

The Nelly Koziel Award

Dr. Robert Fensome and Dr. Graham Williams are the joint recipients for the 2023 Nelly Koziel Award. This award recognizes “a person(s) who has recently made a significant contribution to the promotion of geoscience in the Atlantic Provinces, beyond the call of duty”. Both Rob and Graham are highly commended for their exemplary work on the recently released Second Edition of *The Last Billion Years*, one of AGS’s most important publications.

The Last Billion Years is a flagship publication for the Atlantic Geoscience Society. It is used in numerous university classrooms across Canada as a textbook. It is distributed to the general public through bookstores both small and large and carried by public libraries all over Canada. It is best-seller at every conference it has ever been to! This book has become a go-to volume both for geologists and the general public on the geology and evolution of the Atlantic Provinces.

Rob and Graham have been the driving forces behind both editions of the book. The Second Edition which was released in 2022 represents a huge volume of work. The updates to geological maps since the publication of the First Edition alone would have been enough to justify a Second Edition, but Rob and Graham did not stop there! They revised and updated most of the text in the book, added a multitude of figures and photographs, and produced a beautifully illustrated, scientifically rigorous yet accessible volume that will be the reference of choice for aficionados of Atlantic geology. Although many AGS members contributed to this book, Rob and Graham were the ones who made it happen!