

1. From the President, Martin Visbeck



As 2020 comes to a close, I reflect on how the global coronavirus pandemic has caused dramatic changes to society and ocean science—changes that were unimaginable a year ago. As we all adjusted to new daily routines, we quickly learned to work and communicate almost exclusively electronically, we redesigned or rescheduled field experiments, and we gathered virtually as conferences and smaller group meetings moved online. At TOS, we adapted as well and have been able to carry on with most of our planned activities. One important task was to identify candidates for a new president-elect, replacements for existing Councilors whose terms are ending, and several new Councilor positions. We are extremely proud to host an absolutely exciting slate of excellent candidates. Please show them your support by casting your vote; I am hoping for a record turnout. The candidates are listed below, and more information is available on the [election page](#).

Looking forward, the next months will be demanding but also exciting—demanding, as we continue to cope with the restrictions due to COVID-19 and exciting as we work with all of you to reform TOS to become more inclusive, more diverse, more international, and more rewarding.

2. Vote Now for New TOS Councilors

The Oceanography Society thanks Alan Mix (Past President), Magdalena Andres (Physical Oceanography), Charles Greene (Biological Oceanography), and Carolyn Scheurle (Education) for their time, dedication, and valuable contributions to the organization. These Council members complete their terms next month, and new Councilors will be elected to take their places.

Candidates have been identified for these positions as well as three new Council positions: Early Career, Ocean Data Science, and Ocean Social Science and Policy. Biographical sketches and photos for each of the candidates are available [here](#).

The TOS Council election is being conducted electronically. All TOS members were sent an email message from The Oceanography Society on December 1 at 6:00 pm EST containing a unique ballot link with a random, secret access key. If you are a TOS member and did not receive this message, please contact Jenny Ramarui, TOS Executive Director (jenny@tos.org or 301-251-7708) to receive voting instructions.

All votes must be cast by January 31, 2021 (11:59 EST).

TOS COUNCIL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Deborah Bronk
Charles Greene

BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY COUNCILOR

Kim Bernard
Katherine Mills

EARLY CAREER COUNCILOR

Logan Brenner
Hilary Palevsky
Erin Satterthwaite

EDUCATION COUNCILOR

Sara Harris
Janice McDonnell

OCEAN DATA SCIENCE COUNCILOR

Pier Luigi Buttigieg
Vicki Ferrini
Pierre Lermusiaux

OCEAN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLICY COUNCILOR

Leopoldo Cavaleri Gerhardinger
Di Jin

PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY COUNCILOR

Femke de Jong
Amelie Meyer
LuAnne Thompson

To view a list of current and past Council members, please visit the [TOS Council page](#).

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](#), TOS Executive Director, with any questions about items in this message or your membership.