

TOS NEWS — January 4, 2018

1. Message from TOS President, Alan Mix

How did another year slip by? January is here, and TOS is looking forward to a busy 2018. Several activities for TOS members are in the final planning stages for the 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting, such as the TOS Breakfast where will honor our recent awardees, and a networking luncheon for early career members. All members are encouraged to visit the TOS booth (#102) from Tuesday through Thursday of the conference week to chat with TOS staff and other members. Information about these activities will continue to be sent via email, and we'll also publish a comprehensive schedule in early February on the [TOS website](#).

Our membership is growing rapidly in size, diversity, and nationality. Acknowledging this expansion, this year we are discussing some changes in how TOS will function in the future as a larger organization, and we are seeking input on how we can better serve our members and the field of oceanography. Our staff updates the [TOS website](#) on a regular basis, but we welcome suggestions from members on possible features and functionality that could be added. To help us with this effort, please consider volunteering for an ad hoc committee to review our existing digital presence and to beta-test new developments. In particular, this committee should include tech-savvy students and early-career scientists who are good digital communicators, and it should represent the diverse membership from around the world. If you are able to serve on such an advisory committee in 2018, please contact [Jenny Ramarui](#), or talk to us at the Ocean Sciences Meeting (Booth #102). This volunteer opportunity should not be too arduous. Discussions will be electronic or by teleconference.

Thanks for your help. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Portland.

2. Ocean Sciences Meeting — Housing Deadline is January 17

Visit the official [OSM housing website](#) to reserve your hotel room by January 17 to obtain discounted room rates. Rooms are still widely available at the Hilton, the Duniway, the Nines and the Doubletree. Certain nights are still available at other hotels on the list.

3. Vote for TOS Council Members by Monday, January 8

Have you voted for TOS Council members yet? Earlier today, a reminder message with a link to the online voting system was sent to members who have not yet voted. To review the biographical sketches for each candidate, please [click here](#). If you have any questions or have not yet received your ballot, please contact [Jenny Ramarui](#).

4. RSVP for TOS Breakfast on February 13

If you will be attending the Ocean Sciences Meeting, please join your fellow TOS members for the complimentary TOS Breakfast on Tuesday, February 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 am in Exhibit Hall E of the Oregon Convention Center where we will honor recently selected TOS award recipients. Hundreds of TOS members attend this event, which provides a great opportunity for networking in a relaxed setting. **Please respond by January 12, 2018, by completing this online form**, or by emailing [Jenny Ramarui](#) to let her know you plan on attending. We will be serving a "Northwest Frittata," which is a vegetarian and gluten-free selection featuring eggs, mushrooms, goat cheese, and greens. Country fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee, and tea will also be served. If you have any dietary preferences or restrictions, please make that selection on the [RSVP form](#) or include that information in your email and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

5. Self-Nominations Sought for OSM 2020 Vice-Chair and Student Representative Positions on Planning Committee

Are you interested in representing TOS on the the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting Planning Committee? TOS is seeking self-nominations for the positions of vice-chair and student representative. The vice-chairs for TOS, ASLO, and AGU serve alongside the OSM 2020 co-chairs from each society to guide the planning process for the upcoming conference. The expectation is that the vice-chairs from each society assume the position of co-chair for the 2022 conference.

The student representatives from each of the three societies work together to plan student workshops and special events for the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting. Please visit [this page](#) to see examples of the types of events planned for 2018.

To learn more about these opportunities and to submit your self-nomination, please contact [Jenny Ramarui](#) by January 31, 2018.

TOS is making great strides toward fulfilling its [mission](#) as we grow to represent more members of the oceanographic community worldwide. Please invite your colleagues to [join](#) by forwarding them [this link](#) to the membership page. If you would like to support TOS initiatives and programs, please consider [contributing](#) by following [this link](#).

Please contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org), TOS Executive Director, with any questions about items in this message or your membership.