THANKING TIM DREVER!

Time sure flies when you are having fun! It seems like yesterday that Tim joined the Elements editorial team, but his three-year term ended at the close of 2012. I first met Tim at the 2003 GSA meeting, when negotiations between the newly formed Executive Committee of Elements and the Geochemical Society were happening. Tim was vice-president of the Geochemical Society at that time, and I venture to say that he was instrumental in getting the Geochemical Society to join Elements, for facilitating the process, and Kelly Qimirpik of Cape Dorset, the sculptor of the Gleeful Bear, for granting us permission to use the photo of his art.

I next met him at a party held during the 2008 Goldschmidt Conference in honor of his retirement. It was obvious that Tim was held in great affection by colleagues and former students alike. I especially remember a young student in awe of meeting the author of The Geochemistry of Natural Water. I got my “Friend of Tim” button, and it is still in my memento box.

During his tenure at Elements, Tim was in charge of the following issues: Soil Remediation (v6n6); Global Water Sustainability (v7n3); Mine Wastes (v7n6); Minerals, Microbes, and Remediation (v8n2); and Urban Geochemistry (v8n6). As a final contribution, he has agreed to take charge of the Nitrogen issue, to be published in October. So even though we officially thank him here, he will still be working for Elements until that issue is in press. Tim has been a conscientious editor, always willing to go the extra mile to help authors write their very best; he has also volunteered for many extra tasks, like spending time at the Elements booth at Goldschmidt meetings and writing job descriptions. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and we thank him on behalf of the whole mineralogy-geochemistry-petrology community for his involvement in Elements. His gentle and caring ways will be missed.

UPCOMING EDITOR 2014–2016

We are delighted that Gordon Brown of Stanford University has accepted our invitation to join the editorial team. He will replace Georges Calas, whose term of office will end in December 2013. We will introduce Gordon more formally when his term starts in 2014.