



GS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

In December 2017, the membership of the Geochemical Society (GS) elected three new members to the board of directors. These new officers are Vickie Bennett, Lesley Warren and Weidong Sun, and they officially began their terms on 1 January 2018. Profiles of the new officers follow below.



Vickie Bennett was elected to a two-year term as vice president. She will have responsibility for nominating members to serve on the society's boards and committees and serve on the Goldschmidt Forum, which governs the annual Goldschmidt Conference. Following her service as vice president, she will begin a two-year term as president of the society in 2020. Dr. Bennett is a professor at the Research School of Earth Sciences,

Australian National University, where she is also an associate director and the head of the SPYDE²R Isotope Geochemistry Facility. Her research applies isotopic approaches to understanding the origin and evolution of Earth's continental crust and mantle reservoirs, early planetary differentiation, and geosphere-biosphere interactions in deep time. She previously served on the GS Board from 2008–2011 as a non-officer director, as well as on several committees. She is a Geochemistry Fellow of both the European Association of Geochemistry and the GS and is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.



Lesley Warren began her three-year term as a director from Region 1 (the United States and Canada). She is based at the University of Toronto (Canada) where she holds the Claudette Mackay-Lassonde Chair in Mineral Engineering and is the current director of the Lassonde Institute of Mining. Her research combines environmental and microbial geochemistry, with a major emphasis on biogeochemical cycling in resource-sector waste

and wastewater contexts. She has convened, or served as chair on, several sessions at past Goldschmidt conferences, served as an editor of *Geochemical News*, and served on both the GS Award Nominations and GS Program committees.



Weidong Sun was elected to a three-year term as a director from Region 3 (Africa, Asia, Australia, and Central/South America). He is a professor and director of the Center of Deep Sea Research at the Institute of Oceanology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He works mainly on trace element and isotope geochemistry, with research interests in subduction-related processes such as the following: chemical processes that operate during plate

subduction; Pacific plate reconstruction; mechanisms of crust formation and mineralization; the behavior of chalcophile elements and plate-related mineralization; the origin of mantle plumes. Dr. Sun previously served on the Goldschmidt Award Committee and currently serves as the Editor of *Solid Earth Sciences* and as an associate editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

MEETING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Geochemical Society's Meeting Assistance Program provides support for symposia or conferences related to geochemistry, and all GS members are eligible to apply. Sponsorships provide \$2,000, and the society may award up to four per year. The GS Program Committee reviews applications twice a year; the next deadline is 31 March 2018. For more information, visit: tinyurl.com/GeoChemMAP.

POSITION OPENING: EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF *GEOCHIMICA ET COSMOCHEMICA ACTA*

The Geochemical Society and the Meteoritical Society are seeking qualified candidates to serve as Executive Editor (EE) of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (GCA). GCA publishes research papers that address fundamental aspects of geochemistry and cosmochemistry, and articles relating to key activities of the sponsoring societies.

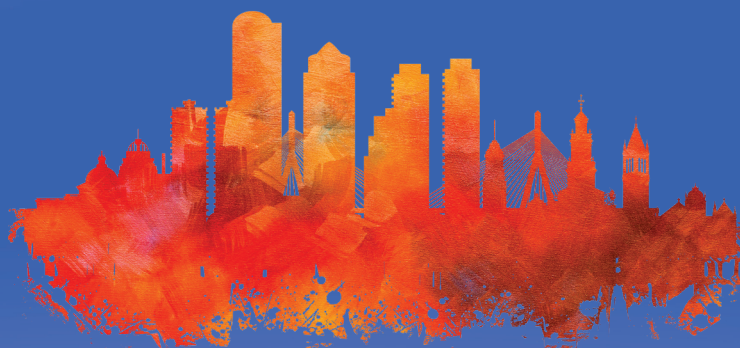
The GCA EE is responsible for and has control over the scientific content of the journal, taking into account the aims and scope of the journal, the publisher's editorial policies, and guidance from the sponsoring societies. The duties of the EE are to oversee the editorial process, provide and defend final decisions on all manuscripts, establish editorial policies for the journal, and communicate with the scientific community both directly via authors and reviewers, and through the sponsoring societies and the publisher.

The EE works closely with a team of Associate Editors (AE) to evaluate the scientific content and perceived impact of submitted papers. An important responsibility of the EE is to identify, recruit, and nominate AEs as needed to sustain the editorial demands of the journal, for approval by the societies and the publisher. There are currently close to 90 AEs for GCA, all of whom receive complementary membership in the Geochemical Society.

The EE is nominated by the societies to the journal's publisher, Elsevier. The EE manages GCA's editorial team, with assistance and support from Elsevier, in a scientifically sound, efficient and ethical way using Elsevier's on-line system for handling manuscript submissions, revisions, reviews, and communications with the authors. Duties include initial evaluation of manuscripts relative to the scope and standards of the journal, allocating manuscripts to Associate Editors, overseeing the review process, and providing final decisions regarding their acceptance or rejection. The journal receives over 1,000 new submissions per year, of which about half are accepted for publication.

The GCA EE is a leadership position in both of the sponsoring societies. The EE is a member of the Board of Directors of the Geochemical Society and is expected to participate in all activities of the Board. The EE also presents an overview of the state of the journal progress reports at the annual meetings and communications with members of both societies.

Financial support is available from the publisher. The appointment is for an initial 3-year term commencing 1 January 2019. Additional terms are possible by negotiation with the societies and the publisher. For more information and to apply, visit www.geochemsoc.org.



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