

# AGC Board Member Changes

## Retirements

Rich Earl, Texas State University  
James Lein, Ohio University

## Nominations

Denise Blanchard, Texas State University (Nominated by Rich Earl)  
Sheila Steinberg, Brandman University (Nominated by Linda Peters)

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We thank both Rich and James for their investment of time and work in building our AGC community. They are both great examples of the steady leadership and consistent participation that have seen AGC grow into the vibrant organization that we have today.

With their retirements, we have an opportunity to both recognize existing strengths and incorporate new areas of emerging interest that can build our AGC conference and publication efforts. We have the following two board nominees to consider.

**Dr. Denise Blanchard** is a long-time contributor to AGC. Her research and teaching interests in environmental, economic, and geographic education issues are a wonderful complement to AGC's current strengths. Her position at Texas State University allows her to represent the large and vibrant geography program there, providing an important connection between AGC and the country's largest geography department.

**Dr. Sheila Steinberg** is a newer member of the AGC community, having joined us at AGC 2019. Her research and teaching interests in environmental issues considered broadly and prominent positioning within the GIS book publication community provide AGC with the opportunity to grow its presence in important emerging research areas that connect geography with other disciplines. Her Irvine, California location (where she serves as professor at Brandman University) also provides an increased west coast presence on our board, which will be important if we desire to become more of a truly national community. Lastly, her featuring by Springer as one of the top 100 female scientists is a testament to the prominent position she has earned in the broader scientific community, and an indication of the new and helpful ideas and connections she can bring to our plans and discussions.

Vitae and interest statements for both Dr. Blanchard and Dr. Steinberg are provided for your review on our AGC Board meeting page: <http://www.appgeogconf.org/board-meetings.html>

***Note: at our AGC 2019 board meeting in Charlotte, we voted on and approved Ms. Claire Burch of the University of Oklahoma as a student member of our board. However, we also realized that our AGC bylaws needed amendment to allow Ms. Burch's formal acceptance to the board. In advance of these anticipated bylaw amendments and to facilitate the initiation of Ms. Burch's contribution to AGC session planning, she will be invited to sit in on our board meeting at AAG Denver in April 2020.***