

1. From the President - Welcome New Council Members

I have the pleasure to announce the outcome of the most recent election for two open positions on the Council. Galen McKinley will be the new Chemical Oceanography Councilor and Larry Mayer will be the new Applied Technology Councilor.

Let me first express my sincere thank you to Peter Sedwick for his engagement as the past Chemical Oceanography Councilor over the last three years. The same applies to James Girton as the past Applied Technology Councilor. Both Pete and James have provided valuable advice and perspectives to TOS and supported several of the society's initiatives.

Galen and Larry will bring fresh perspectives to TOS at a very pivotal time. The Council governs TOS and is responsible for directing the affairs and determining the future of the Society. As such it appoints the professional officers, oversees the election process for other committees and can initiate new workstreams and activities. We strive to maximise diversity across the council, and I am happy to report that the new Council of 11 members will have 6 females and 2 international members comprising a healthy age spectrum. Once again congratulations and welcome to Galen and Larry.

As you recall the Council has started a process under the presidents' leadership to evaluate the strength of TOS but also to look at new opportunities for TOS to expand, excel and engage in. During this calendar year, Andone and I invite all of you to engage through different formats so that together we can shape what we call the **TOS Strategy 2030**. We have launched a short **on-line survey** and we will use several of the **TOS events** during the upcoming Ocean Sciences Meeting in San Diego to engage the TOS and wider community. We can chat after our TOS breakfast, during the members' assembly. We have planned a **town hall** on Wednesday focused entirely on the **TOS Strategy 2030** followed by a one-day long retreat on Saturday in San Diego. For the latter we still have a few places available if interested please contact **Jenny** or **me** for details.

2. RSVP for TOS Honors Breakfast by this Friday, February 7, 2020

If you will be attending the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting, please join your fellow TOS members for the complimentary TOS Breakfast on Tuesday, February 18, from 7:00 to 8:00 am at the Marriott Marquis (San Diego Ballroom). This hotel is adjacent to the San Diego Convention Center--only a five-minute walk from the session rooms. We will honor recently selected recipients of TOS Honors, including Fellows and the new Mary Sears, Wallace Broecker, and Walter Munk medalists. Several hundred TOS members attend this event which provides a great opportunity for networking in a relaxed setting. **Please respond by February 7, 2020, by completing [this online form](#), or by emailing [Jenny Ramarui](#).**

We will offer two options for breakfast:

Option 1: Cage-free scrambled eggs and pepper bacon served with hash brown casserole (this meal is gluten-free).

Option 2: **Chilaquiles**, featuring salsa roja, locally made corn tortillas, vegan cheddar, tofu scramble, and sautéed bell peppers (this meal is vegan).

All meals will be served with fresh-squeezed orange juice, coffee, tea, and pastries. If you have any dietary preferences or restrictions, please make that selection on the [RSVP form](#) or include that information along with breakfast option 1 or 2 in your email and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

3. We Want to Hear From You — Survey Response Requested

The Oceanography Society (TOS) is creating a strategic plan that will guide the Society through 2030 and invites you to contribute your ideas by responding to the questions in [this survey](#). The responses to this survey will help inform discussions being held during the Ocean Sciences Meeting, and your response by February 18, 2020, would be appreciated.

4. TOS Activities at the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting

As mentioned above, TOS has several activities planned during the Ocean Sciences Meeting. Please follow [this link](#) to find out the schedule and location for the following activities:

Tuesday - Thursday: TOS Booth (#109)

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Wednesday: TOS Strategy 2030 Town Hall

Thursday: TOS Members Meeting

Saturday: TOS Strategy 2030 Retreat

Information about the TOS Strategy 2030 and the Retreat on February 22, is available [here](#).

5. Early Online Release Articles Posted

Check out the *Oceanography* [Early Online Release page](#) to read two exciting articles that will be published in the upcoming March issue. One provides an “oceanographic perspective” on early human migrations to the Americas, and the other describes a citizen science project that leverages our expedition vessels to collect data along the coast of the Western Antarctic Peninsula. More *postings coming soon!*

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.