

American Geophysical Union

1919-1965

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) was organized in 1919 to represent the US in the International Research Council's International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics and to serve as the National Research Council Committee on Geophysics. In both of these capacities, the AGU promoted work in the fields of astronomy, geodesy, geology, meteorology, seismology, terrestrial electricity and magnetism, and vulcanology. In 1972 the AGU separated from the National Academies and incorporated as an independent organization.

The American Geophysical Union collection contains correspondence, reports, and meeting minutes covering the years 1919-1965 for a span of 7 linear feet. The collection is arranged in two major divisions: 1919-1939 and 1940-1965.

Record Group 1: 1919-1939

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Activities - Reports to Division of Foreign Relations: 1923-1934
- Annual Meetings: 1920-1938
- Appointments
 - Members: 1920-1931
- Auditing Committee: 1932-1939
- Award
 - Bowie Medal: 1939
- Beginning of Union: 1919-1920
- Committees
 - Budget: 1920-1939
 - Exhibits: 1939
 - Geophysical & Geological Study of Continents: 1935-1938
 - Geophysical & Geological Study of Oceanic Basins: 1933-1939
 - Hydrology: 1923-1929
 - Meetings: 1920-1939
 - Membership: 1920-1939
 - Membership Qualifications: 1933-1934
 - Statutes & Bylaws: 1920-1939
 - To Consider Establishment of American Journal of Geophysics: 1935-1939
- Meetings
 - Minutes: 1920-1939
 - Meetings: General: 1920-1939
- Members: Formal Listings: 1921-1932
- Members & Officers: Formal Listing: 1939
- Planning & Project Committee: 1937-1938
- Statutes & Bylaws: 1919-1938

- General: 1920-1939

EXECUTIVE BOARD – SECTIONS

- Geodesy: 1920-1933
- Geophysical Chemistry: 1920-1924
- Hydrology: 1922-1939
- Meteorology: 1920-1933
- Oceanography: 1923-1933
- Physical Oceanography: 1920-1922
- Seismology: 1920-1933
- Terrestrial Magnetism & Electricity: 1920-1933
- Volcanology: 1920-1933

INSTITUTIONS – ASSOCIATIONS & INDIVIDUALS

- Geological Society of America: 1936

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

FUNDS

- National Research Council to American Geophysical Union: 1920-1939

Record Group 2: 1940-1965

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Activities
 - Reports
 - Division of Foreign Relations: 1940-1945
 - Division of Geology & Geography: 1945-1951
 - National Research Council: 1942-1951
- Committees
 - Affiliation with American Geological Institute: 1946-1948
 - Audit: 1940-1950
 - Award of William Bowie Medal: 1941-1951
 - Establishment of American Journal of Geophysics: 1943
 - Exhibits: 1940
 - Meetings: 1940-1950
 - Membership: 1941-1951
 - Nominations: 1945-1950
 - Proposal for Journal of Geophysical Research: 1949-1950
 - Regionalization

- Survey of Union Membership Regarding Proposed Regionalization Program: 1949
 - General: 1948-1949
 - Student Memberships: 1950
- Editorial & Publications Committee
 - Meetings: Minutes: 1944-1951
 - General: 1944-1951
- Executive Committee
 - Meetings: Minutes: 1940-1946
 - General: 1943-1950
- Finance Committee: 1940-1947
- Meetings
 - Annual: 1940-1951
 - Regional: 1947-1951
- Members: Proposed: 1949-1951
- Members & Officers: Formal Listings: 1940-1947
- President: 1956
- Proposition for New Journal: 1949-1950
- Prospectus: 1950-1951
- Regionalization
 - Analysis by Committee on Meetings: 1947-1948
 - Analysis by Section of Hydrology: 1947
 - Western Gulf Area: 1950-1951
- Statutes & Bylaws: 1941-1950
- General: 1940-1951
- Sections
 - Hydrology
 - Bequest: 1945
 - Committees
 - For Selecting Horton Manuscripts for Publication: 1946
 - Bibliography of Hydrology: 1940
 - Hydrologic Regions: 1944-1948
 - Inter-Society Relations: 1944-1946
 - Permeability: 1947-1948
 - Runoff: 1944-1948
 - Snow: 1942-1946
 - Executive Committee: 1942-1950
 - Meetings: 1940-1950
 - General: 1940-1951
 - General: 1941-1944

