

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF A.G.S.

Owing to the strong interest of members throughout the region, the Atlantic Geoscience Society has accepted Maritime Sediments and Atlantic Geology as the official journal of the Society. This significant step is a great opportunity and challenge for both the journal and the Society. It must offer wider opportunities and benefits for geoscientists in Atlantic Canada.

In its 22-years, the journal has demonstrated the need for the publication of papers with a regional orientation and the development of the local geological database. We are indebted to the hard work of the editors, D.J. Stanley and D.J.C. Laming (1965-6), B. Pelletier and G. Drapeau (1967-80), R.K. Pickerill and G.E. Pajari (1981-5), to the associate editors, to the production staff and to the many authors and others who have helped support and develop the journal.

The journal has not stood still, however, but has broadened its scope into all aspects of geoscience and has established itself as the regional journal. On the occasion of the change of editorship and production in 1979-80, A.G.S. as the regional society was approached to find whether some relationship with the journal could be set up. As Alasdair McKay who was President at the time wrote in Volume 17, the agreed association was an informal one. The journal since 1980 has supported the Society by publishing abstracts of papers given at A.G.S. annual meetings. In return, the Society undertook to promote the journal through its newsletter.

1986 will be another transition period. Two of the issues of Volume 22 will be special issues. Though the format for the journal is the same, the production is now in Atlantic Canada. In 1987, Volume 23 will be the first that will truly be the "Journal of the Atlantic Geoscience Society". Ron Pickerill, Sandra Barr and Graham Williams have been appointed by the Society as its first journal editors.

On behalf of the Atlantic Geoscience Society I am glad to express the support of our members for the three appointed editors and to encourage them in putting the journal on a sound and secure scientific and financial footing. I urge readers and members to make good use of the new opportunities.



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