

MEMBER AND BENEFACTOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR 2000

Many members contribute to MSA each year by including a contribution with their dues. Depending on the wishes of the member, the money is deposited with the principal of the MSA Endowment, MSA Mineralogy/Petrology, MSA Outreach, or Edward H. Kraus Crystallographic Research Funds. The income of these four Funds are to support MSA's research grants in crystallography, mineralogy, and petrology; publishing of the American Mineralogist; the American Mineralogist Undergraduate Awards; the Mineralogical Society of America Award; the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Roebling Medal; the website, and the tureship program. These Funds are described in more detail in the Financial Advisory Committee Report that appears in this issue. Continued member generosity has permitted the two Funds that support student research grants to each give three \$3500 student research grants yearly. However, the need is obviously greater. For the three 2001 grants, MSA received a total of 43 proposals. More than likely the Grant Committees will again determine that more than just 3 proposals deserve funding.

Between 7/31/99 and 8/1/00, 188 MSA members and organizations contributed \$12,920.75 to MSA Funds: Endowment (\$2,613.50), Kraus (\$2,418.5), and Mineralogy/Petrology Fund (\$4,663.25), and Outreach (\$3,225.50). The MSA Benefactor Committee, chaired by Dave London and comprising Donald R. Peacor, Steven C. Bergman, and Rustum Roy solicited contributions from companies and other organizations and raised \$1,500, all destined for the Outreach Fund. If you have not done so previously, you might want to consider contributing at the next opportunity. Here we want to extend our gratitude to the following individuals organizations:

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From the President

To follow up briefly on the subject of my last letter to you: very soon after you read this, it will be time to begin our annual membership renewal process. This year we will offer you the convenience of secure online renewal. In September, MSA members with e-mail addresses on file in the business office will receive a brief e-mail announcement containing a link to the membership renewal website; the MSA home page will also have a link on it for this purpose.

I hope that you will respond right away — if you do, you'll be immediately assured that you'll receive all benefits of membership in the coming year, and it will help MSA by reducing the substantial cost of the traditional mailing of renewal notices. Just as with the paper renewal, you'll have the option of purchasing any MSA publications you want, and you'll have the chance to make much-needed contributions to the Society's endowed funds.

There is one new wrinkle: we'll also take this opportunity to solicit from you your input on the Society and its activities. Although you can skip past it with just one click, you can also be of great help by spending a few minutes responding anonymously to a half-dozen questions that I hope will give the MSA Council a much clearer picture of what you feel is important and how MSA should move forward from here.

The Society's endowment

I wrote last time of the coupled needs to make our society broader and larger, and the actions we've taken toward those ends. In this, my last letter to you, I'd like to take up the third and last of the themes that I think present vital challenges to MSA's future well-being: the need to make the Society financially stronger.

MSA is blessed with a tremendous legacy from its founders, in the form of an endowment originally created by Colonel Washington A. Roebling shortly before his death in 1926, and subsequently enlarged by the generosity of many, many members. The Society's Financial Advisory Committee has managed these funds admirably, yielding a total endowment spread across several funds that now exceeds \$2 million in value. With such magnificent resources at its disposal, one would think that MSA would be empowered to do all that it wants — but that's no longer the case.

The Society has for many years faced a deficit in its operating budget. Each year, substantial transfers must be made from the endowment to cover shortfalls in income versus expenses. The need to support our activities from the endowment comes in large part from our commitment to making our publications and activities affordable. Should take great pride in the fact that MSA's publications, short courses, lecturer program, and the like are among the best values around. And we have always worked hard to keep costs down and prices low. Examples are the switch to desktop publishing to cut publication costs for *American Mineralogist*, and careful scrutiny of budgets for short courses.

But as we seek to do more and more — expanding *American Mineralogist*, offering more 'short courses, publishing more *Reviews* volumes, growing our outreach and lecturers programs, offering member services on our website — MSA's activities have been steadily expanding in scope and depth, to the point that we have now outgrown our legacy. We now rely each year on the endowment to cover a significant part of our operating costs. This is entirely appropriate: the very purpose of the endowment is to further the activities of the Society. *But it means that the Society's activities are now limited by the size of its endowment*.

