

1. Message from TOS President, Alan Mix

I'm pleased to learn some people read my column in *Oceanography*!

We had an amazing response to my somewhat random thoughts about undergraduate education. As a result, we have formed a TOS committee to survey the current state of education about the ocean and to report on the range of successful practices (likely in our journal, *Oceanography*). The committee mandate includes how we educate future oceanographers, but also considers programs for students who may benefit from knowing about the ocean, but don't necessarily want to become oceanographers. There are many ways to engage with the ocean, and TOS covers them all.

If you would like to provide input, contact the committee (or in the spirit of "the buck stops here" contact me and I will connect you to the right people). Perhaps you are an undergraduate instructor or advisor? Your input is welcome. Or you work in a government agency and want to comment on education needs for future policymakers? Give us your ideas! Maybe you are a private sector employer and see that future employees could be better educated in some areas? Weigh in! Recent students know better than any what they got from their education, and what they lack as they enter the workforce. Let us know!

Many thanks to the committee volunteers, including Chair Carolyn Scheurle (Observatoire Océanologique de Villefranche-sur-Mer), and Committee members Paul Joyce (Sea Education Association), Bruce Monger (Cornell University), Claudia Benitez-Nelson (University of South Carolina), Ellen Kappel (*Oceanography* magazine), Sara Harris (University of British Columbia), and David Hastings (Eckerd College).

2. Seeking Self-Nominations for TOS Secretary

Sue Cook has served as TOS Secretary for the past eleven years, taking detailed notes during TOS meetings and documenting action items to help keep our initiatives on track. The Council appreciates her meticulous attention to detail as well as her contributions to discussions on education, fundraising, and other topics. Sue is looking forward to focusing her energy on other initiatives, and has asked the Council to find a new member to take on the responsibility as TOS Secretary.

The tasks required of this position include taking detailed notes of TOS Council deliberations during conference calls and in-person meetings (usually 2-3 annually) and providing draft notes in a timely manner to the TOS Council for review. The TOS Secretary also signs documentation as needed for business purposes.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve as TOS Secretary, please send a message regarding your interest in this position to [Jenny Ramarui](#). This opportunity is available to non-student members of TOS.

3. TOS Representatives to the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting Selected

We're happy to announce that Grace Chang (Senior Consultant, Integral Consulting) has been selected to serve as TOS Vice-Chair, and Camille Pagniello (PhD Student, Scripps Institution of Oceanography) will serve as TOS Student Representative. Thanks to all who submitted nominations for these positions.

4. Call for Papers

Oceanography is planning to publish a special issue in June 2019 on " **The Anthropocene Ocean.**" Human activities have joined natural phenomena as important drivers of the ocean's physical, chemical, and biological dynamics. In recognition of the growing human impact on the Earth, the International Union of Geological Sciences, the organization that defines formal stratigraphic units, is considering the technical merits of declaring that we live in the Anthropocene epoch, an idea that has already gained widespread acceptance inside and outside of the scientific community.

For this special issue of *Oceanography*, we are seeking forward-looking papers that describe the research and technology frontiers in understanding and responding to anthropic drivers of ocean dynamics. Submissions should also include a concise review of what we know and why.

If you are interested in contributing to this special issue, please email *Oceanography* Editor Ellen Kappel at ekappel@geo-prose.com with your topic and a brief description of what information your paper might cover. Articles will be selected for submission based on content and as space allows.

We are also seeking volunteers to be guest editors for this special issue. Tasks would include assembling the final Table of Contents in consultation with the *Oceanography* Editor, conducting the peer review of submitted manuscripts, and writing an introductory article for the special issue.

All emails of intent should be submitted by **Monday, July 16, 2018.**

5. Seeking Ideas for Special Issue Topics

Oceanography is seeking ideas from the community on topics we should cover as special issues of the magazine. Please send your ideas to Editor Ellen Kappel at ekappel@geo-prose.com.

6. TOS Fellows Nominations Due October 31, 2018

The deadline for submitting nominations for TOS Fellows is October 31, 2018. The program recognizing individuals who have attained eminence in oceanography through their outstanding contributions to the field of oceanography or its applications during a substantial period of years. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Fellows Program.

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.