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Securing the financial future of MSA is one of the largest challenges facing our Society. Several options for contributing to the Society are listed on our website (www.minsocam.org/donations). We are grateful to Prof. Bloss for his many financial contributions as well as his past service to MSA: as Councilor (1968–1970), President (1977), and Editor of *American Mineralogist* (1972–1975). We also thank all our contributors for giving to ensure MSA's future.

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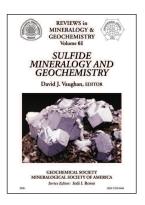
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