



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date:	Thursday, August 28 th @ 11:30 am
Location:	Memories Dining
Call to order:	11:57 am
End time:	1:28 pm

ATTENDEES

Chair:	Nadene Joy
Secretary:	Brittany Laing
Voting members:	Dan Kohlruss, Gavin Jensen, Taylor Bjork, Omer Atik, Claire Stephenson, Tyrin Foley, Jessi Steinke, Brittany Laing, Nadene Joy
Regrets:	Celyne Cook, Bryna MacRae
Guests:	-

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - a) June meeting agenda ([OneDrive link](#))
 - b) 1st: Gavin Jensen
 - c) 2nd : Jessi Steinke
- 3) Items added to the Agenda
- 4) Approval of last meeting's minutes
 - a) 1st : Tyrin Foley
 - b) 2nd: Taylor Bjork
- 5) Executive Updates
 - a) Past President – Dan Kohlruss
 - i) Core Conference
 - Add a core conference to the interim years, with all funds raised going to Society.
 - Benefit as it is additional income with minimal additional time demands from the existing executive; most additional work will come from Subsurface Lab employees.
 - Would be tied to Thanksgiving.
 - (i) Draw is it brings people from elsewhere as they come home for thanksgiving.
 - Nadene: Could have this tied to the 75th anniversary next year.

- b) President – Nadene Joy
- c) Vice-President – Gavin Jensen
 - i) Chris Hawkes talk at the U of R. October 2nd.
 - Student union shut down, so owl is shut down. Need to fill out a form to request the room.
 - Filled out the form, waiting to hear back.
 - Want this talk at the University to try and attract engineering students
 - ii) Membership update
 - 123 members
 - Nadene: What was the membership prior?
 - Gavin: About 118.
- d) Treasurer – Tyrin Foley
 - i) Automation process
 - Tyrin to touch base with Sebastien
 - ii) Spending
 - Need to stick to the forecasted budget from the AGM. It is difficult to assess our financial situation if we don't.
 - To spend, we need dual signing authority so all expenses take more effort. Income isn't as bad.
- e) Secretary – Brittany Laing
 - i) GeoCalendar
 - Sponsors needed
 - \$125, due by Sept. 19th
 - Taylor made a post on LinkedIn
 - **Action Item:** Gavin to add to the email going out today.
 - ii) Downtown Tour
 - Great success! 55 participants, led by Brittany and Colin Card.
 - iii) Publications
 - Geo Highway Map
 - Stock at McNally Robinson and a distributor in Regina (RSM bookstore, probably).
 - (i) Fewer items for treasurer to handle, greater distribution.
 - **Action item:** Brittany to contact McNally Robinson about it.
 - (i) Vote: all in favour, no abstentions
 - iv) EdOutreach Committee
 - [Canadian Geological Foundation Grant](http://www.canadiangeologicalfoundation.org)
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 - Funding available for outreach projects; grant money is paid at the end of the projects. Grants can be up to \$45,000 (but many are <\$10,000).

- History: Received in 2017, and 2018 for the School Lecture (\$1,900 each time), in 2016 For EdOutreach activities (\$3,900), in 2004 for S Sask Geoscape (\$4,000).
- Nadene has suggested we apply for this funding to run the Critical Minerals Superheroes event in La Ronge.
 - (i) An Indigenous Outreach program likely in La Ronge
 - (ii) Nadene reached out to the U of S and got about 8 students interested in working with us.
 - (iii) As Energy and Mines registration has a large indigenous registration, this could be filling a need.
- Discussion
 - (i) Claire: Concern about La Ronge as a location, as it already has a strong outreach presence (Geological Lab, Core Days, Industry etc.). La Ronge was originally suggested by Nadene as it was central and had support from U of S volunteers.
 1. Proposal is to bus in students from bordering communities (within a day trip).
 2. Omer: Buffalo Narrows or La Loche as an option. There has been a big focus on exploration in that area.
 - a. Dan: There was oil sands interest in there too.
 - (ii) Brittany: Concern about capacity, in terms of volunteer time, executive load (particularly on the treasurer), and the financial capacity to front the costs for the event prior to reimbursement from CGF.
 1. Dan: Proposed the need for a whole new set of volunteers to take this on.
 2. Ty: Echoed concerns about executive capacity, especially given the current financial processes.
 - (iii) Ty: Can we propose the U of S or another organization lead the event, but we provide volunteer and knowledge support?
 1. General agreement for this point.
- **Action item**: Nadene to reach out to original volunteers to see if they're still interested. Focus on northern indigenous communities. Bring an idea back to executive to be voted on.

