

## NOTICES

### Nominations for Awards, Honors, and Elected Officers of MSA

Members of the Society are urged to take an active part in making nominations for the awards of the Society. Nominations with adequate documentation should be sent to the Secretary, Mineralogical Society of America, 1909 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than May 1 for transmittal to the appropriate Committee. The nominator must be a member of the Society. The various awards are as follows:

1. The **Roebling Medal** is the highest award of the Mineralogical Society of America for scientific eminence as represented primarily by scientific publication of outstanding original research in mineralogy. The science of mineralogy is defined broadly for purposes of the Roebling Award, and a candidate need not qualify as a mineralogist; rather his published research should be related to the mineralogical sciences and should make some outstanding contribution to them. Service to mineralogy, teaching and administrative accomplishment are not to be considered as a primary merit for the award. The award is not restricted to Americans. Nationality, personality, age of the candidate, or place of employment shall not be considered.

2. The **Mineralogical Society of America Award** is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution or series of contributions within the fields of interest to the Society. The work for which the award is given must have been published in a single or series of papers prior to the month in which the candidate's 35th birthday falls. Candidates are limited to persons who shall not have reached the age of 37 before January 1 of the year in which the award is decided upon (1975). The Award shall be made without regard to nationality, personality, or place of employment. Membership in the Mineralogical Society of America or publication in *The American Mineralogist* is not prerequisite.

3. **Fellowship** nominations are invited and forms may be obtained from the Secretary. Three members of the Society must sponsor each nominee.

4. Suggestions for nominations for all offices of the Society are welcome; documentation need not be as extensive as for the awards.

Larry W. Finger, Secretary

### Clay Minerals Conference

The 25th Annual Clay Minerals Conference will be held August 1-6, 1976, at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

The tentative program will consist of symposia on Clays and Volcanic Parent Materials, Deep Sea Sediments, and Synthetic Clay Materials, and general sessions on topics of general interest.

Papers for the Symposia and General sessions are invited. Titles and Abstracts should be typed suitably for reproduction and received by the Program Chairman by April 1, 1976.

Send Titles and Abstracts to:

Dr. J. L. Young, Department of Soils Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331 (503) 754-2441

Field trips are planned to the Oregon Coast and the Oregon Cascades. Also included is an Indian Salmon Barbecue.

Inquiries may be addressed to: Dr. W. H. Slabough, Department of Chemistry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331 (503) 754-1881

### Zeolite '76

An international conference on the occurrence, properties and utilization of natural zeolites, ZEOLITE '76, will be held in Tucson, Arizona, June 6 to 13, 1976.

Topics for formal sessions will include: geological occurrence, origin and crystallization, mineralogy and crystal chemistry, crystal structure, mining and beneficiation, ion-exchange properties, adsorption and catalytic, other physical and chemical properties, agricultural, industrial, and energy applications.

Special symposia have been planned on Zeolites in Deep Sea Sediments, and Applications in Pollution-Abatement Processes.

Field trips planned are a one-day mid-conference trip to Bowie, Arizona, to the chabazite/erionite deposit; and an optional, three-

day post-conference trip to major deposits in northwestern Arizona and southern California.

ZEOLITE '76 is the first international conference devoted exclusively to natural zeolites—their geological occurrence, their diverse physical and chemical properties, and their newly developed applications in agricultural and industrial technology. Formal sessions will include both invited and contributed papers. Invited papers by international experts will present overviews on all aspects of natural-zeolite technology.

For further information write to F. A. Mumpton, Chairman, ZEOLITE '76, Department of the Earth Sciences, State University College, Brockport, New York 14420.