

Stephen Kotkas-Outstanding Volunteer

I would like to nominate Stephen for the Outstanding Volunteer Award. It is long overdue; his volunteer effort and achievements over many years deserve recognition.

Stephen encouraged me to volunteer back in 2008 and he's probably volunteered for the CSEG for the past 16 years.

I quickly joined him on the CSEG Mentorship Program that was just starting at the time, and he always had great energy and was easy to work with. We experienced many years of success with the program. He has chaired many committees, and always puts in an outstanding effort, usually more than is expected.

Stephen has led the CSEG Foundation Outreach Committee (and many sub-committees) has volunteered for various career fairs, and University student outreach events.

Here is an outline of his volunteer commitment with the society:

CSEG Volunteer Experience:

CSEG Foundation Outreach Chair 2013-2014

- Public, School and University Student Outreach

University Student Outreach (USO) Chair 2007-2015

- increased the CSEG's University Student membership level from ~50 to nearly 400 members annually

Challenge Bowl Committee 2008-2015

Co-founder of the CSEG Foundation's Travel Grants and Educational Subsidies program 2008

Co-founder of the Geophysical Industry Field Trip (GIFT) in 2009 and committee member 2009-2020

Co-founder of the CSEG Foundation Mentorship program in 2009 and committee member 2009-current

Co-Founder of the CSEG Emerging Professionals program in the winter of 2014. Committee member 2014-2019

Assistant Director of Member Services for the CSEG Executive 2013-2014

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-reported on the Doodlebug, Doodlespiel, TWAVE, WISE, JGF, EPP, CSEG/CSPG/CAPL Road Race and Fun Run, Ski Spree programs

CSEGF School Coordinator for Grade 7 science invention convention (2012-2020)

Junior Trustee- Scholarship Committee 2022-2023, incoming Senior Trustee 2023-2024

KISP (Kids in Science Program) now ESFS. Volunteer 2007-2014

As a colleague and friend, I have seen his enthusiasm and desire to help others and with that, I would like to nominate Stephen Kotkas.

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