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TO MEMBERS AND FELLOWS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA:

The main purpose of this newsletter is to announce the MSA-sponsored portion of the program for the GSA meeting to be held October 18-21 in New Orleans. A number of you had requested that this information be made available before the preregistration and housing deadline of September 17. (Registration and housing forms are being sent under separate cover.) The program looks like a fine one, and we should all thank our representatives to the Joint Technical Program Committee - Gordon Brown, Dean Presnall, and Tim Grove - for the many dedicated hours they spent on it. We also thank those who assisted in reviewing the abstracts: Bill Bryan, Tom Casadevall, Ian Carmichael, Howard Day, Bob Dymek, Mike Garcia, Jim Hawkins, John Holloway, Derrill Kerrick, Bob Newton, Charles Prewitt, Dave Veblen, and Glenn Waychunas. This large number of reviewers is mandated by GSA's insistence that every abstract be reviewed by four people. In my opinion this is excessive, and undoubtedly contributes to the unconscionably long lag time between the deadline for submitting abstracts and the meeting date. How do you feel? Should our Society try to persuade GSA to relax this rule?

Our representatives handled 255 volunteered abstracts and were able to schedule 71% of them in oral or poster sessions. (The overall GSA rejection rate was 33%, our smaller rate showing the superiority of our members' work!) Even so, our rejection rate of 29% was dishearteningly larger than last year's 17%, and is apparently a tribute to the drawing power of New Orleans as a meeting site. As usual, there are too many competing sessions, but be assured that this results from GSA-mandated schedules, rather than choice on the part of our representatives.

Tim Grove also is in charge of recommending a topic for a half-day MSA-sponsored symposium for 1983. Because the last two symposia will have had a crystallographic flavor, we would prefer a more petrologic topic for the next one. If you have ideas for a symposium, contact Tim [Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139; (617) 253-2878].

Our Society is suffering from success! So rapidly has our membership grown that we didn't print enough American Mineralogists to go around (Jan.-Feb. 1982 issue). These are being reprinted, and will be distributed; you may be assured that our press runs are being increased to keep up with our growing numbers of members and subscribers. We apologize to all who have been inconvenienced.

Many of you have also experienced difficulties in obtaining volumes of the "Reviews in Mineralogy" series. There are several causes of the problem. First, during the past year we sold out of several volumes, and there were some delays while we reprinted them. Next, there have also been problems in our business office (managed by AGU) in handling the orders. Finally, Volume 9B, which was scheduled for the 1981 Amphibole Short Course, and which we have therefore been advertising for nearly a year, simply hasn't been completed. (Rumor has it that the delinquent author is an officer of our Society; perhaps we've been keeping him too busy with

MSA business!) If you have placed an order that has neither been filled nor acknowledged, please help us help you by sending a copy of your cancelled check (or, more important, the five-digit number that AGU stamped on the check) as an aid in tracing the order. It will also help if you indicate which volumes you ordered (although in my case, I can't remember!) and which, if any, you have received. These extra efforts on your part should not have been necessary, but they will help the business office straighten things out and serve you better. Again, our apologies to all who have been inconvenienced by our shortcomings.

I look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans, where we have many fine technical sessions planned. Please come to the MSA luncheon on Tuesday, October 19, to help us honor our Roebling Medalist, Joseph V. Smith, and our MSA Awardee, Robert Hazen.

SCHEDULE OF MSA ACTIVITIES, 1982 NEW ORLEANS GSA MEETING

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 1982

- 0800-1200 Mineralogy/Crystallography I: Crystal chemistry and Thermochemistry of silicates and other phases (16 papers).
0800-1200 Igneous Petrology I: Mafic Magmas - Generation and Crystallization (16 papers)

TUESDAY, October 19

- 0830-1100 Mineralogy/Crystallography II: Aluminosilicate Glasses and Melts: Structure and Thermochemistry (10 papers)
1100-1200 MSA Presidential Address "Pyroxene Thermometry"
1200-1230 MSA Business Meeting
1245-1430 MSA Luncheon and Awards
1430-1630 MSA Poster session: 27 papers in experimental, igneous, metamorphic petrology; geochemistry; mineralogy/crystallography; volcanology

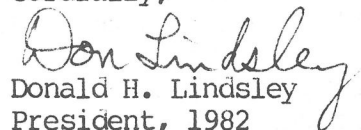
WEDNESDAY, October 20

- 0800-1200 Igneous Petrology II: Mostly Granitic Rocks (16 papers)
0800-1200 Metamorphic Petrology: Processes, Phase Equilibria, and Petrogenetic Indicators (16 papers)
1300-1700 Igneous Petrology III: Magmatic Melange (16 papers)
1300-1700 MSA Symposium: Applications of Quantum Chemistry to Earth Materials (11 papers)

THURSDAY, October 21

- 0800-1200 Igneous Petrology/Volcanology: Subduction Zone Volcanism; Carbonatites (16 papers)
0800-1200 Precambrian Geology (4 Metamorphic Petrology papers)
1300-1700 Experimental Petrology: Melts, Crystals, and Models (16 papers)
1300-1700 Volcanology: El Chichon, Mt. St. Helens, (16 papers)

Cordially,


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President, 1982