

# LIFE AFTER THE CSEG ELECTIONS

The CSEG is often seeking volunteers from all professional levels and for many positions. One that is somewhat the pinnacle of the organization is that of President of the Society. Over the years it has been a position that at times daunted people – the idea of putting forth their name for consideration as it requires a running mate and an actual election. Other positions within the CSEG Executive have often been acclaimed as there has been difficulty in getting members to run for these positions. Within this Election Edition a couple of the people who came forth and volunteered for the ‘top job’ but were unsuccessful have been highlighted. Quite often, as you will read below, these are highly experienced, well regarded members of the Society who have contributed much before and after the election. Below, two such individuals are highlighted.

**Laurie Ross**, currently President of Geo-X Exploration Services Inc. in Calgary is one such individual. Prior to running for the position of Vice President in the late 2000’s, Laurie held the position of General Chair for the CSEG National Convention in Calgary for two years. She also served as secretary for the CSEG Executive in the past. Post CSEG elections she helped organize the CSEG Symposium and has just finished a three year commitment contributing to the CSEG Foundation. In 2010 she also was part of the T-Wave Organizing committee and helped out with the sponsorship of the program. Laurie says she has gained many friendships over the years through her volunteer efforts as well as numerous business contacts that she would likely otherwise not have gained. Both of these aspects have been beneficial to her personal and professional life.

Laurie, like many experienced technical people in the oil and gas industry, wholly recommends volunteering for the Society to junior geophysicists and new graduates in the industry for these reasons. She also volunteers her time to help mentor them and give them advice when they approach her for some feedback. It’s not surprising to hear then that Laurie was also honoured with the Meritorious Service Award in 2010 for her lengthy contribution to the Society and the industry. Well done Laurie!

**Easton Wren** is another professional geophysicist with a lengthy connection to the Canadian geophysical community. Easton immigrated to Canada in 1968 and continued his professional career in the Canadian oil and gas industry with Amoco and PanCanadian prior to starting Petrel Consultants in Calgary.

His initial involvement with the CSEG was as an editor of the Geophysical Journal. Through his volunteering and work efforts he quickly got to know a lot of the professional community in Calgary. It’s no surprise then by 1975 he was on the organizing committee of the joint CSEG-CSPG Convention (largest convention in Calgary at that time) and in 1978 he was asked to run for President of the CSEG. In the

1970’s there wasn’t a position of Vice President to run for; the elected position was for President of the society, all or nothing. Unfortunately Earl Mahaffy won that year but Easton was asked to run again in 1981. Easton’s perseverance was rewarded; he was elected to the position of CSEG President that year.

Easton regarded the position as an honourable one and has fond memories of that year despite the political climate. 1981 was a year of challenges for the professional community and the industry as a whole. The NEP (National Energy Program) had just been introduced in Canada and many geophysicists were without jobs. Morale was low within the industry and the CSEG membership had been significantly reduced.

Easton regarded this as part of the challenge of the position and arranged for many ‘surprise’ speakers to show up at the monthly luncheons to boost morale with their tales of past industry lows and coping mechanisms.

For Easton, this was his last major CSEG volunteer position. Although historically many presidents retired from volunteering with the society after holding the position more recent Past Presidents remain actively engaged in the society. Easton continued on after that with his profession locally and internationally and pursued a variety of other interests as well, such as producing his own TV show called ‘Science Spectrum’. Easton is a fine example of life after the elections.

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