and Mathematics*.
- 2 issues of the SSMA newsletter *The Math-Science Connector*.
- Opportunities to submit presentation proposals for the Annual Convention.
- Voting privileges for Association business and election of officers.
- Opportunities to serve on an SSMA Committee or Leadership Team.

Additional information about SSMA is available at our website (<http://www.ssma.org>) or by contacting **Melanie Shores and Tommy Utley** (office@ssma.org).

To contribute news items for the SSMA newsletter (*The Math-Science Connector*), please contact **Georgia Cobbs** (georgia.cobbs@umontana.edu).

Contact information for all SSMA Board Members and Committee Members can be found online at <http://www.ssma.org/>