Opportunities have been passed over for lack of funds several times in the past year. Publication of Revi volumes has been delayed because money was... available to cover initial printing costs. Chances to further expand our efforts at developing outreach materials for the website have been reluctantly set aside. Moves to incorporate more frequent use of color plates in American Mineralogist have been restricted. A program to help support student attendance at meetings will be instituted (in this case, the Goldschmidt 2001 conference that MSA will co-sponsor), but only on a limited scale. Our flexibility to explore new venues or formats for meetings is heavily limited by finances. MSA's participation in and contribution to broader geoscience initiatives, including a large number of programs coordinated by the American Geological Institute, is highly constrained. And who knows what new initiatives might be conceived if the Society had the wherewithal to act decisively to implement them?

Of course, you can help

With that backdrop, you won't be surprised that I'll conclude with an appeal for you to think a bit about what MSA and its activities have meant to you, and then to join me in an effort to build the Society's endowment. As renew your membership this year, I ask that you aggressively support MSA's activities by making an annual contribution that goes well beyond what you've done before — and that you take advantage of the chance to

ect that contribution to its highest and best use by responding to the membership survey and letting us know what matters most to you.

A final note of thanks

As my term as MSA President nears its end, the need looms large to thank a great many people who make MSA the great organization that it is. The time and effort that members volunteer to our Society are its greatest asset, and at the top of the contributors list are our incoming President, Kase Klein; our diligent Secretary, Dave Jenkins; our steadfast Treasurer, Brooks Hansen; and the 2000 MSA Council: Dave Bish, Mike Carpenter, Mark Ghiorso, Bob Luth, Jeff Post, and Sorena Sorensen. The lengthy roll of MSA committee members is too long to recite here, but all have earned our thanks. And no one works harder with less reward than our tireless publications Editors. Ann Hofmeister, Bob Dymek, Paul Ribbe, Darrell Henry, John Brady, Don Dingwell, Martin Dove, Frank Spear, and Allan Treiman (plus all our hard-working Associate Editors) are genuinely among the Society's heroes. And let there be no mistake: MSA could not function without its dedicated headquarters staff, led by our tireless Managing Editor, Rachel Russell, and by our superb Administrator, Alex er. To all, my sincere thanks on behalf of a grateful MSA!

Bill Carlson MSA President

In Memoriam

We regret to announce the passing of the following MSA member. The Society extends its condolences to the family and friends of these scientists.

Harold L. James (Life Fellow-1947) Bernard L. Murowchick (Life Member, 1950) Louis S. Walter (Fellow-1959)

Check MSA's Website

MSA's website (www.minsoc.org) is a window into our organization. The website continues to improve and provide timely information on MSA and geosciences in general. It will continue to improve with the input of the MSA members – so get involved.

The November Lattice deadline is November 22 Contributions may be sent to Darrell Henry via surface mail at partment of Geology and Geophysics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 or via e-mail at glhenr@unix1.sncc.lsu.edu. Note: this is a late deadline due to the mid-November meeting date for the Geological Society of America.



The Lattice is published quarterly (February, May, August, November) by the Mineralogical Society of America. It is distributed to MSA members as a service. Articles and letters are welcome.

The Mineralogical Society of America is composed of individuals interested in mineralogy, crystallography, and petrology. Founded in 1919, the Society promotes, through education and research, the understanding and application of mineralogy by industry, universities, government and the public.

Membership benefits include: American Mineralogist, published bi-monthly; 25% discount on volumes in the Reviews in Mineralogy series: The Lattice; special subscription rates for Mineralogical Abstracts, Physics and Chemistry of Minerals, Journal of Petrology, and Journal of Metamorphic Geology; reduced registration fees at MSA short courses; member rates for the MSA/Geological Society of America annual meeting and member rates at MSA's spring meeting with the American Geophysical Union; participation in a Society that supports the many facets of mineralogy.

Dues for 2000 are \$80 for professional members who elect to receive *American Mineralogist* and \$50 for those who elect not to receive the journal, but who do receive all other membership benefits; membership is \$30 for students. Membership is on a calendar year basis. Individuals who join after January 1, 2000 will be sent all back issues of volume 85, 2000.

