



FROM THE PRESIDENT



To all my fellow geochemists!

I am eager to start my term as president of the Geochemical Society and lead you through a series of exciting conferences and new developments.

Outgoing President Liz Sikes organised Goldschmidt in Chicago in the summer of 2024, coinciding with the US Democratic National Convention. The meeting went well, the buzz in

the city was tangible, and the weather was agreeable. It was an enjoyable meeting to participate in. Past President Sumit Chakraborty guided us through the first hybrid Goldschmidt in Hawaii during COVID-related challenges. I want to thank them both for their leadership, guiding our society with calm, a clear vision, and goodwill. It has been a pleasure working with them.

Kevin Johnson is the executive director of the Geochemical Society, overseeing our bylaws and principles while upholding the society's vision: "Explore. Learn. Teach. We seek an active and collaborative international community of geochemists who are capable of exploring, learning, and teaching geochemical applications and theories."

I welcome Shogo Tachibana as our new Vice President, and also extend a warm welcome to our new board members. I look forward to working with all of them in the months ahead. Next year will feature the Goldschmidt conference in Montréal (July 2026), followed by Tokyo in 2028. I also look forward to collaborating with the European Association of Geochemistry, our sister society in Europe, with the Goldschmidt conference in Paris scheduled for 2027. Due to the pandemic, when we had to shift to online and hybrid meetings, Goldschmidt conferences offer more participation options for those unable to travel, whether out of necessity or choice, or to reduce their CO₂ footprint. As much as possible and within a realistic framework of the society's finances, we will continue to organise conferences that are welcoming and attractive, facilitating remote and in-person interactions across diverse scientific disciplines and cultures.

In the future, the GS will continue to work toward ensuring our activities align with the scientific interests and needs of nearly 4,000 members. Our members conduct impressive and timely research, as shown by the sessions at the Goldschmidt conferences. This covers everything from planetary chemistry and the composition of the mantle and core to groundwater, the evolving biochemistry of coastal systems, the increasing search for critical metals, and climate science. We encourage active participation and aim to create more opportunities for all fields within geochemistry through our GS activities.

The GS is also active in developing and promoting practices aimed at increasing diversity in society membership, participation, and awards. We will continue to focus on achieving balance across disciplines, geography, gender, age, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds. We will provide new opportunities for young scientists, promote diverse participation and equity among our members, and open new horizons for everyone.

Stay tuned and hop aboard.

Dominique Weis, GS President, 2026–27

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Geochemical Society functions and thrives thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Our sincere gratitude goes to the following GS members whose board and committee terms concluded in 2025.

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