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As is often the case when making major life decisions, it was with conflicting emotions that I submitted my resignation to GS President Barbara Sherwood Lollar on November 18, 2014. My last day with GS will be Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

When this issue releases, I will have served as your business manager and chief operating officer for 15 remarkable years. In this same year, two other notable milestones will also be reached: GS will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in November, and the 25th Goldschmidt Conference will be held this August in Prague. Society membership has grown substantially, from 1497 when I arrived in February 2000 to over 4000—with 4718 ballots sent to members for the recent election of the Board of Directors. Society finances are solid, publication activities are sound, and GS's partnerships could not be better.

Although I have helped in creating and maintaining these achievements, I can by no means take all the credit for them. Society volunteers and the geochemical community have served critical roles. A group of individuals whom I wish to thank publicly right now are the GS presidents. The true workhorses of GS, their time, energy, and expertise have been vital. Each has brought his or her own flavor and life to the organization and all are deserving of this recognition. In order from 2000, they are Michael Hochella, Judith McKenzie, Tim Drever, Sue Brantley, Marty Goldhaber, Sam Mukasa, Rick Carlson, and Barbara Sherwood Lollar. Thank you all for your contributions.

Two other individuals I need to thank for their service are Frank Podosek, who while editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* supervised the business office, and Rich Heuermann, the administrative head of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL). Both provided unwavering support in housing the business office at WUSTL. Finally, I thank my administrative assistant, Kathryn Hall, with whom I have worked closely for the last seven years.

A search is currently underway to relocate the business office and hire staff members to take over critical functions. A new chief operating officer should be in place by April or May, providing a few months of overlap to ensure a smooth transition.

It has been a joy to serve the geochemical community and I wish all of you and GS the very best in the future.

Seth Davis, GS Chief Operating Officer

GOLDSCHMIDT2018 BOSTON AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE VENUES

We are pleased to announce that the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, has been selected as the 2018 venue of the Goldschmidt Conference. Boston was selected as the strongest of several proposed sites. Boston's accessibility, state-of-the-art facilities, and amenities will make it an excellent host for our international geochemical community. The conference dates are August 12–17, 2018.

Goldschmidt2015	Prague, Czech Republic	16–21 August
Goldschmidt2016	Yokohama, Japan	26 June–1 July
Goldschmidt2017	Paris, France	13–18 August
Goldschmidt2018	Boston, USA	12–17 August

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