For additional membership information and an application, and/or to receive a price list of the Society's publications, contact the Business Office.

Institutions may subscribe to the 2000 volume of *American Mineralogist* for the annual rate of \$430 in the US and \$440 for non-US addresses. The subscription price includes any new volumes of the *Reviews in Mineralogy* series published during the calendar year of the subscription. Payment must be received in full before a subscription will be started.

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Notes from Washington



• At its 2000 Spring Meeting, MSA Council voted to keep 2001 member dues at the 2000 cost of \$50. Student dues with the journal will also remain unchanged at \$30, as does the cost of a member subscription to *American Mineralogist* at \$30.

Council also approved a student membership category without the journal for \$5. Institutional subscriptions to the journal were increased to \$480 for subscribers with U.S. addresses and \$490 for subscribers with non-U.S. addresses.

• MSA 2001 membership renewals will be mailed during October 2000. MSA will also attempt an online reminder and membership renewal during the month of September. You can save your Society a lot of money by renewing early whether you chose to use the electronic version in September or the traditional paper version in October. If you reside overseas and are interested in faster delivery of *American Mineralogist*, consider ordering International Surface Airlift service (ISAL) for the journal when you renew your member subscription. It will cost \$40 additional. ISAL will reduce shipping time from several months to 2-3 weeks, depending on your location.

• The MSA Council also approved a recommendation for Periodicals Service Company (PSC) to handle the back issued of *American Mineralogist* from up to and including 1995. PSC already handled the back issues for 1916-1980. If you need back issues from 1981-1995 and would like to order them from MSA, you have only until the end of the year to do so. You can use the listing form elsewhere in this issue to see which issues are still available and to order copies.

• The MSA website continues to expand.

The searchable Online Membership Directory now contains a place for **member's home page URL's**. This, as well as a member's e-mail addresses called up in a search, are active, so that you can access them with one click. If you would like to publicize your home page, please send us the address by mail, e-mail, fax, or use the online Directory Update at <htp://www.minsocam.org/MSA/Dir_Update_1.html>. While you are at it, check your directory entry to make sure we have your correct e-mail and phone numbers – especially the correct area code for US members. The

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The Ask-A-Mineralogist section of the website is now active. It is in the form of a bulletin board. The site is open to anyone and no one has to subscribe as in the case of the MSA-Talk list. MSA encourages you to visit the site and respond to any questions for which you can provide additional information. Do so often. A good opportunity is when you wish to do something useful but there is insufficient time to finish that lecture, grade the last test, complete the latest research, or complete the article for *American Mineralogist*. Consider your contribution as an outreach effort. Suggestions to improving the site are also welcome.

• There is a new MSA publication - Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry volume 39: *Transformation Processes in Minerals*. It is the volume that accompanied the short course of the same name in Cambridge, England on September 1-2, 2000. You can order a copy using the MSA Publication Order Form in this issue. There are only a few copies remaining of Reviews in Mineralogy volume 9A: *Amphiboles and other Hydrous Pyriboles – Mineralogy*. It has been decided not to reprint this volume, so if you are interested in a copy consider ordering soon.

• In other news about publications, Mineral Data Publishing Company is offering a 25% discount to MSA members on the newly published volume in *Handbook of Mineralogy*: series: Volume IV: Arsenates, Phosphates, Vanadates. More detailed descriptions about the series is at http://www.mineraldata.com/. If you are interested, use the MSA publication order form to order your copy. The new volume offers you a fresh opportunity to collect on the \$5 reward for any error you may find. See the Mineral Data Publishing Company ad or website f details.

• The MSA Awards Luncheon, MSA Presidential Address, Annual Business Meeting, and joint MSA-Geochemical Society Reception at the Annual Meeting with Geological Society of America (GSA) in Reno, NV will all be on lesday, November 14, 2000. The Luncheon and Reception are ticketed functions. Tickets are sold by GSA and can be bought either when you register for the meeting or up to 24 hours before the event in the meeting registration area. Reception cost is \$10 for Luncheon cost is \$25. professionals and \$5 for students. MSA will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall. Further information, as well as meeting registration forms are and housing at <http://www.geosociety.org/>.

