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John Calder
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Dear Dr. Calder and Members of the Awards Committee,

I am pleased to submit this nomination of my friend and colleague Jim Walker of the New Brunswick Department of Energy and Mines, for the Atlantic Geoscience Society's Laing Ferguson Award for distinguished service. Jim has been a member of the society since 1987 and has always been actively involved in AGS. Jim is a Fredericton native and a graduate of the University of New Brunswick. He started working for the New Brunswick government right out of university and currently is the manager of the department's Bathurst Regional office.

Jim has been an AGS Councilor for the last 10 years; he took on the position of Vice-President in 2010 and served as President of the Society in 2011-2012. He has been on the organizing committee for several AGS meetings and is a longstanding member of AGS Education Committee. In addition to his work on council and in organizing colloquia, Jim is a well-respected scientist who has presented many papers and judged student presentations at AGS colloquia, and reviewed papers for our journal, *Atlantic Geology*. He co-led one of the trips for the 2005 Halifax GAC/MAC meeting which was co-hosted by the Atlantic Geoscience Society. He also took on the huge job of Technical and Program Chair and led a field trip for the recent GAC-MAC meeting in Fredericton, also co-hosted by AGS. Jim never turns down a request to do school presentations and field trips as part of the AGS Education Committee's outreach goals. He has also co-supervised many thesis projects and continually advises industry, prospectors, and the general public on the geology of New Brunswick.

It is evident from his outstanding work on behalf of the Atlantic Geoscience Society and supporting letters from colleagues, that Jim Walker more than fulfills the criteria for the Atlantic Geoscience Society's Distinguished Service Award and would be a most deserving recipient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Parkhill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light blue background.

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Member and Past-President of the Atlantic Geoscience Society