

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Philip A. Meyers, Ph.D., professor of geological sciences and research scientist, Center for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Meyers received his B.S. degree from Carnegie Mellon University in 1964, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1972. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1978 and professor in 1982. He has been a research scientist in the Center for Great Lakes and Aquatic Sciences since 1985.

Professor Meyers' research focused on the organic geochemistry of marine and freshwater sediments, and involved using the elemental, isotopic, and molecular compositions of organic matter in these sediments to reconstruct paleoceanographic, paleolimnologic, and paleoclimatic histories. He sailed on seven research cruises of the Deep Sea Drilling Project and the Ocean Drilling Program, and he studied lake sediment records on four continents. His special areas of paleoceanographic expertise include Cretaceous black shales, Mediterranean sapropels, and marine upwelling systems, and he is widely recognized for his lake studies that improved our understanding of the evolution of continental climates of the last 20,000 years. Professor Meyers published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals and gave nearly 400 presentations at national and international scientific meetings. In recognition of his extensive research accomplishments, he was elected Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the Geochemical Society, the Geological Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A devoted teacher, Professor Meyers taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, advised scores of undergraduate and graduate students, and over the years, hosted 30 first-year students in his research projects. His dedication as a teacher earned him a Distinguished Service Award in 1976 and an Excellence in Education Award in 1995.

The Regents salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Philip A. Meyers professor emeritus of geological sciences and research scientist emeritus**.

Requested by:



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