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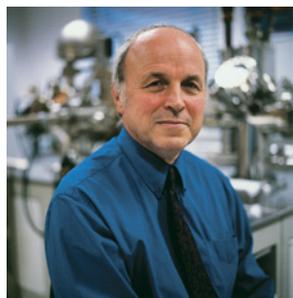


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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Back from 'Goldy'



David J. Vaughan

I write this letter shortly after returning from the Goldschmidt Conference in Sacramento, California. This was a 'hot' occasion in every sense. Daytime temperatures reached over 105 °F in Sacramento, an unusual experience for Brits like me used to summer rain and temperatures at least 30 degrees lower. There was also much 'hot science' presented at the meeting, as well as 'hot debate', both at the presentations and more informally.

A particularly enjoyable and rewarding session at this meeting was one associated with the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the first publication of *Elements* magazine. Over two days, a series of 30-minute talks were given by past contributors and past and present editors of the magazine. This innovation worked well in providing updates across a range of topics of interest to readers of *Elements*. It was a privilege to be a contributor to this session.

Our Society Council held its spring meeting on the day before the start of Goldschmidt. I can assure Fellows and Members of the Society that we are in good financial health thanks to the sterling efforts of our Treasurer, Howard Day, and our Financial Advisory and Audit Committee, ably chaired by Mark Van Baalen. One happy consequence of this healthy situation is that we have no need to increase our membership dues. At \$80 for full membership and \$20 for student members, these are amongst the lowest for any such learned society. All MSA members now have free electronic access to our international journal, *American Mineralogist*, and numerous other benefits. These include reduced registration fees for key international and national conferences (such as the GS-led Goldschmidt Conference) and discounted prices for book series, including the acclaimed *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*, and the mineralogy textbook co-authored by Darby Dyar, Mickey Gunter and Dennis Tasa. If you are not yet a member, then I would encourage you to join now and, in turn, to encourage your colleagues and students to sign up. There has never been a better time to be an MSA member.

The closing years of the present decade will see the centenaries of both the Society and the publication of the first issue of *American Mineralogist*. Unusually, the latter event preceded the foundation of the Society by several years. Special issues of the magazine are already planned, along with events and other initiatives to mark this important milestone. You will hear more about these plans in the coming months, both from me and from Steve Shirey, my successor as President. These activities provide yet more reasons to become a member of MSA, an organization with a distinguished past and a bright future.

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## NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- At its meeting in June, MSA Council voted for no increase in the 2015 dues for regular and student members (\$80 and \$20, respectively), and all members will have electronic access to *American Mineralogist*. Sustaining Membership will remain at \$150 + regular dues.
- Member subscription rates to the print version of the 2015 *American Mineralogist* will increase. The US member print subscription price will be \$110 (currently \$105), and foreign member print subscription price will be set at \$120 (currently \$115). Member electronic-only subscriptions are included as part of membership dues. The US institutional subscription price (paper and electronic) will increase to \$1025 (from \$1000), and foreign institutional subscription will be raised to \$1050 (from \$1025). Institutional electronic-only subscription will increase to \$950. These prices represent increases of 3–5%. Included in the institutional subscription are all the current-year print issues of *American Mineralogist*, *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*, *Elements*, as well as access to the electronic versions of these publications on the MSA website starting with volume 1, number 1. GSW institutional subscriber prices for archival print copies of *American Mineralogist* and the *Reviews* are \$160 and \$125, respectively.
- Michael M. Raith, Peter Raase, and Jurgen Reinhardt added to the availability of their *Guide to Thin Section Microscopy*. It is now available in Portuguese, as well as in English, German, and Spanish, from the MSA Open Access Publications page accessible from [www.msapubs.org](http://www.msapubs.org).
- MSA 2015 membership renewals will start by October. Membership renewal notices will be sent electronically, followed by several electronic reminders. A paper copy will be sent to those who do not renew online by the end of October.
- Members and Fellows who are in the senior, honorary, and life categories are sent renewal notices. They need not pay dues, but they are sent notices as the best way to prompt an update of membership information, particularly mail and e-mail addresses.
- If you subscribe to other journals through MSA—*Gems & Gemology*, *Journal of Petrology*, *Mineral News*, *Physics and Chemistry of Minerals*, *Mineralogy and Petrology*, or *Rocks & Minerals*—please renew early. MSA needs to forward your renewal to those publishers before your subscription runs out.
- MSA's ninety-fifth Annual Meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on 19–22 October 2014. The MSA Awards Lunch will be on Tuesday, 21 October. The Roebling Medal will be presented to Bernard J. Wood and the MSA Award to Fang-Zhen Teng. The 2013–2014 MSA Distinguished Lecturers will also be recognized: Linda T. Elkins-Tanton, Nita Sahai, and Richard Wirth. The MSA awards lectures, annual business meeting, and presidential address will be held on Tuesday, 21 October, at the Convention Center: Bernard J. Wood will give the Roebling Lecture, Fang-Zhen Teng will give the MSA Award Lecture, and David Vaughan will deliver his MSA Presidential Address. The MSA/GS/MGPV Joint Reception will follow at 5:45–7:30 PM.



