

1. Message from TOS President, Alan Mix

Comings and Goings. It is election time again! Please be sure to open the email message that was sent on December 1 containing the link to the ballot and vote for TOS President Elect and Council members. Thanks to all the candidates who have volunteered to take on leadership of TOS. This is a member-centric organization, and an active council is essential to our success. Thanks to outgoing Councilors Dennis McGillicuddy and Rick Murray and Student Council Representative Stefanie Mack for their energetic service on what has been a very busy Council over the past few years. Thanks also to Past President Susan Lozier, and best wishes as she moves on to further leadership as President Elect (and eventually President) of AGU. And special thanks to TOS Executive Director Jenny Ramarui, *Oceanography* Editor Ellen Kappel, *Oceanography* Designer Johanna Adams, and TOS Accountant Jane Hoddinott – these superhumans seem to be everywhere all at once keeping TOS on an even keel. This is my final newsletter as TOS President. I have enjoyed my time in office and I'm glad to report that TOS is healthy, growing, and will continue to be a strong force for the global ocean sciences community. Welcome to incoming president Martin Visbeck, who has already served with distinction as President Elect and will for the next two years lead TOS to become even bigger, better, and more inclusive.

2. Membership Renewal Process

Sponsoring, Regular and Early Career members have recently received membership renewal notifications. Thank you to those who have already renewed. Any questions regarding renewals can be directed to [Jenny Ramarui](#).

Since student members receive complimentary membership, the renewal process is handled differently from other membership categories. This month, student members who indicated 2018 as their expected graduation year when joining TOS will receive an email from Jenny asking them for updated information in order to continue their student membership. Students who complete their degree in 2018 will be invited to become Early Career members. Students who indicated that their expected graduation date is 2019 or later will continue their membership without needing to provide additional information.

3. Survey: Assessing Scientists' Willingness to Engage in Science Communication

TOS is one of thirty scientific organizations participating in a survey – administered by ScienceCounts and the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science – to assess scientific society members' views on science communication and public engagement. Responses will help shape the trajectory of community-wide science communication and public engagement efforts.

If you would like to provide your input, please complete [this survey](#) by **December 14**. It should only take 15 minutes and all responses are anonymous and confidential.

4. Visit the TOS Booth at the AGU Fall Meeting

If you are attending the AGU Fall Meeting in Washington, DC, please visit the TOS booth (#518) and relax for a while on our sofa!

5. Ocean Community News

NSF's Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) seeks candidates for the position of Section Head, Marine Geosciences Section in the Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE). The Section Head serves as a member of the Division leadership team and as the Directorate's principal spokesperson in the areas of marine geology, marine geophysics, and chemical oceanography research. Click [here](#) for additional details. **The closing date for applications for this position is December 17, 2018.**

The Directorate also announces a nationwide search for one or more Program Directors (Rotators) in the Marine Geology and Geophysics Program. The Program is interested in individuals in the general fields of paleoceanography, sedimentary and/or nearshore processes, marine geology, marine geochemistry, or related fields.

Click [here](#) for additional details about the position and qualifications, as well as application instructions. **Applications for this position must be received by January 31, 2019.**

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.