



Dear MAS members,

I hope every member of the Microanalysis Society (MAS) is doing well and waiting for winter holidays, which means it is the time to renew the membership.

The membership renewal this year is slightly different from previous years. The MAS membership will be renewed through the portal developed in the partnership with the sister society Microscopy Society of America (MSA). You will receive a letter with detailed information of the membership renewal process shortly. Both the MAS-only and MAS/MSA joint members can renew the membership through the portal site, which we recommend. In this portal, only credit-card payment is accepted. If you prefer to pay by check for your membership renewal, please contact the new membership service chair Mike Nagorka.

Mike Nagorka

MAS Membership Service Chair

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In terms of renewal, I would like to emphasize following points:

1. The voluntary contribution

The MAS asks the members to contribute to the Chodos Fund, Fiori Fund and Goldstein fund in the renewal process. These are truly voluntary basis, we never enforce the members to contribute to them. Unfortunately, these selections in the new joint portal site appear as an opt-out style (see the inserted image below), which is just a technical web-programming problem could not be solved at this time. Please click the **Remove** box if you are NOT willing to contribute to them.

Voluntary Contributions

Please indicate if you would like to make a donation at this time. You may change the amount for any fund or click REMOVE if you do not wish to contribute.

Contribution: MAS Chodos Fund

Donations to the Chodos Fund will support student participation at Microanalysis Society events like our annual meeting or a topical conference

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Contribution: MAS Fiori Fund

The Fiori Fund supports technologist-oriented programming withing MAS. Funds are allocated at the discretion of MAS Council.

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Contribution: MAS Goldstein Fund

Goldstein Scholar Awards support early career MAS members to travel for collaborative or educational activities to further their professional development

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Check the box if you are not willing to contribute to them.

2. Microscopy & Microanalysis journal subscription

This is for **MAS-only members**, not for MAS/MSA joint members. At this moment, the journal subscription is NOT yet implemented. If you are the MAS-only member, we will contact you to ask the subscription of the Microscopy & Microanalysis journal later. Please wait for it for now. **Note:** if you are the MAS/MSA joint member, the journal subscription is already included (no need further action).

Sincerely,

MAS President

Masashi Watanabe

