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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Donna Whitney
2024 MSA President



Sarah Penniston-
Dorland
2025 MSA President

This letter is being collaboratively written by the 2024 and 2025 MSA Presidents as a way of highlighting MSA's commitment to improving continuity during the annual change in leadership. The 105-year long history of MSA means that it has been around longer than most of us, providing continuity in our scientific

community. However, because the one-year term of the Presidency is short, it can be difficult to ensure continuity in the policies and planning of the Society, impacting the implementation of longer-term initiatives to improve how MSA carries out its mission and supports its members. Over the past couple of years, MSA has worked to enhance continuity in its governance by involving the Vice-President (incoming President) in discussions and leadership before the autumn transition, which takes place at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. The Past President also has an important role in leading or supporting key activities from their year as president. This phased, collaborative transition helps with transfer of knowledge and has been particularly important in the past year as we have all worked together to implement the new Strategic Plan.

Another aspect of continuity that is important to MSA is ensuring the future of the Society. The Strategic Plan that was recently implemented was designed with this as one of its main goals. Part of the implementation of the plan has been the formation of Membership and Early Career Committees, which are focused on providing more ways to support existing members and attract new members. Member benefits have been expanded to include access to *Raman Spectroscopy for Mineral Identification: A Practical Guide* by Paul Bartholomew and Jeffrey Post and online access to the first 40 volumes of the *Reviews in Mineralogy & Geochemistry* series (from v. 1 Sulfides to v. 40 Sulfates!). Existing benefits include online access to *American Mineralogist* and *Elements*, discounts off MSA's publications, access to the online Member Directory, eligibility to nominate students for the Undergraduate Prize, and much more.

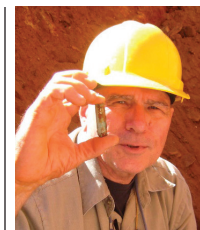
As both of us are metamorphic petrologists, we appreciate the usefulness of coexisting phases that represent different stages of metamorphism. Without implying that any individual is 'relict' or 'metastable', we seek to apply this philosophy to making MSA a proactive, effective, interesting, and fun Society!

NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- Renewal Season!** It is time to renew your memberships for 2025, as well as subscriptions to MSA's publications. Member dues are: Regular Members and Fellows (\$90); Early Career Members (\$50); Student Members (\$20); Senior Members (\$0); Sustaining Members (\$240 – membership plus a \$150 contribution to support MSA's many activities). You can renew via the home page of MSA's website: www.msaweb.org. At that time, we hope that you will also make a contribution to one or more of MSA's funds. These funds support our student research grants, lecture series, websites, education and outreach activities, awards, and much more.
- Election Results:** MSA is delighted to announce the election of new Council members for 2025. They are:



President:
Sarah Penniston-Dorland



Vice-President:
Robert Bodnar



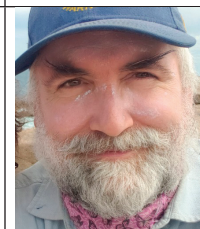
Secretary:
Susannah Dorfman



Treasurer:
Christine Clark



Councilor I:
Fabrizio Nestolan

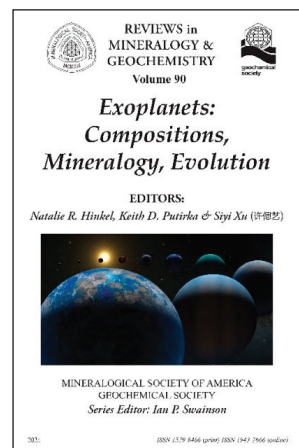


Councilor II:
Aaron Cavosie

Congratulations to the new members of MSA Council, and many thanks to all those who ran for Council. We also want to thank the MSA Members who voted! The new members will officially join Council at the First 2025 Meeting on Saturday, September 21 at the GSA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, USA.

EXOPLANETS

MSA is pleased to announce the publication of *Reviews in Mineralogy & Geochemistry* Volume 90: *Exoplanets: Compositions, Mineralogy, Evolution*. Volume editors are Natalie R. Hinkel, Keith D. Putrika, and Siyi Xu. The series editor is Ian P. Swainson, and *American Mineralogist* Managing Editor Rachel Russell is responsible for production. The volume is available in both hard copy and online via a subscription to the *Reviews* series. For more information, visit the Publications section of the MSA website: www.msaweb.org. While there, you can also view the list of MSA's other publications. This volume was accompanied by a Short Course at the Goldschmidt Conference in Chicago, IL, USA in August.