GOVERNING BOARD

- Activities
 - Origin & Development of AGU 1919-1952
 - Reports
 - Division of Geology & Geography: 1952-1953

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- National Research Council: 1952-1959
- Award - Terrestrial Magnetism & Atmospheric Electricity: 1952-1953
- Committees
 - For Study of Metric System in US: 1958-1959
 - Finance & Investment: 1959-1960
 - Tellers: 1953-1959
 - Advertising: 1957-1959
 - AGU Publications: 1958
 - AGU Salaries & Organization: 1959-1960
 - Audit: 1951-1960
 - Award in Terrestrial Magnetism & Electricity: 1954-1960
 - Award of William Bowie Medal: 1951-1959
 - Budget: 1952-1961
 - Corporation Membership: 1953-1961
 - Cosmic-Terrestrial Relationships: 1953-1959
 - Education: 1957-1959
 - Future of Journal of Geophysical Research: 1960
 - Geophysical Abstracting: 1958-1959
 - Geophysical & Geological Study of Continents: 1957-1959
 - International Participation
 - Appointments: Members: 1954-1959
 - Meetings: Minutes: 1954-1959
 - General: 1954-1959
 - James M Macelwane Memorial: 1957-1958
 - Meetings: 1952-1959
 - Membership: 1954-1959
 - Membership Dues: 1960
 - Nominations: 1952-1959
 - Relations Between AGU & NRC
 - Berkner Report: 1954
 - General: 1952-1954
 - Relations of AGU with US National Committee of IGY: 1957-1958
 - Resolutions: 1959-1960
 - Statutes & Bylaws: 1952-1959
 - Study AGU Membership Committee Organization: 1956-1957
 - Study Relationship of AGU to AGI: 1957
- Editorial & Publications Committee
 - Appointments: Members: 1951-1957
 - Meetings: Minutes: 1951-1958
 - General: 1951-1958
- Executive Committee: 1952-1959
- Geophysical Monograph Board: 1958-1959
- Meetings
 - Annual: 1951-1959
 - Joint with American Meteorological Society: 1952
 - Officers of AGU: 1955-1960
 - Regional: 1951-1961

- Membership
 - Corporation Membership: 1956-1959
 - Members Recommended to be Dropped for Nonpayment of Dues: 1952-1956
 - Recommended by Membership Committee: 1956-1959
- Month-End Roundups: 1955-1959
- Publications Program
 - Request for Funds: 1958-1959
 - General: 1958-1959
- Regions
 - Mid-Pacific: 1954-1956
 - North Central: 1952-1953
 - Pacific Northwest: 1954-1960
 - Pacific Southwest: 1951-1959
 - Southeastern: 1953-1955
- Reports of General Secretary to Executive Committee: 1955-1959
- Representatives on Other Organizations: 1952-1959
- Russian Translation Project: 1956-1959

GOVERNING BOARD: SECTIONS

- Hydrology: 1951-1960
- Meteorology: 1952-1959
- General: 1957-1959
- Solicitation of Financial Support Through Advertising in Transactions or Corporate Membership: 1958
- Statutes & Bylaws: 1955-1958
- Triennial Report to IUGG: 1959
- Trips: Executive Secretary: 1957-1961
- General: 1951-1961

INSTITUTIONS: ASSOCIATIONS & INDIVIDUALS

- American Association for Advancement of Science
 - American Geophysical Union Affiliation: 1945-1951
 - Committee on Metric Usage: 1957-1959
 - Meetings: 1942-1958
 - Symposia: 1959
- American Chemical Society
 - Committee on Exchanges: 1955-1957
- American Meteorological Society: 1944-1959
- American Society of Civil Engineers: 1950-1961
- American Standards Association
 - Committee on Fluid Permeation Z59: 1948-1960
- American Water Works Association
 - Symposium on Ground Water Problems: 1942
- Geophysical Society of Hawaii: 1953-1959
- Institute of Aerospace Sciences

