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Dear USPA member,

As we head to the end of the year, we would like to thank you for being a valuable member of the Association. As of today, USPA has 168 members! Thanks to USPA membership and sponsors, USPA was able to provide seven travel grants for students to present their research. More than 50 members attended the USPA Annual Meeting at AGU and nine members were at the SouthCOP in New Zealand.

We extend our warm welcome to Peppi Croft, new Treasurer and Torsten Mayrberger and Mark Bennett, new Board Members. Ed Yarmak and Kevin Shaeffer will serve as the new IPA Council representatives starting at ICOP 2020. John Zarling will assume his role as a President and Cathy Wilson as a President Elect starting in January, 2020.

We would like to thank Oliver Frauenfeld (CCOM Chair), Gerald Frost (Treasurer), Thomas Douglas (Past President), John Thornley (Board Member), Fritz Nelson (IPA Council Rep), and Thomas Krzewinski (IPA Council Rep) for their service.

We would like to remind you that the deadline for abstract submission at ICOP in Lanzhou is January 15. Students who submit by the deadline will be eligible to receive registration waver:
<http://icop2020.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1>

Please help USPA to raise funds to provide students and early career researchers with travel grants to attend ICOP:
<https://uspermafrost.org/education/UPEF/sponsors.shtml>

We also would like to remind you that next RCOP will take place in July 11 to 18, 2021 at University of Colorado Boulder. The session proposals are due February 14, 2020: <https://www.uspermafrost.org/21rcop/>

Kind reminder to submit a short annual report to the Membership Chair (jerrybrown@igc.org).

We value your membership and feedback. Please take five minutes to fill the survey designed to evaluate progress of the Association during the last year: <http://go.gwu.edu/uspa2019>

Best Wishes for a successful New Year!

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