

NOTICES

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS AND FELLOWS OF MSA

The Editor and Council of the Mineralogical Society of America regret that in the recent transfer of the Society records several errors and omissions arose in the Directory of Fellows and Members as produced in the March-April issue of *The American Mineralogist*. Proper steps will be taken to restore accuracy in succeeding rosters.

REVIEW PAPERS FOR *THE AMERICAN MINERALOGIST*

In accordance with the policy decision of the MSA Council at its meeting in November, 1969, *The American Mineralogist* will now publish review papers. A review paper should provide an authoritative, up-to-date, and critical synthesis of some aspect of the fields covered by the journal. (See cover *ii* of the journal for definition of these fields). The importance of review articles in the dissemination of scientific information is cogently argued by Conyers Herring in "Distill or Drown: The Need for Reviews" [*Physics Today*, 21, 29-35 (1968)]. This action of the MSA Council also implements the recommendation of the Committee on Scientific and Technical Information of the Federal Council for Science and Technology, whose report was published in 1969 by the National Science Foundation. The Committee called on the societies to encourage the preparation of more critical review articles and data compilations, citing the great need to organize and evaluate what is known about a subject and present it in a language that can be understood.

Completed review manuscripts may be submitted directly to the Editor for consideration, but it is suggested that the probable acceptability in terms of subject, scope, length, and style be established by a proposal for consideration by the Editor before completion of a manuscript. The Editor will welcome suggestions, either direct or through an Associate Editor, of subjects important to review and of authors who might be asked to write them.

Review papers should be clearly labelled as such in the title. They should not be combined with the presentation of unpublished *data*, as distinguished from unpublished *ideas* that are a desirable product of the review synthesis. Review papers will be published in a separately designated section of the journal, at times such as not to delay the original contributions that remain the primary objective of our publication program.

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