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### A new Editor for North America - Steve Laubach

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This year we have seen a change in the Editorial Board. In January, Bill Dunne stepped down as Editor of the Journal of Structural Geology for North America, after serving the Journal as an Editor for more than twelve years. During this time, Bill has handled more than his share of papers for the Journal. Bill made a major contribution by carefully improving the clarity of many a paper, he organized the Student Award of the Year, and was a great support in the Journal management team. Fortunately, Bill will remain connected to the Journal in an advisory role. I would like to thank Bill for his excellent contribution to the Journal as an Editor.

Bill's role has now been taken over by Steve Laubach, who joined the Editorial Board in January as our new North American Editor. I wish to welcome him to the team, and wish him a happy and productive time with us. A short CV is given below.

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Stephen E. Laubach is Senior Research Scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology and a member of the graduate faculty of the Jackson School of Geosciences, the University of Texas at Austin. Steve received his Ph.D. in structural geology from the University of Illinois with Stephen Marshak as his advisor for an investigation of polyphase deformation, metamorphism, and regional geology of part of western Arizona. At the University of Texas, he founded and currently leads the Fracture Research and Application Consortium and the Structural Diagenesis Initiative, groups that focus on better understanding of how natural fractures grow in the Earth in order to improve drilling and stimulation outcomes in oil and gas reservoirs and other applications. Steve's research interests include unconventional and fractured reservoirs, outcrop and subsurface fracture characterization, and microstructural, fluid inclusion and cathodoluminescence applications to structural geology and sedimentary petrology. He has served in senior roles for professional organizations in the United States and elsewhere, including as a member of the executive committee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). In terms of the *Journal of Structural Geology*, he has been lead guest editor for special issues on structural diagenesis (December 2010) and fault and fracture spatial organization (March 2018), and has served on the Editorial Board.

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