

Message from the Chair

Hello CSRG members! I hope that summer is treating you well and providing some opportunity to get into the field and/or rest and recharge. I'd like to welcome our new members and thank our longstanding members for their continued support and involvement. We currently have 78 members, including 30 student members, and we are hoping to grow our membership in the coming years.

The goal of our Executive Committee over the past year was revitalization of CSRG and re-building a sense of community. We had an excellent turn-out at the 2025 GAC-MAC-IAH meeting in Ottawa, with seven sedimentology-related sessions and a well-attended CSRG Business Meeting. At the business meeting we had a great discussion on ways to improve CSRG and engage more members. Ideas included:

- Field trips and workshops (more on this later)
- Bringing back a best paper award at GAC
- Sponsoring sessions or field trips at GSA Montreal (2027) and IGC Calgary (2028)

We also had a great turnout for our evening social event at the Ottawa GAC-MAC-IAH meeting, which allowed our members to get to know one another and network (pictured to the right).



As we head into the Fall and our new executive committee takes over, I'd like to encourage you to nominate your colleagues and mentors for the Middleton Medal, remind your students about our financial support for field trips, and consider

proposing sessions and trips for the upcoming GAC Meeting in St. John's Newfoundland.

Thank you to those of you who voted in our recent election for our new Executive Committee. I'm excited to welcome Paul Durkin from University of Manitoba as our new CSRG Chair, Alina Shchepetkina from Western University as Treasurer, Anthony Shillito from University of Saskatchewan as Secretary, and Hilary Corlett from Memorial University as Eastern Councilor.

I'd also like to thank Janok Bhattacharya, Robert Sharp, Martin Ross, and Galen Halverson for their service on the CSRG Executive Committee and for their support and guidance as we had an influx of new faces on the executive. I'm excited about the future of CSRG and look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events!

Elisabeth Steel – Chair (e.steel@queensu.ca)

CSRG Executive 2024 – 2025

Chair: Elisabeth Steel

Vice Chair: Paul Durkin

Past Chair: Janok Bhattacharya

Treasurer-Secretary: Robert Sharp

Eastern Councilor: Galen Halverson

Western Councilor: Ricardo Silva

Incoming CSRG Executive 2025 - 2026

Chair: Paul Durkin

Vice Chair: *Vacant*

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Western Councilor: Ricardo Silva

GAC-MAC 2026 in St. John's Newfoundland

The next GAC-MAC meeting will be held in St. John's Newfoundland on May 25 – 28, 2026. ***The call for proposals is open until September 19th***, so please consider proposing a session or a field trip so we can keep up the momentum we gained in Ottawa! Please also keep an eye out for communication around CSRG events and sponsored sessions at this meeting. More information can be found at <https://event.fourwaves.com/stjohns2026/>.

Middleton Medal for Sedimentology

The Middleton Medal is awarded every two years and recognizes either an outstanding long-term contribution or a seminal contribution to any aspect of sedimentology by a Canadian or a sedimentology researcher working in Canada. We are working on adding our updated nomination procedures to our website, but a complete nomination includes:

1. A nomination letter (maximum 3 pages) that describes the achievements of the nominee, signed by the Principal Sponsor
2. Curriculum Vitae of the nominee
3. At least two letters of support (maximum 1 page)

Please send in your nominations for this award to Paul Durkin (paul.durkin@umanitoba.ca) by December 31st. If you plan to nominate someone but need more time, please reach out to request a deadline extension.

Field Trips & Workshops

One of the suggestions that has repeatedly come up to build the CSRG community is to offer field trips and workshops to members. The Executive is excited about this idea, but we need your help! There are several excellent opportunities coming up for field trips associated with conferences, including the GAC-MAC 2026 meeting in Newfoundland

(<https://event.fourwaves.com/stjohns2026/>), GSA 2027 in Montréal on 17 – 20 October, and the 38th International Geological Congress in Calgary, August 12 – 20th, 2028 (<https://www.igc2028canada.org/>).

We would also love to run field trips or workshops that are not associated with conferences, perhaps every 2 or 4 years. If you are interested in running a trip or workshop, please reach out to anyone on the Executive Committee. Now would be a great time to start planning a field trip or workshop for next summer or even summer 2027, so please send us your recommendations!

Student Opportunities

CSRG offers up to \$500 of financial assistance to support student participation in conference field trips that have a sedimentology focus. Students should contact the Chair with:

1. A brief cover letter explaining how you would benefit from attending the field trip
2. Your conference abstract
3. A résumé (2 pages max)
4. A short budget outlining your costs and other funding sources that you have access to or have applied for

Other News You'd Like to Share?

We'd like to remind you that if you have other news you'd like shared with the CSRG community, such as graduate student opportunities, newly published research, or upcoming workshops or field trips, please send them to our Secretary (anthony.shillito@USASK.CA) and we will include them in newsletters, email communications, or our website. Our current website is very out of date, but we hope to update this soon and plan to send more regular communication to membership moving forward.