

Nelly Koziel: you took the time

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The death last year of Nelly Koziel deprived family and friends of someone who enriched their lives and who set an example of diligence for others to follow. Nelly showed a great commitment to the Atlantic Geoscience Society, in which she played an active role for more than twenty years. How did Nelly become involved in geology? Her initiation began when she came to work for the Geological Survey of Canada in 1983. Ten years later, Jennifer Bates, chair of the nascent AGS EdGEO Workshop Committee, asked Nelly to help with the first Teachers' Workshop at Bedford Institute in 1994. The success of the Workshop convinced Nelly to accept responsibility for compiling resources and handling registration for all subsequent Teachers' Workshops, which have been held annually in various locations in Nova Scotia. It was during one of the workshops that Nelly developed a fondness for the Maple Inn in Parrsboro, where she had a special room on the top floor.

Appreciation of her many talents led to Nelly becoming a member of the AGS Education Committee in 2007 and the Video Committee in 2013, as well as Treasurer of both. In 2013 Nelly became Treasurer of AGS, alternating this role with Financial Secretary until 2017. So she was Treasurer of AGS Council, the Education Committee and the Video Committee all at the same time. Other roles included setting up and staffing the Society's display and handling registration at every AGS Colloquium from 1994 to 2016. These colloquia have always been held in late January or early February, when the weather can be awful. This meant hauling three massive containers in a variety of vehicles to such places as Antigonish, Fredericton, Moncton, Sackville (New Brunswick), Truro, and Wolfville. Another notable task, which she performed flawlessly, was the typing of the several versions of *The Last Billion Years*. Nelly's numerous contributions to the Atlantic Geoscience Society were recognized in 2009, when she received the Laing Ferguson Distinguished Service Award, usually presented annually at the Colloquium for continuing outstanding contributions to the Society.

When Nelly died, we lost a true friend. But her memory lives on, as demonstrated by the Atlantic Geoscience Society's decision to create a Nelly Koziel Award, which will be presented to a person who has recently made a significant contribution to the promotion of geoscience in the Atlantic Provinces, beyond the call of duty.