

2020 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award is CSPG's most prestigious form of volunteer recognition. It is presented for sustained and distinguished service to the society. Recipients are selected by the President at the end of their term. Past winners share the traits of providing exemplary leadership in a variety of roles and capacities that the contributions to society programs and events such that this award often provides a milestone in a distinguished career of exemplary membership.

The recipient of the 2020 President's Award, as chosen by
2020 CSPG Jen Russel-Houston, is **Shelley Leggitt**.



Shelley Leggitt was the Chair of the Geoconvention Board in 2020 during a time of great uncertainty as the convention was redesigned to be a virtual meeting during the pandemic. Shelley has been a passionate supporter of the GeoConvention. She believed that the GeoConvention could be a place for experts to share their knowledge with young geoscientists and she was the key force behind the creation of the successful "101" series launched during her tenure on the GeoConvention Board. Many of us benefited from these sessions, not just young geoscientists. Shelley has a long history of volunteering with the CSPG that started in the early 90's on the thesis committee and was Finance Director of the society in 2017. The 2020 President's Award recognizes the significant contribution to our society made

this year by Shelley in her role as Chair of the GeoConvention Board.

Shelley is currently the VP Geoscience for Velvet Energy. She started her career in Calgary in 1988, working for the AOSTRA funded Petroleum Recovery Institute as a research geologist focused on enhanced oil recovery mechanisms. In 1997 she moved to PanCanadian as a senior development geologist working with integrated teams and co-teaching internal courses on formation damage. The PanCanadian /Encana and follow-up companies, EOG Resources in particular, fostered her interest in leading-edge technologies and the development of unconventional resources. She described the highlights as being involved in the early stages of the development of Horn River and the East Shale Basin of the Duvernay. Shelley is a professional geologist and holds a master's degree in Geology from McMaster University.

Shelley says "I've always loved mentorship – which began early in my career with the center of excellence program at PanCanadian. At Enerplus I was involved with the development of a G&G training program which spilled over into other opportunities such as the Skills 101 sessions developed with Dr. Brian Zaitlin."

For all that Shelley has dedicated to CSPG and GeoConvention, she is most worthy of this year's President's Award.