

APGO's Award of Merit - Call for Nominations

We geoscientists are mostly a behind-the-scenes bunch. We toil quietly in our offices, our labs, or in the middle of nowhere, and few people know anything about what we do or what difference it makes. In my field of mineral exploration, if we find anything significant the engineers, lawyers and accountants soon descend upon the project and suggest we get lost and go find something else.

We study a planet that usually changes more slowly than our fingernails grow. To a geologist, any period of time less than a million years is barely considered pocket change. Occasionally something spectacular happens: a volcano blows its top; an earthquake shakes things around; or some old bones are found sticking out of a riverbank; and a geoscientist is dragged out to explain things in a brief episode of scientific exposure.

But generally we live our lives and follow our pursuits in obscurity.

Yet, in our quiet way, geoscientists are doing significant things. Some of our members are carrying out brilliant academic research that significantly adds to the scientific knowledge base, inspiring young people with the romance of geology, or discovering world-class mineral deposits, or are helping to keep us all safer through land hazard, water resources management and protection, or environmental cleanup and mitigation work.

Some have been doing this for years, and those are the people we're looking for as we launch the **APGO Award of Merit** for the first time.

The Award will be presented annually to an individual member who, during the course of their career, has made significant contributions to the geoscience profession.

The successful candidate will have been a practicing member of APGO for ten or more years and, during the course of his or her career, will have:

- Made a significant contribution to the geoscience knowledge base; and/or
- Made a significant contribution to the fields of mineral exploration and development, environmental geoscience, or geophysics; and/or
- Contributed significantly to public service and protection of the public; and
- Whose actions and accomplishments reflect positively on the geoscience profession.

Please note that, while the nominee must have been an Ontario P.Geo. for ten years or more, their accomplishments may have been attained anywhere in the world.

This is your chance to recognize geoscience success.

Please send a written nomination, 400 words maximum, stating your name, the nominee's name, and a brief description of the nominee's academic background, career and accomplishments that in your opinion make them worthy of this award.

Deadline for submission of nominations is March 31, 2016. Please send your submissions to me, Dave Hunt, at dhunt@apgo.net. Please make sure to put 'APGO AOM' and the nominee's name in the subject line of your email.

The recipient of the Award of Merit will be chosen by a panel chaired by the Past President (that's me) that includes APGO Council and Past President's Committee members.

The APGO Award of Merit will be presented at the 2016 Annual General Meeting on June 9, in Toronto.