• At the head of this column is a logo. It is to add some interest to the Lattice and make this column of membership announcements more readily distinguishable. The logo can hardly be considered new. It was logo #4 of the 7 original suggestions considered by the 1939-1940 MSA Seal Committee comprising Waldemar T. Schaller, Paul F. Kerr and Walter F. Hunt.

J. Alex Speer, MSA Administrator j_a_speer@minsocam.org

MEMBERS NOMINATE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN MINERALOGY FOR SOCIETY'S UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

MSA members have taken advantage of the Society's American Mineralogist Undergraduate (AMU) Award program to recognize outstanding students who have shown an interest and ability in the discipline of mineralogy. Each student was cited by his or her department for outstanding achievement in mineralogyrelated courses. The AMU Awards allow MSA to join with the individual faculty to formally recognize Itstanding students. Each student is presented a certificate at an awards ceremony at his or her university or college. In addition, each recipient receives a *Reviews in Mineralogy* or *Monograph* volume chosen by the sponsor, student, or both.

Deadlines for nominating students are January 1 and July 1 of each year. Mark these dates on your calendars and let us know about your exceptional student. If you are interested in presenting the award at a particular

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The Society welcomes the following exceptional students to the program's honor roll and wishes to thank the sponsors for enabling MSA to recognize these outstanding individuals.

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MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA DISTINGUISHED LECTURER PROGRAM 2000-2001 TOURS

On behalf of MSA, I am pleased to announce the schedule for the 2000-2001 MSA Distinguished Lecturer Tours. This year the Program has been expanded to include 3 lecturers and some tours in Europe. I was able to accommodate about half of the 60+ requests. The complete Tour Schedule is listed below. We should all thank the 2000-2001 MSA Distinguished Lecturers: Rhian Jones, John Holloway and Ian Parsons for agreeing

IAN PARSONS

TOUR 1

- November 27, 2000 Ottawa-Carlton Geoscience Centre, Ottawa, ON; *Host: André Lalonde*
- November 28 McGill Univ., Montreal, Quebec; Host: John Stix
- November 29 Acadia University, Wolfville, NS; Host: Sandra Barr
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME; Host: Rachel Beane

TOUR 2a

Sept. 25-27, 2000 Mineralogical Society of Spain, A Coruña, Spain; *Host: Jordi Delgado*

TOUR 2b

- February 13, 2001 Univ. of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK Host: Simon Conway-Morris
- February 15/16, 2001 Aarhus Univ., Aarhus, DK; Host: Richard Wilson, Hans Zimmermann

TOUR 3

- April 23, 2001 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI; Host: Janel Curry
- April 24 Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; *Host: Theresa Boundy*
- April 25 Lawrence University, Appleton, WI; Host: Jeff Clark
- April 26/27 Michigan Technical Univ., Houghton MI; Host: Chuck Young

JOHN HOLLOWAY

TOUR 1

- February 19, 2001 Smith College (5 college lecture series), Northampton, MA; Host: *Mark Brandriss*
- February 21 Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY; Host: Laura Wasylenki
- February 22/23 Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Host: Richard Lindemann

TOUR 2

March 26, 2001 Northwest Missouri State Univ., Maryville, MO; *Host: Joseph F. Reese*

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to lecture on behalf of MSA. If you wish to travel to a nearby institution with students to hear a lecture, please contact the local host. Dates and times are subject to change. For more information on the MSA Distinguished Lecturer Program, visit the MSA Web site at http://www.minsocam.org/MSA/The Lecture Program.html

Dr. Helen M. Lang, MSA Lecture Program Administrator

- March 28 Central Missouri State Univ., Warrensburg, MO; Host: Mark Dudley
- March 29/30 St. Louis Univ., St. Louis, MO; Host: Brian Mitchell, John Encarnacion

TOUR 3

- April 23, 2001 Central Washington Univ., Ellensburg, WA; Host: Wendy Bohrson
- April 25 Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA; Host: Kent Keller
- April 26/27 Montana State Univ., Bozeman, MT; Host: Dave Mogk

RHIAN JONES

TOUR 1

- October 2, 2000 Univ. of Toronto, Toronto, ON; Host: James Brenan
- October 4 Brock Univ., St. Catherines, ON; Host: Frank Fueten
- October 5/6 Univ. of Western Ontario, London, ON; Host: Mike Fleet, Penny King

