

CSEG Outstanding Volunteer Award 2022

Marissa Whittaker Nomination

Marissa is a Professional Geophysicist who has volunteered with Earth Science for Society (ESfS) for approximately 10 years. Over the past 5 years she has put in an outstanding effort as the ESfS Organizing Committee Chair. Marissa has led the ESfS Organizing Committee to help increase science literacy for the students by: exposing students and the public to various aspects of earth science in an educational and interactive way, informing students about education and career options, and demonstrating how earth science plays a critical role in our society. Marissa has been responsible for overall coordination of ESfS, including project management, meeting minutes, action items, status reports and event execution. She has kept the entire Committee organized and on-track to ensure the success of ESfS.

Marissa has gone above and beyond what is expected and has demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to her volunteer work. She brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm which motivates all of those she works with. In her last year as ESfS Organizing Committee Chair, she helped organize the 2022 ESfS Exhibition which hosted approximately 1,700 visitors which included schools, youth groups and the public. In addition, the event received tremendous support from nearly 100 volunteers and 25 exhibitors. Marissa's work with ESfS was superb which led to an outstanding event receiving wonderful feedback from attendees, volunteers and exhibitors.

I have had the pleasure to work with Marissa on the ESfS Organizing Committee since 2019. She has always provided clarity and guidance, which I respect immensely. She is a great inspiration and deserves to be recognized for her outstanding volunteer work with Earth Science for Society in 2022.

Sincerely,

Hilary Schumacher

CSEG Assistant Director of Member Services