

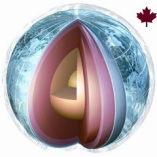
Presidents Report June 2007

The six months since the meetings in Quebec have continued to be a learning period, but one that culminated in an address to the CCPG last weekend that was in some ways a summary of my experience to this point in my tenure. I hope that over the next months I will have an opportunity to refine the presentation and talk to a number of different groups across the country. I am pleased with much of the progress we have achieved, though by no means satisfied, and there is still a lot of ground to cover. I am optimistic, however, that we are on the right track and look forward to some productive discussions in Vancouver.

Part of the learning experience was to gain more exposure to the various sectors across Canada. To that end in addition to the Energy and Mining Minister's Conference prior to Quebec, I met with NRCan in Ottawa, attended the PDAC meeting in Toronto, the AGI meeting at the AAPG conference in Long Beach, the CSPG-CSEG conference in Calgary, the GAC-MAC conference in Yellowknife, (including the CGEN Outreach workshop) and the CCPG meetings in Kananaskis. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Mining in Society conference and will make of point of getting to the Edmonton 2008 event.

Some highlights of progress made since Quebec:

- New version of the By-Laws drafted for review at the Vancouver meeting.
- Banking moved to Calgary and change of address and name submitted to the federal government
- New logo designed with letterhead, envelopes and business cards.
- Calendar of events live on the website
- Office with computer and phone secured at the CSPG/CSEG offices
- Sub-committee finalized for the revitalized Careers in Earth Science website project
- HQP and demographic surveys composed and sent out to member organizations
- Administrative Officer position filled. An Executive Officer was also secured but unfortunately resigned.
- The presentation to the CCPG has much of the material that could be compiled in a "press kit".
- Raised awareness of CFES through presentations at the CSPG and CSEG technical luncheons.



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While good progress has been made in some areas, there is much to do, and hopefully a productive meeting in Vancouver will chart a clear course forward.

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