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## Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences President-Elect (and President then Past President) Call for Nominations

*The Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES) is seeking nominations or expressions of interest in the position of President-Elect.*

The Canadian Federation of Earth Science (CFES) is an umbrella organization for thirteen Canadian Earth science member organizations (MOs), as well as five observer organizations. At the core of CFES is the CFES Council, which comprises representatives from each of the MOs. In addition to the Council, CFES has a Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for the administration of CFES and for running its programs under the auspices of CFES Council. The Board comprises an Executive Committee (also Directors) and five other Directors. The Executive consists of the CFES President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary and Financial Director.

CFES exists to facilitate and coordinate national and international dialogs, initiatives, and programs that are best achieved through an integrated and coordinated effort among Earth science organizations. The CFES **President** chairs the Board of Directors and CFES Council, coordinates the various activities of CFES - as set by the strategic plan, and provides leadership regarding CFES priorities in the context of the wishes of Council and on important topics of a national and international scope that impact Canadian Earth science.

The **President-Elect** assists the President in the above roles, and is responsible for liaising with CFES Council and other representatives of the MOs (e.g., sending information, collecting feedback) – all in preparation for becoming President. The President-elect is understudy to President in year 1, will assume the role of President in year 2, and will serve as Past President in year 3 of the commitment.

A primary role as **Past President** is to chair the Nominations Committee and to attend to succession planning for CFES. The Past President is also the primary liaison with the Mentorship Medal Committee, heads the Audit Committee, and works closely with the President and President-elect as needed.

Duties for all three roles include attending monthly videoconferencing Board meetings (90 minutes each) and participating in the annual 2-day face-to-face Council meeting (usually in Ottawa) and in two, mid-year, videoconferencing Council update meetings (60 minutes each). Specific duties differ for each successive role and are ongoing and needs dependent; they can be expected to average no more than a 2–4-hour time commitment per week for the year as President-Elect; 4-6 hours per week as President and 2-4 hours per week as Past-President. CFES Board expenses and travel are covered as per the expense policy.

Nominations are reviewed from January - March each year, with the selected candidates then presented to CFES Council and the AGM in late March, early April. Those interested should contact the current Past President, CFES Nominating Committee Chair, at [cfes.pastpresident@gmail.com](mailto:cfes.pastpresident@gmail.com) during the nomination period.