v) Website

- **Action item**: Set up a form on the website to register for talks.

f) Business Manager – Taylor Bjork & Claire Stephenson

i) Golf tournament

- Friday Sept. 12th
 - Golf: Tor Hill. First tee time at 12:30 pm

- (i) 9 holes
 - BBQ: Leopold’s Tavern South at 5:30 pm
 - Registrations
 - 5 teams, potentially 6.
 - Registration is low. Last year we had about 8.
 - (i) Discussion
 - 1. Concern about low enrolment, perhaps membership is no longer interested in a golf tournament.
 - a. Or that it is on a work/school day
 - **Action item:** Taylor, Claire to draft a survey about society events and what members are looking for. Timing to be before the AGM.
 - ii) Folder on the government G drive being transferred to the OneDrive.
 - Taylor transferring over files from the G drive to the OneDrive.
 - iii) Saskatoon geological discussions group golf tournament.
 - Booked for the same day as the SGS tournament, could have contribute to low SGS golf tournament enrolment.
 - g) Program Co-chair – Jessi Steinke & Omer Atik
 - i) Mixers
 - Will be difficult with the owl closed; no fall mixer this year. To be revisited in January.
 - ii) Filling up fall talk schedule
 - November talk- Denison talk
 - December talk - Todd LeBlanc – PhD candidate
 - h) U of S Representative – Bryna MacRae
 - i) New student representative being sought from the Ore Gangue as Bryna is almost done school.
 - i) U of R Representative – Celyne Cook
- 6) Discussion
- a) 75th Anniversary
 - i) Committee
 - Volunteer info added to OneDrive list ([here](#)).
 - Vote: Form a committee to organize the 75th anniversary.
 - Favour: All, no abstentions.
 - Vote: Have the 75th anniversary associated with the 2026 AGM (January 2027).
 - Favour: All, no abstentions.
 - Propose Jan 2027 anniversary budget at 2025 (Jan 2026) AGM.
 - b) Event Funding Requests
 - i) Emma Metz, RCSD. Request on one Drive ([here](#))
 - For 28 grade 4/5 students to go to Cedar Creek in September to participate in their Gem Mining event. Cost is to cover Gem Mining Rock Bags (\$9 a bag x 28 students = \$252.00)
 - Asking for \$250
 - **Vote to approve the full amount**

- All in favour to approve the full amount.
- ii) U of R Internation Field Course. Request details to come. (Monica Cliveti, Maria Velez Caicedo).
 - 9 students on a trip to Columbia in February 2026 to study Sedimentology and Volcanology.
 - Require \$10 000 more to fund the trip.
 - Details to come.
 - Vote to be held for next meeting.
- iii) Brittany: Propose to add discretionary funds to budget for field trip and education.
 - Discuss budget at AGM. Gavin suggested \$1000 for educational funds.
 - Discuss what criteria we would approve (guidelines).
- c) APEGS Practicing the Professions Day
 - i) Invited to participate in the afternoon Networking Reception
 - Monday October 20th, 2025 in Saskatoon
 - Response needed by September 5th, 2025
 - **Gavin**: APEGS has been great to us, would encourage someone to go.
 - **Action item**: Nadene and Jessi to go. Omer a maybe. Nadene to respond to APEGS.
 - All in favour
 - d) New executive members
 - i) Need to recruit new executives as many will not be returning next year.
 - ii) **Action item**: All executive to reach out to prospective people.
- 7) Next Meeting – **Monday, October 6th** Memories Dining @ 11:30am
 - a) SGS Executive Meetings will be held on the FIRST MONDAY of Every Month

