

Natural Hazards Focus Group (Late Boreal) Summer News

Greetings!

Below you'll find a short newsletter for the Natural Hazards Focus Group. First and foremost, this newsletter is a reminder to vote in the ongoing AGU election. In addition, you'll find news regarding some requests for help with the website, a request for nominations or expressions of interest for a student representative for the NHFG Executive Committee, and a request for nominations or expressions of interest to be a Focus Group representative to a variety of AGU committees.

Vote in AGU's election!

The AGU 2014 Election is underway and members are electing leaders for the next term, which starts 1 January 2015. Elected AGU leaders will serve two years and will play an essential role in decisions on how to better serve and engage members in the advancement of AGU's mission and vision.

Take an active role in helping shape the future of AGU and the Natural Hazards Focus Group by voting in the 2014 election. This year, eligible voters receive a ballot for every section/focus group to which they belong, in addition to the AGU Board and student/early career ballots. The voting site has been improved, allowing you to cast as few or many votes as you'd like over 30 days, in one session or multiple sessions. Please look for your unique link from @directvote.net, login and select, for example, the Natural Hazards Focus Group ballot. It will only take a few minutes to review the candidate information and make your choice. Remember every vote counts!

The election is open from 18 August through 17 September. Visit <http://elections.agu.org> for more information about the election.

Website volunteer needed

The Focus Group's website and the Focus Group need your help. The Focus Group's website and a subset of its content needs to be migrated to the new AGU format and branding. The Focus Group webmaster will be able to work with AGU's webmaster on the conversion. As the website uses WordPress software, experience with WordPress is desired, but this experience is not a strict necessity. Please contact me (rmurnane@natcatrisk.com) for more information and expressions of interest.

Student member of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is seeking a new student member. The two-year term for the successful applicant will begin in January, 2015.

I would appreciate hearing from either self-nominating students or Faculty advisors that have students they would like to nominate. The student member will participate in the Natural Hazards Focus Group Executive Committee and provide advice to the Focus Group on a variety of topics including, for example, providing

suggestions and inputs on potential student-centered activities, special sessions for AGU meetings, and potential Town Halls. This is an excellent opportunity for an early career scientist to become involved in one of the nation's premier scientific societies. Serving on the board is a great way for a graduate student to extend their network; the board is comprised of a diverse group of established researchers in the field.

Application materials (or requests for more information) should be sent to Rick Murnane (rmurnane@natcatrisk.com) no later than September 19, 2014. Applicants must be in a Masters or Ph.D. program (or equivalent) with an expected graduation date of January 2016 or later. Each application package should include a CV, a short statement describing the applicant's interest in serving on the board (no longer than one page), and a recommendation letter from the primary research advisor. Students under the supervision of an active member of the current NHFG Executive Committee are not eligible. Screening of applications will begin on September 20, 2014.

AGU 2014 Fall Meeting

I look forward to seeing you at the 2014 AGU Fall meeting. Once again we'll have a reception, most likely on the Tuesday night. At the meeting we'll introduce the winners from the AGU election and the Graduate Student Research Award.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Rick Murnane