

## Education Services

It was my privilege to serve as Director of Education for 2018, a year that saw continuing challenges for the geophysical industry and our society, along with tremendous support from CSEG members, industry partners and volunteers. The year ahead looks to be similarly filled with challenges and opportunities, which I'm sure we will face with the energy, creativity and integrity that have always been hallmarks of our profession.

Over the last year your society has continued to focus on delivering quality continuing education opportunities, which many of you have supported with your registration dollars, sponsorship and participation. My thanks to everyone who attended a luncheon, participated in a DoodleTrain class, spent an instructive hour at a Lunchbox talk, or otherwise engaged with CSEG learning opportunities.

I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who organized, hosted, presented, attended committee meetings, solicited support from employers, or otherwise supported our education efforts. Among our volunteers, several people served as committee chairs during 2018. John Fernando led our successful 2018 DoodleTrain committee, Doug Clark was our Symposium Chair, Ruth Peach led VIG, Richard Gray guided Lunchbox, and thanks to Paige Mamer, Shawn Maxwell, Hoda Rashedi and Johnny Wentzel for leading MUG. My apologies to anyone who I may not have mentioned, any oversight is entirely unintentional, and my fault entirely!

I would also like to recognize a core group of volunteers who help organize and manage our technical luncheon program. The members of the Luncheon Committee changed during 2018, so I'd like to start by thanking our outgoing volunteers Mo Alibrahim, Marc Boulet and Karl Mome. These gentlemen provided tremendous support to our luncheon efforts long before I joined the team, you have my sincere thanks.

During the year we were lucky enough to have two new energetic people step into Luncheon committee roles: Seward Pon and Ethan Burke. I hope that everyone will welcome and support these new volunteers, particularly by providing your luncheon announcements at least a week ahead! I'd also like to recognize the ongoing support of Jim Racette, Jodi Sharman and Alyssa Middleton who handled the logistics of our luncheons with calm competence.

Looking ahead to 2019 I'd like to extend my thanks to Pavlo Cholach, who will be your 2019 Director of Education, and Scott Matieshin, who is our incoming Assistant Director of Education. I'm confident that Pavlo and Scott will continue to lead our education efforts in new, innovative and successful ways over the next years.

As geophysicists, we continue to face difficult times, but also an era of opportunity and disruption. I expect the CSEG will look quite different in future, and likely needs to be different in order to survive. Please consider getting involved, as a volunteer or active participant, and help us build the future of the CSEG and the geophysical industry.

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