

Citation for Richard Gray: CSEG Outstanding Volunteer Award

It is without any hesitation that I strongly recommend Richard (Rik) Gray for the CSEG Outstanding Volunteer Award. As a colleague and friend over many years, I have witnessed first hand the energy, collaboration, and enthusiasm Rik brings to anything he sets his mind to. As a volunteer with the CSEG, Rik has donned many different hats.

We can start with Lunchbox Geophysics, where Rik acted as Co-chair from about 2014 to 2018. Rik excelled at hosting the many free and congenial lunch hour presentations. Following on from his time with Lunchbox Geophysics, I had the pleasure to work closely with Rik as he took on various roles with the CSEG Symposium committee from 2018 to 2020. Rik was instrumental in arranging solid speaker line ups as well as promoting this important event through effective advertising campaigns.

Overlapping his efforts on the Symposium Committee, Rik was also very active on the board of the joint CSEG/CSPG GeoConvention from 2018 to 2021 and also volunteered his time and expertise as a session chair. While navigating very difficult times in 2020 & 2021 due to the COVID pandemic, Rik remained a positive force in these efforts.

Rik has also contributed his time and expertise to the CAGC's Seismic in Motion field program coordinated by the Outreach arm of the CSEG Foundation. Rik made the in-school presentations to high school students for this annual field trip program, important for inspiring the next generation of geoscientists.

More recently, Rik jumped at the opportunity to take on the role of CSEG Special Session Chair at the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in the spring of 2022. This was a key opportunity to highlight the role CSEG members play in enhancing our geoscience understanding of the Williston Basin.

With Rik's many and varied volunteer activities cited above, I am convinced that he is absolutely deserving of this year's CSEG Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Thank you,

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