1. Membership Renewal Messages Being Sent Tonight

After midnight tonight, membership renewal messages will be sent from the MemberClicks system to all regular and sponsoring members whose memberships expire on 12/31/2016. The message will contain a link to the renewal system where an online payment can be made. For those who prefer to pay by check, please print out the invoice and mail it with a check to TOS, P.O. Box 1931, Rockville, MD 20849-1931. Any questions or concerns? Contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org).

2. Application system open for the TOS Student Mentoring Program

In an effort to expand career pathways for ocean science graduates, TOS will launch a pilot mentoring program for TOS graduate student members in early 2017. This pilot program is modeled on the successful MPOWIR program in which two senior scientists lead monthly conference calls with six graduate students.

To be eligible to apply for this program, TOS graduate student members must be studying at an institution located in the United States and must have completed the equivalent of two years of their graduate program. Participants will be selected to achieve balance among institutions, demographics and scientific disciplines. E-mail messages with the link to the online application have been sent to students with addresses indicating that they are studying at U.S. institutions. The online application must be completed by January 17, 2017. Contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org) with any questions.

3. TOS Council election concludes December 31st

If you haven't voted for new TOS Council members yet, please look for a message sent on November from elections@electionbuddy.com which contains your unique voter key. If you cannot locate this message, please contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org). The election runs through December 31st so please be sure to participate in selecting the next leaders of The Oceanography Society -- every vote is important!

4. Oceanology International North America

TOS will be participating in Oceanology International North America (OINA) taking place in San Diego from February 14-16, 2017. This event will showcase technologies from a variety of sectors including engineering, renewables and maritime security and marine science. Planning for career development activities at this event are underway and will be announced in early 2017. Click here for more information on this event.

5. Ocean Science Community Announcements

Gulf Research Program Fellowship Applications due 2/22/17. Learn more about Early Career Research or Program Science Policy Fellowships here.
The subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology is hosting the first public webinar to discuss the upcoming 10-year ocean research plan on December 8, 2016 from 11 am - noon. Learn more about providing input on the plan here.

New Teaching Resource now available: InTeGrate teaching module on Ocean Sustainability. This two- to three-week, six-unit module introduces the importance of oceans, basic ocean processes, and impacts of human activity on ocean health. Click here to learn more.

That’s all the news for now; please contact me, Jenny Ramarui, TOS Executive Director, with any questions about items in this message or your membership.