

1. From the President, Andone Lavery

As I begin my term as TOS President, I'd like to first thank Martin Visbeck and Alan Mix for their leadership of the Society over the last several years. Martin will now provide guidance as Past-President, and Alan earns a well-deserved rest after devoting six years to TOS!

Although the past several months have been challenging, TOS leadership took action on several ideas suggested during the TOS Strategy 2030 retreat convened last February. Increasing representation and recognition of the broad range of ocean scientists and a renewed focus on diversity and inclusion served as the foundation as progress was made on three important activities:

- Establishment of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee
- Addition of three new TOS Council positions (Early Career members, Ocean Data Science, and Ocean Social Science and Policy)
- Implementation of three new TOS awards (Early Career, Mentoring, and Ocean Observing Team)

For all of these activities, TOS leadership emphasized the opportunity for members to participate whether through self-nomination for committees, as a candidate for Council, or through nominating a colleague for one of the new awards. TOS continues to value active participation by members and is committed to providing opportunities to develop future ocean community leaders. I look forward to moving TOS forward in these areas and others during my term and welcome your ideas. Please feel free to contact me at president@tos.org.

2. Announcing the New TOS Honors Recipients

We are pleased to announce the most recent recipients of TOS Honors. In addition to Fellows, inaugural recipients were selected for three new awards!

TOS FELLOWS

[Emmanuel Boss](#), [Edward R. Urban Jr](#), and [Dawn Wright](#)

TOS EARLY CAREER AWARDS

[April Abbott](#), [Ryan Abernathey](#), and [James Watson](#)

TOS MENTORING AWARD

[Claudia Benitez-Nelson](#)

TOS OCEAN OBSERVING TEAM AWARD

[RAPID/MOCHA/WBTS 26°N team](#)

More information on the above awards is available [here](#), and information on all TOS Honors is available [here](#).

3. TOS Council Election - Vote by 1/31/2021

The TOS Council election is being conducted electronically. All TOS members were sent an email message from The Oceanography Society on December 1, 2020, 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](#).

4. *Oceanography* Magazine

- Don't miss the early online release by Carl Wunsch: [The Rise of Dynamical Oceanography—A Fragmentary Historical Note: The Stommel-Munk Correspondence, 1947–1953](#)

- Beginning with the September 2020 issue of *Oceanography*, TOS is now emailing members the full table of contents of issues as soon as they go online, with links to each article. We would love to get your suggestions for improving this new “newsletter” by contacting us at magazine@tos.org.

- If you missed it, the December 2020 special issue on Understanding the Effects of Offshore Wind Development on Fisheries is now online. View the table of contents and articles [here](#).

- A request from *Oceanography* education columnist Simon Boxall: In [Simon's September column](#), he asks readers to send him an email about how you have adapted your teaching material during the coronavirus pandemic, how students have responded, and how many of these changes you will take into the future oceanography classroom. He will incorporate responses in his next (March) column. Please email Simon at: simon.boxall@soton.ac.uk.

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.