

Solid Earth Section report for 2025

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The year 2025 will sadly be remembered as the year the CGU-SES was inactive during the CGU Annual Meeting, with very low member attendance. However, things are shaping up again for the CGU-SES with several new initiatives in the works.

A Business Meeting was held virtually on Monday, May 27, 2025, to elect the new CGU-SES executive:

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| President | Pascal Audet (University of Ottawa) |
| Vice President | Andrew Schaeffer (Geological Survey of Canada) |
| Past President | Fiona Darbyshire (Université du Québec à Montréal) |
| Secretary | Riddhi Dave (Natural Resources Canada, Pacific Division) |
| Treasurer | Semchah Lui (University of Toronto Mississauga) |
| Member-at-Large | Jeremy Gosselin (Geological Survey of Canada, Pacific Division) |
| Member-at-Large | Russell Pysklywec (University of Toronto) |

CGU-SES LinkedIn page

To increase our reach and membership, we created a Solid-Earth Section LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/cgu-ses>) where we can post (or repost) events or publications of interest to our membership. With only an inaugural post and a few reposts of official CGU business, we attracted 91 followers. Although we still have to work out a strategy for posting on LinkedIn, we believe this initiative will boost our membership in the coming years.

Vintage T-shirts

The CGU-SES has been selling t-shirts featuring our logo for the past several years. As we intend to update our visual identity (see below), we will be promoting the inventory as “vintage” merchandise on LinkedIn and via our mailing list.

New Merchandise & CGU-SES + CGU-EDI initiative

As we plan to update our visual identity and diversify the CGU-SES merchandise offering in time for the 2026 CGU Annual Meeting in Halifax, we have been collaborating with the CGU-EDI committee on a Science + Art workshop they are organizing. In this workshop,

participants will learn how to communicate science effectively through art. Concurrently, the CGU-SES will hold a logo competition to promote the workshop, update its visual identity, and attract new members. The winning design will be selected by the CGU-SES membership (details TBD), and the winner will receive compensation to attend the 2026 CGU Annual Meeting in Halifax.

Student position on the executive

To diversify its composition and voice, we will be creating a student position on the CGU-SES membership. In this role, the student member will help promote the section, organize social activities and represent the voice of our student body.