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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is now membership renewal season at MSA, which is the perfect time to highlight the benefits of MSA membership. When MSA members were last surveyed about what they valued about MSA, at the top of the list was *American Mineralogist*. First published in 1917, our monthly journal features the latest research in the mineral sciences, special collections on a variety of mineralogical topics, as well as memorials, descriptions of new minerals, and much more.

Members also thought very highly of the *Reviews in Mineralogy & Geochemistry* series, which is getting ready to publish its 92nd volume on *Lead in the Environment*. This series, begun in 1974 with Volume 1 on *Sulfide Mineralogy*, has been a storehouse of mineralogical and geochemical research over many years. Many of the *Reviews* volumes have had associated short courses conducted by the books' authors; another invaluable benefit to members.

Receiving *Elements* magazine as a member benefit was valued by many, as well as being eligible for discounts on MSA's publications and short course registrations.

Being part of the mineralogical community was also high on the list of member respondents. They cited participating in the MSA-Talk listserv, supporting MSA's many programs through donations and direct participation, attending MSA events at GSA, eligibility for student research grants, and MSA's awards, as important to their careers.

Now, with the MSA Annual Meeting in Tucson, members have even greater opportunities to share their research, meet as a community, learn about the work of others, and prepare the next generation of scientists.

We hope that you will continue to renew your membership with MSA, contribute to its programs, and take an active role in MSA's many committees and initiatives. Now's the time!



Robert J. Bodnar
2026 MSA President



Marc Hirschmann
2027 MSA President

NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- **Renewal Season!** It is time to renew your memberships for 2027, as well as subscriptions to MSA's publications. Member dues are: Regular Members and Fellows (\$90); Early Career Members (\$50); Student Members (\$20); Mineral Enthusiast Members (\$40); 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, student travel to the MSA Annual Meeting in Tucson, lecture series, websites, education and outreach activities, awards, and much more.

PLEASE NOTE: When you join or renew, you will be asked by our new membership system to create a password. This password is only for accessing your membership information. You will still use your email (username) and five-digit member ID (password) to access MSA's online publications.

MSA 2027 ANNUAL MEETING

MSA will be holding its second Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, USA, from February 14–17, 2027. On the morning of Sunday, February 14, MSA, in collaboration with the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, will host its second *Breakfast with a Mineralogist* event in the Tucson Convention Center. The afternoon of Sunday, February 14 will be devoted to oral presentations of interest to both mineralogists and mineral enthusiasts. There will be poster sessions at the GEM Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel Convention Center on Monday and Tuesday of the meeting. Oral presentations will be at the Tucson Convention Center, which is adjacent to the Doubletree Hotel. On the Thursday after the meeting (February 18), there will be field trips to areas of geoscientific interest around Tucson. The abstract submission system is open and the link to submit is on the home page top banner of MSA's website at www.msaweb.org. The deadline for abstract submission is Oct. 31, 2026 at midnight Eastern Time. Please put the 2027 MSA Annual Meeting on your calendar now!

MSA 2026 ELECTION RESULTS

MSA is pleased to announce the results of its recent election for officers and Councilors for 2027. They are:



PRESIDENT
Professor Marc Hirschmann
University of Minnesota, USA



VICE-PRESIDENT
Professor Paul Tomascak
SUNY Oswego, USA



COUNCILOR I
Professor Emily Chin
University of California San Diego, USA



COUNCILOR II
Professor G. Diego Gatta
University of Milan, Italy

We thank all those MSA members who ran for Council positions this year, as well as the MSA members who voted.