Dear Ocean Sciences Members,

This Newsletter is meant to draw your attention to the 2021 AGU Awards, Honors and Medals nomination schedule and a few other news items from across the Ocean Sciences.

1. Union Fellows, Medals and Awards Nominations
To be named a Fellow of AGU is a prestigious honor. Each year a committee of Ocean Sciences Section members and Fellows reviews roughly 40-50 nominations of Ocean Sciences affiliated AGU members and advances a number equivalent to 0.2% of our membership to a Union-wide review committee for selection. For a nomination to advance, it is essential that the nomination package clearly demonstrates that the nominee has made exceptional contributions through breakthrough, discovery, innovation and/or sustained impact in their field. Nomination requirements can be found here, and nominations are now due 15 April after an extension of the original deadline. The Ocean Sciences Section Fellows committee this year is chaired by Chuck Nittrouer. The committee strives to advance an internationally, scientifically, gender and ethnically diverse list of nominations, but this can occur only if they receive diverse nominations that demonstrate scientific eminence. A strong nomination package will also include letters from prominent supporters from different institutions who are able to explain in their own words how a candidate’s contributions are meaningful. Supporting letters need to be current and to avoid extraneous information that does not address the selection criteria.

Section members are also eligible for several Union Awards, Medals and Prizes, see here. Nominations for 2021 Union awards, medals, and prizes will be accepted until 15 April. Please consider submitting a nomination for Union honors such as the Ewing medal, Revelle medal, Ambassador Award, or Macelwane medal. Note also the relatively new AGU honor for mid-career scientists, the Joanne Simpson medal.

Web links
https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Union-Medals/Maurice-Ewing-
2. Section Lectures and Awards

The Ocean Sciences section is actively soliciting nominations by 15 April for the Carson Lecture and the Sverdrup Lecture, as well as for the Early Career Award and Ocean Sciences Award.

Nomination packages for the named lectures should be submitted via email directly to Bob Anderson, the chair of the section’s Honors and Awards Committee. Additional information, including the criteria for selecting the lecturers, can be found on the AGU website:

Web links for lectures
https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Section-Awards/Carson-Lecture
https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Section-Awards/Sverdrup-Lecture

Nomination packages for the Ocean Sciences Section awards should be submitted online via the AGU web interface. Additional information, including the criteria for selecting the awardees, can be found on the AGU website:

Web links for awards
https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Section-Awards/Ocean-Sciences-Award
https://www.agu.org/Honor-and-Recognize/Honors/Section-Awards/Ocean-Sciences-Early-Career

3. Search Underway

Are you a social media follower? The Ocean Sciences section Executive Committee seeks a motivated affiliated member to help with the communication of section activity and news through the section’s web site and social media accounts. The perfect candidate will be available to manage OS’s social media presence and engagement efforts and keep information on the OS site up-to-date. This volunteer position will be through 2022 and include membership on the OS Executive Committee. It presents a number of opportunities for a motivated candidate. To apply go to https://connect.agu.org/volunteeropportunities/. For questions contact OS section president, Clare Reimers.

4. 2020 Fall Meeting OSPA winners

Congratulations to the following students in the Ocean Sciences who were selected as Outstanding Student Presentation Awardees for their contributions to the 2020
Fall meeting. Their quality work and their efforts to be innovative with new virtual presentation options are applauded.

- **Luis Daniel Perez Squeo (University of Puerto Rico)** OS013-03 Effects of Including Inner Shelf Currents in Surf Zone Modeling Studies
- **Leishan Jiang (University of Hawaii)** OS025-0010 The joint impact of Tropical North Atlantic and Equatorial Atlantic SSTA on ENSO evolution
- **Alexandra Atlee Phillips (California Institute of Technology)** OS036-0019 Resolving sources of marine dissolved organic matter (DOM) via novel sulfur isotope analyses
- **Hanne Borstlap (Princeton University)** OS036-0020 Seasonal Variability of Deep Chlorophyll Maxima in an Oligotrophic Regime
- **Mathilde Jutras (McGill University)** OS040-04 How waters feeding the eastern American continental slope affect oxygen concentrations in the St. Lawrence Estuary

5. On the Horizon
Note on your calendar these meetings:

- 2021 Fall Meeting in New Orleans, LA, 13-17 December. FM2021 is currently being designed as a hybrid meeting with the ability to pivot to all-virtual or a mostly virtual meeting if needed.
- 2022 Ocean Sciences Meeting in Honolulu, HI, 27 February - 4 March. Planning for this meeting is under way, and information about session proposals, abstract submission, and meeting organization will be released soon.

Finally, remember to renew your AGU membership and consider adding contributions to support section activities such as student travel grants, Fall Meeting events, and other section programs by visiting the AGU donations site and clicking on "Ocean Sciences" under the Sections drop-down menu. In 2020, gifts from 219 members helped us qualify for additional support from AGU’s Section Incentive Program.

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