

1. Message from TOS President, Alan Mix

Summer is a busy time for TOS—planning is underway for several activities coming up this Fall. Two important action items that I invite all members to get involved in are the upcoming election for TOS Council members, and welcoming new members as we start the academic year.

The Election. We are seeking candidates for several positions (to start January 2019). First, let me thank our hard-working Council members who are rotating off—**Rick Murray** (Geological Oceanography), **Dennis McGillicuddy** (At Large), and **Stephanie Mack** (Student Representative). Their terms have been exceptionally busy as TOS keeps growing and we are starting new programs, revising policies, and generally keeping the chaos to a minimum. Thank you all! Also, I will be rotating off as President to become Past President (giving **Susan Lozier** a well-earned rest—thanks Susan) and **Martin Visbeck** will start his term as TOS President. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank **Sue Cook** who is stepping down as TOS Secretary after almost 12 years of service. We're happy to announce that **Allison Miller** has been appointed to serve as TOS Secretary. Thank you, Sue, and welcome aboard, Allison!

We need candidates for President-elect (must be willing to continue as President two years from now), two Councilor seats (Geological Oceanography and At-Large) and Student Representative. We do consider self-nominations, so if you are willing to serve TOS in any of these positions, send a statement of interest and an abbreviated CV to [Jenny Ramarui](#) by **September 30, 2018**. If you have thoughts about who might be perfect for any of these positions, but might need a nudge, let us know that too. All suggestions will be considered by the TOS Council, and three candidates selected for each Council position will appear on the ballot that will be posted in November.

This is a member-run organization, and volunteers are always welcome – as Councilors or Officers, certainly, but there are many other ways to help out too, so if you have ideas, send a note to [Jenny Ramarui](#) and we will engage your talents. Through serving as President, I've discovered that we have the most engaged members of any organization I know.

Welcoming New Members. Speaking of the busy growth of TOS, the next academic year will be starting soon, this month for some schools and next month for others. EVERYONE, please inform your administrations, your colleagues, and your students about all the good things TOS is doing for ocean sciences. New members (individuals as well as corporate/institutional members) are always welcome. If your friends at home or at other institutions are not yet members and you think they might enjoy being part of TOS, invite them personally!

Remember that early-career memberships are discounted (so invite your postdocs) and student memberships are free. Undergrads and graduate students are equally welcome; joining is a great way to start networking with peers and meeting leaders of the field. Check out the [Grad/Early Career](#) and [Undergrad](#) tabs on the TOS web page to see all the available resources. You can also [download a membership flyer here](#) print and post, or direct others to click on the “join” button on the [TOS home page](#)—they will find everything they need to get started.

We welcome new members from all countries, all walks of life—everyone with a professional interest in the ocean! TOS is committed to supporting a community that encourages the open expression and exchange of ideas, that is free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and that is welcoming to all members and to those who participate in its activities. In pursuit of that commitment, TOS is dedicated to the philosophy of equality of opportunity and treatment for all participants.

2. 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.

3. Community News

Dr. Terrence (Terry) M. Quinn as the Division Director for the Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE). This appointment is effective, July 23, 2018. Dr. Quinn will be located in Room W-8142 and can be reached on 703-292-7240 or tquinn@nsf.gov. Dr. Quinn comes to NSF from the University of Texas at Austin where he is a Professor in the Jackson School of Geosciences. Terry's area of research expertise is paleoceanography and paleoclimatology, focused in the tropical to sub-tropical oceans.

Sloan Research Fellowships – Applications due September 17, 2018. Ocean Sciences is one of the eight scientific disciplines accepting applications. To be eligible, candidates must be nominated by a department head or other senior researcher. Please inform your faculty about this opportunity and consider nominating one of your outstanding junior colleagues for a fellowship. In keeping with the Foundation's long-standing tradition of supporting underrepresented groups in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, we strongly encourage the nomination of women and minorities. Read more about the nomination process [here](#).

Announcing the International Operational Satellite Oceanography (OSO) Symposium, 18-19 June 2019 taking place in College Park, Maryland near Washington, DC. [Visit this site](#) to learn more.

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.