- Anniversary Banquet: 1961
- National Education Association
 - National Commission on Teacher Education & Professional Standards: 1958-1959
- Ohio State University
 - Institute of Geodesy Photogrammetry & Cartography: 1961
- University of California
 - Symposium on Mass & Heat Transfer from Snow Lakes & Ground Surfaces: 1949-1950
- University of Hawaii
 - Hawaii Institute of Geophysics: 1955-1961
- University of Southern California
 - Hancock Foundation: 1950
- Water Research Foundation
 - Study of Governmental Organization for Water Resources of Delaware River Basin: 1959
- William Byrd Press Inc: 1961
- General: 1945-1961

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Academies & Councils Abroad
 - Soviet Academy of Sciences: 1945
- International Congresses
 - Conference on Atmospheric Electricity: 1954
 - Conference on Physics of Precipitation: 1958-1959
- International Geophysical Year
 - US National Committee: 1955-1959

LEGAL MATTERS

- Will: Horton R: 1945-1946

ORGANIZATION

- Office Procedures & Memoranda
 - American Geophysical Union: 1941

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Brochures: AGU: 1959
- Inaugurations Ceremonies Speeches: 1951-1961

PUBLICATIONS

- Biological Abstracts: 1958
- Geophysical Monograph Series: 1955-1959
- Hydrology Publications in Horton Library: 1947
- Journal of Geophysical Research
 - Advertising Space: 1959

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- Carnegie Institution as Publisher: 1949-1958
- Editorial Board: 1958-1961
- Exchange of Publications with Foreign Institutions: 1959
- Mailing & Shipping: 1959-1961
- Page Charges: 1958-1959
- Permission to Quote: 1959-1962
- Printing & Publishing: 1958-1962
- Request for Funds: 1958-1959
- Section on Geomagnetic & Solar Data: 1959-1960
- Solicitation of Manuscripts: 1959
- Symposium on Exploration of Space: 1959-1960
- Manuscripts: Horton Manuscripts
 - Inventory: 1945-1948
 - Maximum Observed Rainfall Amounts: 1949
 - Progress on Completion: 1945-1947

TRANSACTIONS

- Advertising Space: 1955-1959
- Bibliography of Papers Relating to Hydrology: 1932-1941
- Exchange of Publications with Foreign Institutions: 1953-1959
- Mailing Lists: 1926-1938
- Permission to Quote: 1954-1961
- Postal Laws & Regulations: 1945-1953
 - Printing & Publishing: 1951-1962
 - Request for Funds: 1947-1958
 - Subscriptions: 1953-1958
 - General: 1942-1959

DIVISIONS OF THE NRC

EARTH SCIENCES

- American Geological Institute: 1958-1959

GEOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY

- American Geological Institute
 - American Geophysical Union Affiliation: 1948

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

ACCOUNTING

- Vouchers: 1946

BANKS

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- 1956-1959

CONTRACTS

- AF19(604)-754
 - Conference on Atmospheric Electricity: 1954-1955
- Ilr-1585
 - Annotated Bibliography of Hydrology in US: 1941-1952

FINANCE

- Funds: Grants: 1944-1959

TAXES

- Tax Exemption: 1958-1959

GOVERNMENT

AGENCIES & DEPARTMENTS

- Agriculture
 - Soil Conservation Service: 1939-1944
- National Science Foundation
 - Conference on Theoretical Geophysics: 1956
- General: 1955-1960

CONGRESS

- Bills
 - Adoption of Metric System: 1959
 - Establishment of Geophysical Institute at U of Hawaii: 1955
- Committee on Government Operations
 - Subcommittee on Reorganization & International Organizations: 1961
- General: 1952-1959

EXECUTIVE

- Federal Council of Science & Technology: 1959
- National Resources Planning Board
 - National Roster of Scientific & Specialized Personnel: 1942-1947

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- 1955-1965

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STATE GOVERNMENTS

- California - Department of Public Works: 1942

PERSONNEL RELATIONS

WELFARE

- 1950-1960

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

REAL ESTATE

- Buildings: Space: 1948-1956