



TOS News — December 21, 2016

As we near the conclusion of 2016, TOS would like to convey best wishes to all members for an enjoyable holiday season and happy new year!

1. Membership renewals for 2017; special notice for students

Thank you to all members who have renewed their memberships! For those who haven't renewed yet, please do so by following [this link to the renewal form](#). Providing your payment information over the phone is welcome as an alternative; please call +1 301-251-7708.

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).

Important information for student members: We are in the process of checking with all students who indicated that they are completing their degree in 2016. Once that process has been finished, the expiration dates for all members who are continuing as students will be extended through December 31, 2017. All student memberships will remain active through February 28, 2017 as we complete this process.

If you are a current student member who has recently graduated, please contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org) to request that your membership type be changed from Student to Early Career. You will then be provided with instructions on renewing your membership at the Early Career rate of \$30 per year.

2. Donations now being accepted at NetworkForGood.com

To accommodate supporters who would like to make recurring as well as one-time donations to TOS, a donation page has been created at tos.networkforgood.com. This new online tool provides a mechanism for accepting donations from TOS members as well from those who may find TOS while searching for charities listed on the Network for Good website. All donations to The Oceanography Society via Network for Good are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by U.S. law, and appropriate documentation will be provided on each emailed donation receipt. Donations may also be made during the membership renewal process.

3. 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. Students meeting this criteria may [follow this link to apply](#). The online application must be completed by **January 17, 2017**. Contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org) with any questions.

4. TOS Council election concludes December 31st

If you haven't voted for new TOS Council members yet, please contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org) and you will be provided with a unique voter key to access the electronic ballot. **The election concludes on December 31st** so please be sure to participate in selecting the next leaders of The Oceanography Society -- every vote is important!

5. December issue of *Oceanography* now online

The [December issue of *Oceanography*](#) focusing on the topic of Ocean-Ice Interaction is now available for viewing on the [Oceanography magazine website](#). An email message with instructions on accessing this issue electronically will be sent in a few days, and printed copies are in the process of being mailed.

6. Ocean Science Community Announcements

Nominations for Participation on "Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board" (OOIFB) due by January 3, 2017

The Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) requests nominations, including self-nominations, for inaugural Members to serve on the newly established "Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board" (OOIFB). The OOIFB will provide independent input and guidance regarding the management and operation of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI).

The Dear Colleague Letter (NSF 17-034) announcing this opportunity may be found here...

<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2017/nsf17034/nsf17034.jsp>

...and includes links to the "Terms of Reference of the OOIFB", which may also be found here...

<https://www.nsf.gov/geo/oce/programs/ooi/ooifb-tor.jsp>

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.