Recognizing the AOGS goal of promoting geosciences for the benefit of humanity in Asia, Oceania, and *beyond*, I believe that my home in North America is well suited to enhance relationships between AOGS members and other regions. I recently retired from NASA, after 37 years, where I served as a research scientist initially focused on stratospheric ozone chemistry. Most recently, I was an Atmospheric Composition Program Manager and Program Scientist for two satellite missions. I have a passion for involvement in international research coordination efforts.

Since my first AOGS meeting in Beijing in 2016, I have participated in every annual meeting, making scientific presentations, giving talks at the NASA hyperwall, and organizing sessions. With colleagues in Japan, I organized two successful special sessions, one involving the Brewer-Dobson and Hadley circulations in 2019, and a Space Agency Perspectives on Earth Remote Sensing session in 2023. The annual meetings provide a unique opportunity for facilitating the interaction between the Asia Oceania science community and those from other regions.

As Section President, I would build on the excellent efforts of my predecessors and work with the Section Secretaries to explore opportunities for enhanced collaboration between AOGS and other regional entities and worldwide sister societies, perhaps through joint sessions. I would seek to encourage and increase the participation of early career scientists at our annual meetings, essential for building a resilient society.

We live in a world where Earth science and climate research are under attack. In my country, federal funding has been reduced and may be profoundly slashed as this year progresses. The need for informed high-quality research, as presented at our annual meetings and through society publications, is of the utmost importance. I will endeavor to work with AS members to advance the aims of AOGS, and its worldwide reach.