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Dear Alexandra:

On behalf of the Materials Research Society, we'd like to formally congratulate you on your election to the MRS Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014. As a member of the Board, you'll help to establish the direction of the Society as it "strives to build a dynamic, interactive, global community of materials researchers to advance technical excellence by providing a framework in which the materials disciplines can convene, collaborate, integrate and advocate." (MRS Vision Statement)

We have no doubt that you'll find your colleagues on the Board to be friendly, intelligent, insightful, dedicated, and eager to help you. The MRS staff will also offer excellent support to make your job as pleasant and as least time-consuming as possible.

In order to make you as comfortable as possible from the beginning, we've created an orientation process to provide you with background and an understanding of what MRS is and where it's going. Even if you've served on other Boards, you know that each organization often has its unique governance structure, relationships, and products and initiatives, and, thus, requires some preparation to step into the role.

**Newly-Elected Orientation:**

- **Advance reading** – Some reading materials will be provided in advance of the Boston meeting
- **Part #1: Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**, in Commonwealth, third floor Boston Sheraton, (Buffet dinner at 6:30 pm) Topics will include MRS Today, Non-Profit Governance, Financial Reporting, and MRS Governance Structure.
- **Part #2: Friday, Dec. 6, 8:30 am-11:00 am**, in Exeter, third floor Boston Sheraton (Breakfast available at 8 am.) Topics will include Board F13 Meeting Agenda Background, Current Strategic Planning, and Core Society Programs.
- **Part #3: Friday/Saturday, Dec. 6/7, Board Meeting Observation, 11:00 am (lunch) – 5:15 pm**, Commonwealth, third floor Boston Sheraton. You will be an observer at the Board of Directors Meeting. Although you have no active role or voting privileges, you are welcome to ask questions or make comments as appropriate.

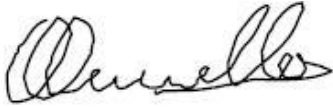
A special Board reception and dinner will be held on Friday evening, providing you with an opportunity to socialize with and get to know your colleagues away from the Board table.

**Your participation in these orientation sessions and the Board meeting is very important** to provide you with the necessary background and understanding to begin your term in January ready to go! If you're not planning to attend the Fall Meeting for technical content and can't justify the expense of attending for these meetings only, please let us know if travel support will make it possible.

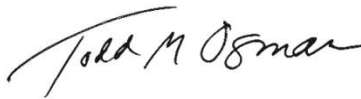
Please RSVP to Kathy D'Biagio, Executive Assistant, [dbiagio@mrs.org](mailto:dbiagio@mrs.org) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, Nov. 1, 2013.

A copy of the election results, which will be announced in *Materials360* newsletter, is enclosed for your information. We look forward to working with you over the next three years!

Sincerely,



Orlando Auciello  
MRS President



Todd M. Osman  
MRS Executive Director

Enclosure