

TOS NEWS — November 8, 2017

1. Deadlines Extended

TOS Fellows nominations due November 30, 2017

Nominate a colleague for TOS Fellow! The TOS Fellows program recognizes Individual members who have attained eminence in oceanography through their outstanding contributions to the field of oceanography or its applications during a substantial number of years. To learn more about the program and how to submit a nomination, read more [here](#).

Apply to be an *Oceanography* Associate Editor

At the end of this year, two long time *Oceanography* Associate Editors, James Syvitski and Gregg Brunskill, will be stepping down. TOS Editorial Board members provide advice and guidance to the *Oceanography* Editor. Editorial Board positions do not have term limits. If you are interested in serving on the board, please send a short statement of no more than 150 words to [Ellen Kappel](#), *Oceanography* editor, by **February 15, 2018**. Please direct any questions to Dr. Kappel either by email or in person at the TOS exhibit booth at the Ocean Sciences Meeting. We thank James and Gregg for their outstanding service to *Oceanography* and The Oceanography Society.



2. We need to communicate! Message from TOS President, Alan Mix



Many (but certainly not all) scientists are introverts. If you are like me, you'd much rather work in the lab or at your computer, or talk to your peers, than be quoted in the news or appear on TV. Given massive public and political misunderstanding of science, we all need to step up and represent all the great things that ocean sciences (and all sciences) bring to the world. We need to communicate!

TOS has been invited to submit names of ocean scientists who will serve as an expert resource for journalists. This effort, named SciLine, will be managed by American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and will connect relevant experts with print, broadcast, and digital media journalists working on science-related stories. We need volunteers who can articulately explain and opine on scientific findings and issues in the news. SciLine will be led by Rick Weiss, who has more than three decades of experience in journalism and strategic communications, including 15 years as a science reporter at *The Washington Post*. In the previous administration, he was Communications Chief at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Participants in the SciLine database need to be willing to have journalists referred to them—sometimes on short notice—typically by phone or email, but in some cases on camera. Participating scientists would simply agree to be as responsive as possible to journalists referred to them by SciLine. If enough

people sign up, the burden on any single person will be light. There could be times when an area of expertise is especially in demand (think geologists after the recent Mexican earthquake or meteorologists after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria).

Here is how it will work. Journalists seeking subject-matter experts will contact SciLine for help. SciLine will match the journalists with participating scientists who have relevant expertise. With contact information, the journalist can reach out directly, though SciLine can mediate if helpful. TOS encourages ocean scientists to participate – this is your chance to make sure the public is well informed about the ocean. There is no specific age or experience profile we are looking for. If you are willing to try this, please send your name and area of expertise to [Jenny Ramarui](#) by **November 15**. We will follow up with details.

3. TOS Council election launching soon



TOS Council elections will begin within the few days, with excellent candidates for Education, Physical Oceanography, and Biological Oceanography positions on the ballot. Please [review the candidate information here](#), and look for a message from [ElectionBuddy.com](#), which will contain a personalized online voting token. If you would rather vote using a paper ballot, please contact [Jenny Ramarui](#).

4. Ocean Sciences Meeting Program: TOS Events

Now that the [program](#) for the Ocean Sciences Meeting has been [posted online](#), you'll notice two TOS events of interest: the ever popular [TOS Breakfast](#) on Tuesday, February 13, and the [TOS membership meeting](#) on Thursday, February 15. Stay tuned for instructions on how to register for the breakfast and for the members meeting agenda. Don't forget to [register](#) by January 3, and book your [housing](#) by January 17, to obtain the best rates!



5. Community News



Apply for positions with the National Science Foundation

Applications are being accepted for the Division Director for several divisions of the U.S. National Science Foundation. Follow the links below for more details:

- > [Ocean Sciences Division \(OCE\)](#): Applications due 2/15/18
- > [Earth Sciences \(EAR\)](#): Applications due 1/31/18
- > [Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences \(AGS\)](#): Applications due 3/1/18



Climate reports published; comment period open

The US Global Change Research Program (US GCRP) published three reports of significant interest, two of which are open for public comments. Your participation in the review process will help ensure that the reports will be of the highest quality. The reports are:

- *The Climate Science Special Report (CSSR)* — This is the final report and serves as the first volume of the *Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4)*. The report can be accessed directly [here](#).

- *The Second State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR-2)* — This report is in draft form and public comments are due **January 8, 2018**.
- *The Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4)* — This report is in draft form and public comments are due **January 31, 2018**.

To access the reports available for review and comment, please follow [this link](#).

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.