

1. Message from TOS President, Martin Visbeck

Last month I shared my excitement with you about the new honors that we have established. I would like to remind all of us to think about the most deserving candidates in our community. Personally, I would be very excited to see in particular nomination of members of less well represented groups. In order to process your nominations in a fair and equitable manner we have established a Nomination Committee and a Selection Committee.

Today we would like to ask for your interest to work with us as a member of either the [Nomination Committee](#) or [Selection Committee](#). The TOS Council will select nine TOS members for the Nomination Committee (NC) which is responsible for encouraging honors nominations from the ocean science community and/or from the NC itself. Moreover, the NC will produce a one-page summary report for each viable nominee as well as a list of the viable nominees in ranked order.

The TOS Council will also select six TOS members for the Selection Committee (SC) which is responsible for selecting the recipients of each honor based on the NC recommendations. Moreover, the SC will provide a report listing all recipients to the TOS president for further action.

The Council will select the members for both the Nomination and Selection Committees. To indicate your interest in serving on either or both of the committees, please complete this simple [survey](#) which will ask for your contact information, area of expertise, any experience you have had on awards committees for other organizations, and a short paragraph about why you would like to be involved in the TOS Nomination or Selection Committee. Both committees will conduct their activities via email and videoconference and the term of each member will be three years.

I encourage all members to respond by September 15 to take advantage of this opportunity to support recognizing and celebrating our fellow members' achievements!

2. *Oceanography* Accepted into Directory of Open Access Journals

TOS is pleased to announce that *Oceanography* has been accepted into the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#). We anticipate that our listing in the DOAJ directory will increase the visibility, accessibility, usage, and impact of *Oceanography* globally.

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.