

## Member Services

To begin, we would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers, sponsors, and engaged members for their contribution to, and attendance at, the many CSEG events held in 2018. The CSEG would not be able to continue as an organization without the dedication of our community, and we continue to be inspired by your hard work and your passion. Despite the continuing challenges facing our industry and our profession, the social and professional committees under Member Services held a large number of diverse events this past year.

## Social Committees

In 2018 the social committees held the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Doodlespiel in Banff, the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Ski Spree in Fairmont B.C., the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Doodlebug in Banff, the T-Wave and WiSE golf tournaments in Valley Ridge and Fox Creek respectively, as well as the Fun Run in conjunction with the CSPG and CAPL. Details – including event winners, summaries, and financials – can be found in the Committee Reports section of the Annual Report.

## Emerging Professionals Program

The EPP program exists to encourage the development of young professional geoscientists in Canada and is supported by both the CSEG and the CSEG Foundation. The committees organize numerous social and technical events throughout the year, including the Junior Geophysicist Forum and the Mentorship Program. More details regarding the program are available in the Committee Reports section of this Annual Report.

To recognize and thank all our hard-working volunteers, we will be holding the annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening on March xx, the day of the Annual General Meeting. Our goal is to recognize the efforts of all volunteers of the CSEG/CSEG Foundation. This is a great event for networking with other volunteers, and many people look forward to attending every year, including ourselves! Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for an emailed invitation. We will see you then.

This year, the board also held two social events for our membership: the 'Let's Get Geophysical' luncheon, held during GeoConvention, and the annual Stampede Party. There was a lot of hype for these events (many thanks to our president for finding the luncheon name as well as the sponsorship) and both sold out in advance. We apologize to everyone who was unable to purchase a ticket on the day of these events, but we are excited to announce that both will be held again in 2019. Make sure to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Finally, we want to provide an update on the state of our membership. Though we are lucky enough to have an incredibly active and committed membership, our total member counts have been heavily impacted by the layoffs and deferred investment that have affected the oil sector in

the past 10 years. Since hitting a maximum in 2013, active membership has dropped by 55%, while the number of unemployed or retired members has more than doubled (Figure 1). The board believes that the drop in membership is tied to oil prices (Figure 2) and a decrease in the number of professional geophysicists in Canada, not institutional problems within the society itself. A survey recently sent to members who chose not to renew their 2018 membership supports this assumption. Declining membership, along with consecutive deficit budgets, are problems that the board has struggled with in 2018, and will continue to address in 2019. If anyone reading has suggestions or ideas regarding these issues, please let us know.

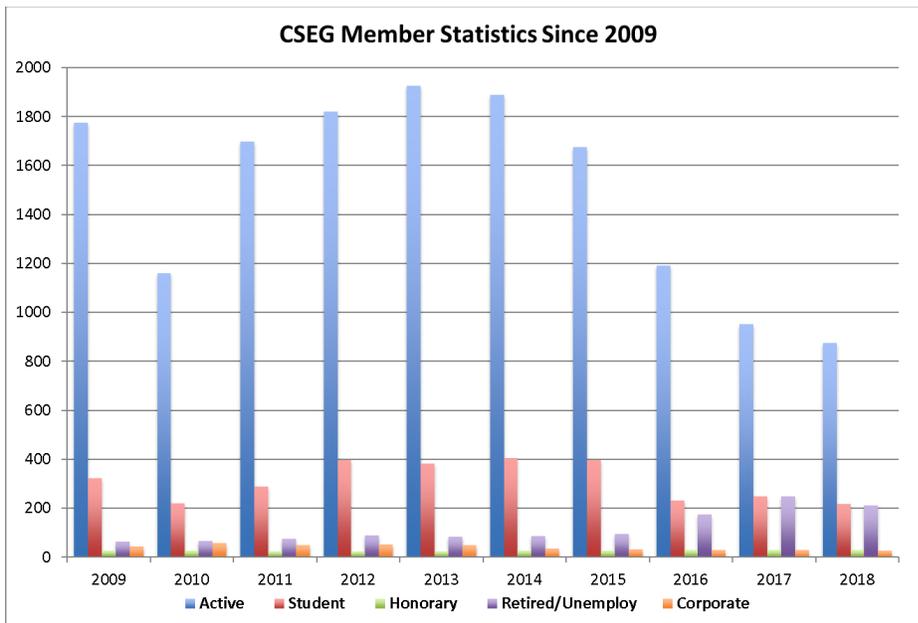


Figure 1.



Figure 2.

Thank you once again to everyone for a great 2018 and we look forward to seeing you at the many events the committees have planned for the upcoming year.

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