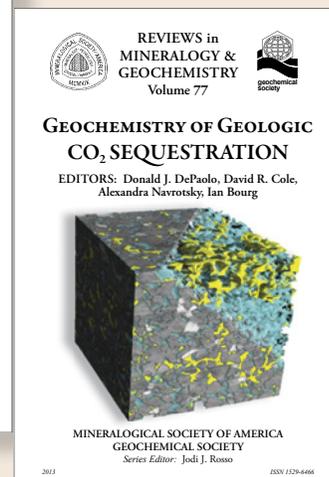
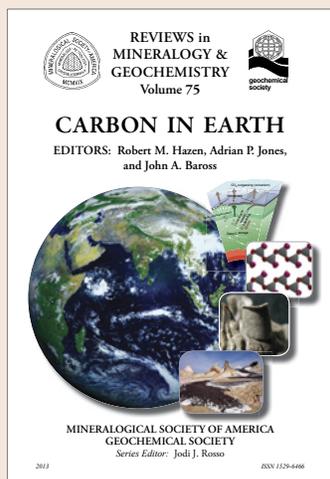
- Topical sessions have been proposed for the two MSA awardees: T118 “Frontiers in non-traditional stable isotopes: In honor of Fang-Zhen Teng, recipient of the 2014 MSA Award” was submitted to GSA by Roberta L. Rudnick with coorganizers William F. McDonough and Nicolas Dauphas, and T183 “Theory and Experiment in Petrology and Geochemistry: A Session in Honor of Bernard J. Wood, 2014 Roebling Medalist” will be convened by Jon Blundy and Andrew Matzen.
- The 2015 Dana Medal will be presented to Marc Hirschmann at the AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA, on 15–19 December 2014. There will be a special session in his area of research, proposed by David Kohlstedt, during which he will present the Dana Lecture. The medal presentation will be made during the VGP-MSA Joint Reception.

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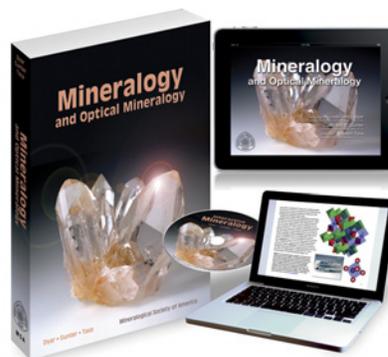
Many members contribute to MSA by including a contribution with their annual dues and/or by responding to special appeals. Depending on the wishes of the member, the money is deposited with the principal of the MSA Endowment, MSA Outreach, MSA Mineralogy/Petrology, Edward H. Kraus Crystallographic Research, Bloss, or General Operating Funds. The income of these funds is used to support MSA's research grants in crystallography, mineralogy, and petrology; publishing of the *American Mineralogist*; the MSA Undergraduate Prizes; the Mineralogical Society of America Award; the Distinguished Public Service Award; the Dana Medal; the Roebling Medal; the website; and the lectureship program. If you have not done so previously, you may wish to consider contributing at the next opportunity. Here we want to extend our gratitude to the individuals and organizations that have made contributions to MSA between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014. These contributors are listed on the MSA website and can be found by selecting “Contributions to MSA” on the MSA home page ([www.minsocam.org/](http://www.minsocam.org/)), under “The Society.”

### PUBLICATIONS ON HYDROCARBONS FROM MSA



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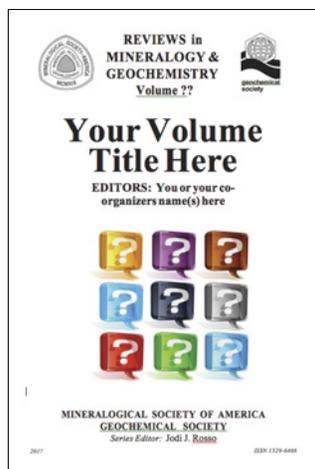
*Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy* by Melinda Darby Dyar and Mickey E. Gunter is specifically designed to take full advantage of digital media technology to empower students and teachers of mineralogy. Using color photographs, illustrations, movies, 3D models that can be rotated, interactive diagrams, and review questions, this series makes a challenging subject approachable. Each chapter in the digital series is available separately, allowing instructors to pick and choose only those chapters needed for their specific course.

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The “**Mineral Database**” app is also available on the App Store.

### Call for MSA Short Course and RiMG proposals

Have you ever benefitted from an MSA short course, where diverse researchers and students broaden their skills and knowledge in a key area of interest? Have you ever read or used an article from a RiMG volume? Would you like to see more? If so, consider developing a proposal for a MSA short course and/or a RiMG volume in 2016 and submit it to the Chair of the MSA Short Course Committee soon! For courses/volumes in spring 2016, submit proposals by September 1, 2014; for fall 2016, submit proposals by December 1, 2014. To learn more about MSA Short Courses and RiMG volumes, visit our web sites:



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