TOUR 2

November 27 Indiana State Univ., Terre Haute, IN; Host: Sandra Brake

November 29 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; Host: Helen Lang

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Denison Univ., Granville, OH; Host: David Hawkins

TOUR 3

- February 19, 2001 Edinburgh Univ., Edinburgh, Scotland; Host: Kathy Whaler
- February 27 Univ. of Rome, Rome, Italy; Host: Annibale Mottana
- March 1 Modena Univ., Modena, Italy; Host: Maria Franca Brigatti

TOUR 4

April 2, 2001 New Mexico State Univ., Las Cruces, NM; Host: Jeff Amato, Tom Giordano

Goldschmidt 2001

Planning is underway for Goldschmidt 2001, to be held at the historic Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, May 20-24, 2001. As co-sponsor of Goldschmidt 2001, the Mineralogical Society of America invites its members to participate and to propose and organize technical sessions. Additional information, including a preliminary listing of symposia and technical sessions, is available on the MSA website at: http://www.minsocam.org/

The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center (HRCC) is a turn-of-the-century hotel that has been completely renovated and modernized, with the addition of a state-of-the-art conference facility. All technical sessions and social activities will be held in the HRCC, and 250+ lodging rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. Additional lodging will be available at several nearby hotels, many of which are within easy walking distance of the HRCC. Interested persons should visit the HRCC website at: <u>http://www.hotelroanoke.com/</u>

Additional information may be obtained from either of the co-chairs of Goldschmidt 2001, Bob Bodnar (bubbles@vt.edu) or Mike Hochella (hochella@vt.edu).

ochemical Society and Mineralogical Society of America Short Course: Molecular Modeling Theory and Applications in the Geosciences

Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 2001 (preceding the Goldschmidt Conference)

Location: Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia, USA

The course will focus on techniques and applications for modeling a wide variety of problems in mineralogy and geochemistry. Those interested in using molecular modeling in research or understanding papers in computational chemistry should attend.

Organizers: Randall T. Cygan and James D. Kubicki, **Website:** www.sandia.gov/eesector/GScourse.htm

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A Clarification on Letters (by Anne Hofmeister and Robert Dymek, Editors of American Mineralogist)

Despite some confusion in recent months, the definition of what constitutes an American Mineralogist "Letter" has not changed. The official definition, as approved by the MSA Council, is stated on the back cover of each issue of the Journal and reads as follows: "Letters provide for rapid publication (4–6 months) of results that are judged to be timely, significant, and of widespread interest to the mineralogical community."

We fully admit that there is considerable leeway in the application of this definition, as each person would have differing ideas of what constitutes "widespread interest," for example. Despite this obvious ambiguity, over the last year or so, the editors have tried to adhere to the spirit of the definition. Submitted manuscripts that are simply short do not, in and of themselves, correspond to "letters" (although our experience indicates that shorter manuscripts make it through the review system much faster than novels). Simply put, "letters" should represent material that benefits from rapid publication.

In most cases, it is the Editors (and not Associate Editors) who guide "letters" through the review process. Following an initial assessment about the appropriateness of a manuscript to the "letter" category, "letters" are sent to reviewers who are asked to reply within one week (previously, reviewers had been asked to reply within 48 hours, but this deadline proved to be impracticable in most cases). The reviewers are asked to comment

specifically on the appropriateness of the manuscript the context of the above definition, and to make a recommendation in one of four categories, as follows: (1) Accept as is; (2) Accept with very minor revision; (3) Resubmit as a regular manuscript; and (4) Reject. These categories are a relatively new part of the "letter" review process, having been instituted by us about a year ago, based on discussions with several Associate Editors who previously had been involved with "letters."

One of the outcomes of the current review process is that, in a majority of cases, reviewers will select option #3, because they view the manuscript to be incomplete and in need of additional data or discussion. In such cases, the manuscript is rejected because extensive revision is deemed necessary. Letters are rarely revised -- on account of the time factor -- because extensive revision (and possible re-review) defeats the intent of rapid publication. Thus, a majority of letters are rejected on the basis of incompleteness, not perceived overall quality of the science. Of these, virtually all authors are invited to resubmit their letters as regular manuscripts and most do.

