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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### MSA Networks

Barb Dutrow, the 2007 MSA president, has long advocated the use of new tools online by the MSA to expand the network of mineral scientists and to help young scientists advance their careers. She was the first to recommend that MSA develop a Facebook group page, and now, thanks to MSA councilor Marc Hirschmann, MSA has one. I was

the 193<sup>rd</sup> member to join the MSA Facebook group. This group provides an opportunity for networking and contributing information, discussion, and comments of relevance to MSA and for advertising the activities of MSA to the wider community.

As my final days in office wind down, I am working to establish another type of network, a global network of MSA representatives at two- and four-year colleges, universities, government laboratories, museums, and industries. The primary job of an MSA representative will be to provide information about the Society and its mission to students and professional colleagues. An "MSA information kit" will be sent to the representatives, which will include information on MSA publications, short courses and workshops, education and outreach resources, awards and recognition, policy statements, special interest groups, mineralogical resources, and meetings. Representatives will also be sent e-mails about new developments and approaching deadlines. If you are interested in serving as an MSA representative, please contact me (nross@vt.edu).

As I close my final letter to you, I welcome the incoming 2010 president of the Society, John B. Brady, and the 2010 vice president, David L. Bish. Mickey Gunter was reelected to another term as secretary and Darrell J. Henry, treasurer, remains in office. The new councilors are Wendy Bohrson and Sumit Chakraborty, who replace Jean Morrison and Klaus Mezger. Continuing councilors are Peter C. Burns, Carol D. Frost, Marc M. Hirschmann, and Penelope L. King.

I am also pleased to announce that Martin Kunz of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has agreed to succeed Dana Griffen as editor of *American Mineralogist*. Dana has done a superlative job as editor, and he will be working with Martin until December 2009, when Martin officially joins editors Jenny Thomson and Bryan Chakoumakos. Martin is part of the experimental systems group at the Advanced Light Source, where he developed an X-ray microdiffraction beamline for materials research in geo- and environmental sciences. He brings a breadth of expertise to the position, with his research interests in mineralogy, crystal chemistry, phase transitions, high-pressure mineralogy, and, most recently, the development of microdiffraction techniques and their applications.

It has been an honor to serve with such a great team on behalf of the Society. Special thanks go to the staff at MSA, who keep us on track and serve as our invaluable corporate memory. The past year has passed very quickly as MSA president, and I have come to the conclusion that a one-year term is not long enough!

**Nancy Ross**  
2009 MSA President

## NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- Regular member dues for 2010 will be \$65, offset by a \$5 discount for members who renew online before October 31, 2009, reflecting cost savings for the MSA by members who renew promptly. Student dues remain at \$10. Sustaining membership will remain at \$150 + regular dues.

Member subscription rates for the 2010 *American Mineralogist* will continue to be different for domestic and foreign members in order to reflect actual costs of producing paper copies and mailing them, and to shift a portion of first-copy costs from institutional subscribers to individual subscribers. US member subscription price (paper and electronic) will be \$80 (currently \$70), and foreign member subscription price will be \$90 (currently \$80). Member electronic-only subscription will remain at \$30. US institutional subscription price (paper and electronic) will be raised to \$875 (from \$825), and foreign institutional subscription will be raised to \$900 (from \$850). Included with the institutional subscription are all the current-year issues of *Reviews in Mineralogy & Geochemistry*, *Elements*, and access to the electronic journal on the MSA website.

- Membership renewals for 2010 will start in October, when renewal notices will be sent electronically. This will be followed by electronic reminders, and a paper copy will be sent to those who do not renew online by the end of October.

- Members and Fellows who are in the senior, honorary, and life categories are also sent renewal notices. These members need not pay dues, but they are sent notices because this is the best way to update membership information, particularly mail and e-mail addresses.

- If you subscribe to other journals through MSA—*Gems & Gemology*, *Journal of Petrology*, *Mineralogical Record*, *Physics and Chemistry of Minerals*, or *Rocks & Minerals*—please renew early. MSA needs to forward your renewal to the respective publishers before your subscription runs out.

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## DANA MEDAL TO COHEN

At the June 2009 Goldschmidt Conference in Davos, Switzerland, the Mineralogical Society of America awarded its **Dana Medal to Ronald E. Cohen** of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, DC. This medal recognizes continued outstanding scientific contributions to the mineralogical sciences through original research by an individual in mid-career. Dr. Cohen was recognized for bringing modern methods for the investigation of atomic bonding and electronic structure into the mainstream of mineralogy, and for leading the field in developing and applying state-of-the-art theoretical methods for predicting and understanding the properties of minerals, particularly at extreme pressures and temperatures.



Nancy Ross presenting the Dana Medal to Ronald E. Cohen

## AMERICAN MINERALOGIST UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The Mineralogical Society of America welcomes the exceptional students listed below to the program's honor roll and wishes to thank the sponsors for enabling the MSA to recognize them. MSA's American Mineralogist Undergraduate (AMU) Award is for students who have shown an outstanding interest and ability in mineralogy, petrology, crystallography, or geochemistry. Each student is presented a certificate at an awards ceremony at his or her university or college and receives an MSA student membership, a Review in Mineralogy or Monograph volume chosen by the sponsor, the student, or both. The MSA website lists past AMU awardees and provides instructions on how MSA members can nominate their students for the award.

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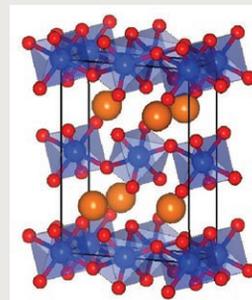
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## Mineralogical Society of America and Geochemical Society Short Course Announcement

THEORETICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN MINERAL PHYSICS: APPLICATIONS TO GEOPHYSICS



December 10–12, 2009

Doubletree Hotel, Berkeley, CA, USA  
(before Fall AGU Meeting)

**Convenors:** RENATA WENTZCOVITCH  
*University of Minnesota* and LARS  
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The short course will consist of a review of the important techniques used in theoretical and/or computational mineral physics today, along with exemplary applications that have

contributed to the advancement of the field of high-pressure mineral physics and geophysics.

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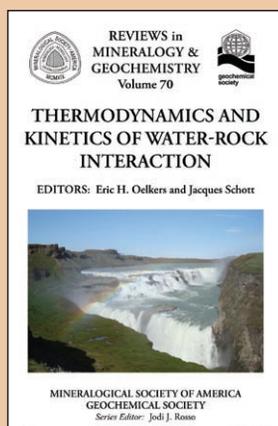
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MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA AND THE GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY

**Volume 70** Thermodynamics and Kinetics of Water-Rock Interaction, Eric H. Oelkers and Jacques Schott, editors. US\$40

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