



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am writing this message sitting over the holiday break where I met up with friends and family and exchanged stories about what went on over the year. A story that came up was the amount it costs to get evaluations. It reminded me of the thank you notes that I had just written to outgoing committee members. They had read through pages of material and provided their expert guidance to help run the society—be it for an award committee, or on issues of budget, finance, or planning. I have always appreciated the work put in by our volunteers, but that financial number multiplied by the number of people that had been thanked—all working on a voluntary basis—added a new financial dimension to how much the Geochemical Society owes to its volunteers. I was overwhelmed, and I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered for different roles in the Society—now, in the past, or if you intend to in the future—from the bottom of my heart. The Society works because of you. The other experience in this connection has been when people tell me something or the other could be done by the “office.” Few people realize that it is a staff of two, and everybody else, myself included, is a volunteer. It is the volunteers that make the society so visible.

As ways to communicate have expanded, so have the activities of the society. While much of the focus of the Society in the past was on the planning and execution of the annual Goldschmidt conference, increasingly there is a trend toward spreading out activities across the entire year, in an attempt to reach a broader and more diverse group of geochemists. These activities come in different forms. For example, there have been a series of webinars on different topics of interest for geochemists. A number of townhall events were held to address issues specifically related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The DEI committee is looking into launching an online lecture series. And, there is always a need for mentors.

A mentoring program has been launched jointly by the Geochemical Society and the European Association of Geochemistry that goes beyond the mentoring activities that are available at Goldschmidt conferences. Details may be found at: [www.geochemsoc.org/programs/mentorship-program](http://www.geochemsoc.org/programs/mentorship-program).

As I write, the first mentor–mentee pairings are taking place. In this process, it has become apparent that we have many more people who want to be mentored than we have mentor volunteers. If you have not already done so, please consider volunteering yourself as a mentor. It is a rewarding experience that helps broaden your own horizons too. Please note that you do not have to be a member of either society to volunteer as a mentor.

And finally, speaking of volunteers, you can also help through suggestions—what one could do differently, better, or new. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. Please do not hesitate to drop a line to [gsoffice@geochemsoc.org](mailto:gsoffice@geochemsoc.org) or personally to me at [sumit.chakraborty@rub.de](mailto:sumit.chakraborty@rub.de). I am writing this at the start of 2023. Even if the year will have progressed quite a bit by the time this reaches you, I am wishing now all the best in the year 2023 for all readers of *Elements*. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing some of you at one or another conference across the year.

**Sumit Chakraborty**  
GS President, 2022–2023

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The GS has opportunities throughout the year to contribute, some with only a small time commitment. These include serving as a mentor, as a theme chair or session organizer at Goldschmidt, or submitting an award nomination to recognize a colleague’s achievements. There are also a number of opportunities to serve on society boards and committees. If you would like to take a more active role, learn about the various opportunities at [geochemsoc.org/about/membership/get-involved](http://geochemsoc.org/about/membership/get-involved).

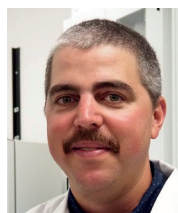
## NEW MEMBERS JOIN GS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Six new members joined the Geochemical Society’s Board of Directors in January. They represent the diverse fields of study and geographic distribution of the Society’s membership. Meet the entire board of directors at [www.geochemsoc.org/board](http://www.geochemsoc.org/board).



**Frances Jenner** was elected to a three-year term as International Secretary. She is a senior lecturer (associate professor) in the School of Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences at The Open University, UK. Her research focusses on the use of geochemistry for understanding the evolution of the Earth’s mantle and the processes that create heterogeneity in the compositions of magmas that erupt in different tectonic settings. She is a member

of the Geochemical Society Nominations Committee, has served as an editor for the weekly *Geochemical News* and as a theme chair for Goldschmidt 2022, and has recently taken on the role of a review editor for *Frontiers in Earth Science*.



**Benjamin Tutolo** was elected to a three-year term as Secretary. He is an associate professor of geosciences at the University of Calgary, Canada. His research focuses on the reactive movement of fluids, solutes, and heat in geologic systems, with applications to the geologic and climatic evolution of both Earth and Mars. Dr. Tutolo has served as a mentor to students at the Goldschmidt conference annually since 2016, convened sessions at Goldschmidt since

2017, served as an editor for *Geochemical News* from 2019 until 2021, and is currently serving on the Geochemical Society Award Nominations Committee. Dr. Tutolo is also currently chair of the Ocean Networks Canada Ocean Observatory Council and routinely participates in scientific outreach programs such as Skype A Scientist and the STEM Fellowship. He recently received the 2022 Mineralogical Society of America Award.



**Craig Lundstrom** joined the board as the Goldschmidt Officer. He is a professor in the School of Earth, Society, and Environment at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA. He is an igneous petrologist/geochemist who combines experimental petrology with isotope geochemistry to investigate a range of Earth processes from mantle melting to magma differentiation to contaminant remediation using U isotopes. Current

projects involve characterizing PGE transport mechanisms and understanding the volcanic-plutonic connections of silicic magmatism. He received the F.W. Clarke award from the GS in 2001. He is currently department head of the Department of Earth Science and Environmental Change and Co-Chief Editor of *Frontiers in Earth Science-Geochemistry*.

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