2025 SGS EXECUTIVE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

 - b) Monday, October 6th, 2025
 - c) Monday, November 3rd, 2025
 - d) Monday, December 1st, 2025

APPENDIX

6.b.i. RCSD Emma Metz

1. Organizer
 - Emma Metz, e.metz@rcsd.ca, (306) 537-2235
2. Event Description
 - The Secret Life of Rocks and Minerals: A Hands-On Geology Experience for Grade 4/5 Students
 - This project is designed to introduce elementary students to geology through hands-on, experiential learning. As part of the Rocks and Minerals science unit, students will participate in a field trip to Cedar Creek, where they will engage in gem mining activities. This real-world experience will serve as the foundation for their culminating project: “My Pet Rock,” in which students apply classroom knowledge

of rock properties, classification, and the rock cycle to creatively describe and present their chosen specimen.

- St. Augustine is a designated community school, where many families face financial barriers. On average, students receive only \$20 per year in school activity funding, which makes enrichment opportunities like field trips harder to come by. By supporting this initiative, the Saskatchewan Geological Society will directly provide students with a first-hand geoscience experience. This aligns with the SGS’s mandate to promote geoscience education to the broader public.
- This project will:
 - i. Provide students with meaningful exposure to geology in a real-world setting.
 - ii. Help students connect theoretical knowledge (rock properties, types, and the rock cycle) with practical observation.
 - iii. Build creativity and communication skills through their “My Pet Rock” presentations.
 - iv. Inspire an early interest in the geosciences, particularly for students who may not otherwise have access to such opportunities.

3. Event Dates

- Field Trip Date: September 2025 (exact date to be confirmed with Cedar Creek)
- Unit Timeline: September 8th - November 8th

4. Preliminary List of Participants

- 28 Grade 4/5 students from St. Augustine Community School, Regina SK
- Classroom teacher, Intern, and Classroom Volunteers

5. Provisional Itemized Budget

- Cedar Creek Gem Mining Rock Bags: \$9.00 × 28 students = \$252.00
- Transportation: Covered by St. Augustine School-Based Funds

6. Amount Requested from SGS

- I am requesting \$250.00 from the Saskatchewan Geological Society to help cover the costs of the Cedar Creek gem mining kits, ensuring all students are able to participate regardless of financial barriers.

7. Other Funding Sources and estimated amount(s)

- St. Augustine School-Based Funds for Transportation: TBD

6.c. APEGS Practicing the Professions Day

Date:	October 20, 2025 (Monday)
Location:	TCU Place, Saskatoon
Event Format:	In-person conference and networking reception

<p>Purpose of Invite:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase APEGS member’s awareness of active professional organizations in the province. • To advertise any professional development opportunities you offer and provide information on the benefits of membership with your professional organization. 										
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<p>Networking Table Set-Up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEGS will provide one 6-foot table per organization (no charge). • Organizations are welcome to bring banners, signage, additional items, etc. to promote their organization. • Set-up can take place anytime between 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the table is set up before 12:00 pm, the organization can also meet with attendees over lunch. 										
<p>Other Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEGS will offer complimentary conference registration for the day for up to two (2) members of your organization. This registration includes access to a full day of professional development and a buffet lunch. Additional members are welcome to attend, but they will need to cover their own expenses and registration fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Names for complimentary registration are to be emailed directly to APEGS for processing. • For organizations located outside of Saskatoon, APEGS will reimburse the two (2) complimentary attendees the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mileage, as per the APEGS Expense Reimbursement policy ○ One-night accommodation, as per the APEGS Expense Reimbursement policy • Expenses are to be submitted using the APEGS Expense Claim form (APEGS will provide) and must be accompanied by detailed receipts for each expense. 										