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Dr. Karl Butler & Awards Committee
Atlantic Geoscience Society

Dr. Butler and the AGS Awards Committee,

It is with great pleasure that we write to you to nominate **Dr. Mo Snyder** to be the recipient of the 2026 **Nelly Koziel Award** for their hard work promoting safe and inclusive fieldwork in Atlantic Canadian geosciences and beyond.

Dr. Snyder is passionate about inclusion, social justice, accessibility, diversity, and equity (IJADE) and has significantly contributed to raising awareness of field safety, access, and inclusion. Their most recent work, and the work we are nominating them for, has focused on fieldwork and bathroom usage in the field. As part of this work, they have lectured across Nova Scotia and beyond as part of series like the Maple League of Universities Better Together, the Joggins Fossil Institute's Virtual Seminar Series, and at Saint Mary's University. Dr. Snyder has also presented at GAC-MAC (2022) and wrote a peer reviewed publication for GSA Today (2024).

In 2023, Dr. Snyder received \$9 000 in funding from the Canadian Geological Foundation to create a positive field culture guidebook for the geosciences. The resulting field guide is currently in print and will be translated into French and the Mi'kmaw language.

Dr. Snyder's work has inspired both their colleagues and students alike. Their GSA Today (2024) publication, "Feeling Relieved: Creating a Positive Bathroom Field Culture in the Geosciences," has served as a tool to help their colleagues discuss and act on issues around using the bathroom in the field. Their leadership in field courses at their home institution, Acadia University, has taught present day students, but future field leaders, how to create a safe and inclusive field space. They are even currently looking to explain their successful gear lending library, currently at Acadia University and meant to help all students be field prepared.

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Building on their success, in 2025, they launched a survey designed to highlight issues and to better quantify and qualify the experiences geoscientists have related to bathroom field safety. This survey has received more than 500 responses to date, highlighting the necessity of this type of service work in our field.

In addition to everything above, Dr. Snyder goes above and beyond in their service work. Their committees include the Atlantic Geosciences Society, where they are on the IJADE Committee, the Joggins Fossil Institute's Science Advisory Committee, where they are the chair, and several committees at their home institution of Acadia University.

As part of nominating Dr. Snyder for this well-deserved award, we present a nomination package that includes the following:

- Additional letters of support from:
 - o Dr. Merilie Reynolds, Northwest Territories Geological Survey
 - o Dr. Shawna White, Saint Mary's University
 - o Mitch Maracle, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
 - o Bella MacQuarrie, Acadia University
- Dr. Snyder's CV

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Mo Snyder for the 2026 Nelly Koziel Award. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jade Atkins".

Jade Atkins, PhD. (nominator)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandra Arnott".

Alexandra Arnott, PhD. (seconder)

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