American Mineralogist is aware of and fully support the need for rapid publication of significant mater..., while at the same time maintaining our traditional standards. We welcome comments from the membership about this policy.

All About Tables

By Rachel A. Russell, American Mineralogist Managing Editor

Believe it or not, for the most part we like doing tables. It is very satisfying to take a complex mess (or even a cute little mess) and import it into PageMaker and with the use of a few styles and proper tabbing, get it to look nice.

Keep in mind that we do not re-key the data, we are importing material given us by the authors. If we do rekey, then we alert the author to that on the proof because it would need extra sharp proofreading. Usually the importing goes pretty cleanly, with just the tabs needing proper spacing and symbols put into the correct font. Every now and then a table imports as one long column of data that we have to cut and paste cell-by-cell into position.

However, there are always ways for the authors to help us out! One of the most obvious ways is to note when creating your table that we do not put lines in the body of the table, although authors are welcome to use blank lines of space to separate data into groups. We use lines to clarify the column heads and to separate the headers from the title and the body of the table and a couple more lines to separate the footnotes from the body of the table and the rest of the manuscript. And, with very few exceptions, that's all. Another obvious way to help is to make sure the table is organized in the most logical and space compacted way. Sometimes tables benefit by being turned around.

There are just a few other specific things authors should be aware of in each section of a table: the title, body, and the footnotes.

First off, in *American Mineralogist*, the title is a simple phrase, so there is no period to close it. Both

"Table 1. Procedure for correcting O data following standard drift during an analytical session" and "Table 2.

perimental conditions and results" would be examples. All other information must be in the footnotes.

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The best way to understand our table style is to really look at the tables in the journal itself. I welcome any questions you might have!

NOTE: I have recently put more information and examples of references on the web site. Go to the Instructions for Authors and take the jump to More About References. Especially note, at the bottom, the change in how we cite *Reviews in Mineralogy* volumes!

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A major development is that it seems that the Department of Energy will help contribute to holding many of the short courses. This funding should lower registration costs for attendees and hopefully boost participation. Still, the 2000 budget is projected as having a large deficit because more RIMGs volumes will be printed than were projected when we set the institutional subscription rate. This has been corrected in setting the institutional rates for 2001, so this budget drain should not continue. We have now based future budgets on 4 new RIMGs volumes/year. The 2000 deficit reflects the lag in recognizing this increase, and it should not recur in future years. We have negotiated with the Geochemical Society that they will contribute to the up front cost of RIMG volumes.

Because of the projected increase in postal rates (a expansion of the journal) the cost of distributing *American Mineralogist* to members has increased to \$35/year. The budget and pricing plan is based on the assumption that members will only pay for the incremental price of the journal (that is, the society turns no profit on member subscriptions). Currently, members are charged \$30 for *American Mineralogist*, less than what is needed for the Society to break even.

Because of the healthy investment climate of the last three to four years, the two Kraus and both Mineralogy/Petrology funds have grown considerably. Council voted that the awards should be increased from \$3500 to \$5000.

In summary, a stable budget environment may be indicated by the surplus in 1999, the reduced operating expenses for the American Mineralogist, stabilization of the library subscriptions (if this is in fact holds), and stabilization of the number of RIMs volumes per year. This means that the society can or should consider how to use some proportion, say 5%, of its endowment each year. This amounts to about \$50,000 that could be put to use.

Brooks Hanson MSA Treasurer

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Table 1. Summary of the financial status of MSA as of December 1999 by fund (listed as assets and liabilities) and comparison with totals in December of 1996 to December, 1999.