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IAGOD SUPPORTS THE 10th INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCES CONFERENCE OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS, KYIV, UKRAINE

On 23rd and 24th May 2024, the Council of Young Scientists of the Department of Geosciences, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine hosted the 10th International Geosciences Conference of Young Researchers. The conference was held online and attracted 101 delegates, with 48 scientific presentations from 14 countries worldwide providing an invaluable means for Ukrainian researchers to connect with their international counterparts in spite of the ongoing conflict. Science presented at the conference spanned the fields from petrology, resource geology, paleontology and stratigraphy, geophysics, geoinformatics, hydrology, geomorphology, environmental geology, and sustainable development. Representation from Ukraine included several institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, as well as the Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, National Transport University, H.S. Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University, and the Borys Sreznevsky Central Geophysical Observatory.

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AMERICAN MINERALOGIST NEWS

MSA would like to announce upcoming changes in leadership at *American Mineralogist* for 2025. Don Baker (McGill University) will be finishing his second three-year term as Editor, and Paul Tomascak (SUNY Oswego) will be taking his place. Hongwu Xu (Arizona State University) will continue for one more year as Editor. Also, there is a major change in the editorial staffing at *American Mineralogist*. Our wonderful Managing Editor Rachel Russell retired at the end of September 2024 and the talented Christine Elrod will be taking her place in that management role. MSA is incredible grateful to Rachel for her many years of brilliant leadership at *AmMin* and wish her a most happy retirement. We all look forward to working with Christine in her new role. Kristi Bailey will continue as Assistant Editor at *AmMin*, and we are pleased with that.

UPCOMING MEETING

2025 Tucson Mineral Symposium Call for Papers: The call for papers is now open for the 2025 Joint Friends of Mineralogy/Tucson Gem and Mineral Society/MSA Symposium. The symposium will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025. For more information, visit <https://www.friendsofmineralogy.org/call-for-papers/>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Minerals Day 2024. This annual event, which began in 2020 as part of Earth Science Week (American Geosciences Institute) is on Monday, October 14, 2024. The theme this year is **Minerals and Art**. MSA will be featuring a poster depicting the role of minerals in the pictorial arts.

IAGOD - The International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits

What is IAGOD? The International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits established in 1964 to promote research into ore formation and extraction, is a close-knit society with strong links to two premier publications and a flagship quadrennial conference

Membership Benefits include:

- Contacts and **networking** across the close-knit, cross-sector IAGOD network
- **Elements Magazine** included with Regular Membership
- APC waivers for **Ore Geology Reviews**
- Working groups and commissions on specialist ore types
- **Discounted registration for Porto 2026** Quadrennial Symposium

Memberships		
Regular Member (1 year) ¹	£20	~£1k
Regular Member (2 years) ²	£40	
Regular Member (3 years) ³	£60	
Student Member ¹	Free	
National Group	£500	
National Group (developing countries)	£100	
Corporate Member ¹	£100	

Free student membership for two years

Presentation by Dr. Tom Belgrano.



Olena Ganzha and Kyrylo Starodubets with the proceedings of the 10th International Geosciences Conference of Young Researchers "Ideas And Innovations In Earth Sciences" (Kyiv, Ukraine, May 30, 2024).

IAGOD was proud to sponsor the conference and to organize the involvement of keynote speakers on economic geology Prof. John Thompson (PetraScience Consultants, University of Bristol, UK) and Dr. Catherine Mottram (University of Portsmouth, UK). Sponsorship by IAGOD was facilitated through Dr. Olena Ganzha of the IAGOD Ukraine National Group and included a talk by Dr. Thomas Belgrano (IAGOD European Regional Councillor) on opportunities for early career researchers, as well as support for the meeting software and printing costs. IAGOD enthusiastically looks forward to an in-person return of this conference in the near future and to welcoming delegates to 16th IAGOD Quadrennial Symposium in Porto, Portugal 2026 (www.iagod2026.inporto.events/).