



The Nelly Koziel Award is given to a person who recently has made a significant contribution to geoscience, beyond the call of duty, in the Atlantic Provinces

The recipients of this year's Nelly Koziel Award are Sandra Barr and Rob Raeside in recognition of their efforts as co-chairs of the local organizing committee (LOC) for the 2022 GAC-MAC-IAH-CNC-CSPG Conference (Short version HALIFAX 2022).

Their roles as co-chairs are completely voluntary and have required hundreds of hours of volunteer time to organize the conference (and they're not done yet). Sandra and Rob began assembling the LOC in the fall of 2018. They have hosted and attended countless meetings since the fall of 2018 including with the LOC, the various LOC ad hoc committees, with the overseeing organizations, and with companies associated with the venue all on their own time and in addition to their role as professors.

They have demonstrated admirable dedication to this event and shown extreme flexibility, patience, creativity, and understanding in the face of the pandemic. Though the conference is considered national, HALIFAX 2022 will highlight the geoscience research taking place in Atlantic Canada and showcase the unique geology of the region through various workshops and fieldtrips. As the host society AGS is involved with every aspect of the conference, and looking forward to celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The conference will bring the spotlight to Atlantic Canada and promote the wonderful geoscience community in the region. The conference also has an outreach aspect so not only will university students and professionals benefit from the conference, but so will teachers in the Atlantic provinces, and by association, their students. This conference would not be possible without Sandra and Robb, and for this, and everything they do for geosciences in Atlantic Canada, they both deserve the Nelly Koziel award.

(text extracted from several nomination letters)