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Item	General operating	Roebling	Miner. & Petrology	Kraus Crystal.	Endow- ment	Out- reach	1999 Total	1998 Total	1997 Total	1996 Tetal
Assets							TOTAL	Total	TUTAT	Total
Cash	\$355,843						\$355,843	\$168,287	\$189,799	¢7.777
Accounts receivable	25,018						25,018			
Prepaid expenses	16,838						16,838	23,619		12 52 6
Interfund borrowings	652,187	\$(573,999)	\$5,443	\$2,000	\$(90,589)	\$4,958	10,050	25,019	23,663	12,526
Investments	4,547	1,594,861	260,612	161,736	232,849	21,153	2,275,758	1,979,393	1,863,257	1 (25 000
Furniture and equip.	22,743						22,743	36,255	59,489	1,635,899 58,254
Deposit	7,924						7,924	8,424	7,923	9 425
Assets held for others							7,721	0,424	19,245	8,425 25,658
Total assets	1,085,100	1,020,862	266,055	154,331	142,260	26,111	2,704,124	2,260,981	2,191,834	1,782,170
Liabilities and net assets										
Accounts payable	55,793						55,793	68,606	39,806	49 201
Deferred dues	27,654						27,654	1,674	1,270	48,281
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Rent abatement	15,839						15,839	14,046	12,254	10.462
Assets held for others							15,057	14,040	12,254	10,462 25,658
Total liabilities	408,066						408,066	320,906	291,555	140,566
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Total net assets	677,034	1,020,862	266,055	161,736	142,260	26,111	2,296,058	1,940,075	1,900,279	1,641,604
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6-8 3rd Conference on Tectonic Problems of the San Andreas Fault System. Stanford, California. Details: B. Kovach, Department of Geophysics, Mitchell 360, Stanford University, Stanford, California, 943005-2215. Tel. 650-723-4827;Fax: 650-725-7344; E-mail: kov@pangea.stanford.edu. WWW: pangea.stanford.edu/GP/sanandreasconf. html.

11-12 Conference on Environmental Chromium

Contamination and Remediation. Glasgow, UK. Details: John Farmer, Department of Chemistry, The University of Edinburgh, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JJ, UK. E-mail: J.G.Farmer@ed.ac.uk.

 The mineralogy of Waste and Waste Disposal. Keyworth, UK. *Details*: Dr. Adrian Lloyd-Lawrence, Mineralogical Society, 41 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HR, UK. E-mail: Adrian@minersoc.demon.co.uk.

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- 11-12 S-type Granites and Related Rocks: the Allan White Symposium. Melbourne, Australia. *Details*: Peter D. Fleming, Dept. of Earth Sciences, La Trobe

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- 8-10 Conference on the Earth-Moon Relationship. Padova, Italy. *Details*: GSA Meetings Dept. Boulder, CO 80301-9140. Tel.: (303)-447-2020, Fax: (303)-447-1133. WWW: C. Barbieri , Department of Astronomy, University of Padova, Vicolo Osservatorio 5 , Padova 35122 ITALY ; Phone: +39-049-8293434; Fax: +39-049-8293507; E-mail: cbarbier@ux1.unipd.it; barbieri@pd.astro.it
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- 2-7 Geochemistry of Crustal Fluids Fluid in the Crust and Chemical Fluxes at the Earth's Surface (EURESCO Conference). Granada, Spain. Details: Dr. J. Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 quai Leay-Marnésia. 67080 Strasbourg Cedex, France. Tel.: 33 388 76 71 35: Fax: 33 388 36 69 87, E-mail: euresco@esf.org, WWW: http://www.esf.org.euresco.
- 4-7 4th International Mineralogy and Museums Conference. Melbourne, Australia. *Details*: Bill Birch, Museum Victoria, GPO Box 666E, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001, Australia., WWW: www.mov.vic.gov.au/mineralogy/welcome.html
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27-30 St. John's 2001, Geological Association of Canada - Mineralogical Association of Canada Annual Joint Meeting. St. John's, New Foundland, Canada. Details: St. John's 2001, c/o Department of Mines and Energy, St. John's, New Foundland, A1B 4J6; Tel. 709-729-2301; Fax: 709-729-3493; E-mail: dmp@zeppo.geosurv.gov.nf.ca.

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Sixth International Eclogite Conference in Japan. 1-7 Niihama, Ehime, Japan. Details: Masaki Enami, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University, Nagoya 464-8602, Japan; Tel. and fax 81-52-789-3005 E-mail: enami@eps.nagoya-u.ac.jp; WWW: ganko.eps.nagoya-u.ac.jp/iec2001/index.html.

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