



Ocean Sciences

AGU Ocean Sciences Members,

Planning and organizing for the [2017 AGU Fall Meeting](#) and the 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting are ongoing. Session proposals for Fall Meeting and the Ocean Sciences Meeting are due **19 April** and **3 May**, respectively. Abstract submission for the Fall Meeting opens 14 June and closes 7 August 2017. Please contact the AGU program committee members (see below) if you have questions about submitting a session proposal.

The AGU Ethics Policy was recently revised and [the new policy](#) is open for comment from AGU membership. The revised ethics policy will extend to all AGU members, rather than only to volunteers and meeting participants as specified under the prior policy.

During the past 3 months, the new U.S. administration issued orders and implemented policies that have negative impacts on science at many levels. AGU is responding to this changing landscape of science policy and funding in a proactive manner. AGU endorsed the March for Science and with partner organizations issued [policy statements](#) on the administration's 2018 fiscal budget, the need for integrity in science, and the importance of science. AGU will continue to represent its membership and urge Congress to sustain its support for science and its many benefits to health, the environment, the economy, and our national security.

AGU members can also work proactively to promote science by contacting local congressional representatives, supporting activities that advance science and communicating the importance of science.

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2017 AGU Fall Meeting Update

Ocean Sciences Program Committee representatives Victoria Coles, Heidi Sosik and Chuck Nittrouer, will be working to organize sessions based on the session proposals that are received. Session conveners are reminded that their responsibilities include soliciting abstracts to fill the session, finding judges for student presentations, and refraining from presenting in the limited oral time slots.

The Fall Meeting program committee is developing different session formats, such as panels and short pop-up presentations that may be appropriate for some topic areas. Panel discussions will likely be limited, this and other session format information is further explained on the [session proposal website](#).

2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting

The 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM) will take place 11–16 February in Portland, Oregon. This meeting is co-convened by AGU, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), and The Oceanography Society (TOS). AGU representatives on the OSM program committee are AGU co-chair, Fred Bingham, vice chair, Marjorie Friedrichs and student representative, Miram Gleiber.

Session proposals for the OSM are due 3 May 2017 and information on submitting a session proposal is available on the OSM [website](#). Please contact the AGU members of the program committee if you have questions about session proposals.

AGU Ethics Policy

The AGU Ethics Task Force completed an update of the AGU Ethics Policy. The revised policy explicitly deals with harassment and other types of negative behavior such as discrimination and bullying, which are not part of the existing Ethics Policy. Please consider taking the time to read and comment on the recent Eos [article](#), which describes the new Ethics Policy. AGU is soliciting responses from members on this article until 28 April 2017.

Update on international collaboration, meeting attendance, and travel concerns

As a result of the current uncertainty surrounding international travel, AGU is actively working to provide information and options to encourage broad participation by members in meetings and other activities. A recent [From the Prow](#) post by AGU President, Eric Davidson, and Meetings Director, Lauren Parr, outlines AGU's strategy for fostering international collaboration and participation in response to policy changes by the current U.S. administration. Please take a few minutes to read the post and send it to other colleagues; communication is very important.

March for Science

AGU is a partner in the Washington, D.C., March for Science that will occur on Saturday, 22 April 2017. Prior to the event on 13 April, AGU will hold a [webinar](#) at 2 p.m. Eastern Time that will provide information about the march events and subsequent follow-on activities (e.g., AGU Congressional Visit Day).

AGU CEO, Chris McEntee, recently sent a message to the AGU membership that outlines logistics and details for the March for Science. AGU will sponsor a pre-march event on Saturday morning (details will be forthcoming) that could provide a meeting point for members of the Ocean Science community who want to participate in the march as a group. Please consider participating in the Washington, D.C., March for Science or in one of the 400 planned satellite marches.

Our many ways to communicate

AGU Ocean Sciences and our journals host webpages and Facebook pages. Our Facebook provides timely information about findings in geosciences, highlighted publications in our journals, Union and section information. Check out the section [Facebook](#) and the Twitter [@agu_os](#).

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