

AME AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

AME H.H. “SPUD” HUESTIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROSPECTING & MINERAL EXPLORATION IN BC AND/OR YUKON

Maggie Layman, P.Geo., is the recipient of the 2022 AME H.H. “Spud” Huestis Award for her significant contribution to developing the geological model which allowed Barkerville Gold Mines (BGM) to define 4.3 million ounces of gold in new underground resources at the Cariboo Gold Project near Wells, BC. In addition to helping to revive a historic mining district, Maggie is committed to fostering the development of young geologists.

Described as a passionate, driven and talented young professional with proven leadership skills, Maggie’s work during her time as Exploration Manager and then Vice President, Exploration at BGM helped to advance the understanding of orogenic gold deposits in the Barkerville Terrace area. This area contains significant potential for further discoveries.

At BGM, Maggie built and tutored a strong team of exploration professionals and support staff who hold the highest standards of safety and socio-economic responsibility. She is memorable due to her strength in conveying geological models and data in a clear and easy-to-understand way for non-geologists.

Maggie graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland and subsequently worked at Vale in Sudbury, designing and executing exploration programs for nickel, copper and PGEs before moving to BC in 2011 as a Project Geologist for Silver Quest Resources Ltd. and Independence Gold Corp. She joined BGM in 2015 and has managed numerous exploration programs ranging from grassroots to advanced drilling in BC.

In recognition of her significant contribution to the enhancement of gold resources in BC, the understanding of orogenic gold deposits in the Barkerville Terrace area, AME is honoured to present Maggie Layman with the prestigious AME H.H. “Spud” Huestis Award.

AME MURRAY PEZIM AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE & SUCCESS IN FINANCING MINERAL EXPLORATION

John Robins is recognized as the 2022 AME Murray Pezim Award recipient for his significant contribution to advancing the financing of numerous mineral exploration and development projects, generating over \$500 million in direct and indirect mineral expenditures throughout Canada, Latin America and Australia and over \$1 billion in merger and acquisition activity.

John is recognized for his ability to identify exploration opportunities and attract significant capital through bull and bear markets. A founding partner of the Discovery Group, John has been instrumental in the formation, capital raising, and setting of strategic vision for over a dozen public entities over his career. His most notable successes include selling Kaminak Gold's five-million-ounce Coffee Gold deposit in Yukon to Goldcorp in 2016 for more than \$500 million and the sale of Northern Empire Resources to Coeur Mining.

More recently, John was instrumental in the capital raising of substantial exploration budgets for both Great Bear Resources and Fireweed Zinc while also guiding the acquisition and strategic vision for Bluestone Resources' Cerro Blanco development project in Guatemala.

In recognition of his perseverance, leadership and unique ability to identify new mineral exploration opportunities while also being able to attract significant exploration and development capital from both Canadian and international sources, AME is honoured to present John Robins with the prestigious AME Murray Pezim Award.

AME COLIN SPENCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL MINERAL EXPLORATION

Craig Parry, Steve Blower, Andy Carmichael, and Justin Rodko, members of the IsoEnergy Ltd. team, are recognized with the 2022 AME Colin Spence Award for their discovery of the Hurricane Zone on the Larocque East property in 2018, arguably the most significant recent uranium discovery in the historically productive eastern part of the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

At a time when uranium exploration spending in the Athabasca Basin saw a significant decline, the team at IsoEnergy went to work to secure capital and expand their landholdings. Craig Parry and Steve Blower recognized the underexplored potential of many of these long-held properties in the eastern basin that had suffered for many years from stagnant budgets and a lack of creative exploration.

Through Steve's understanding of the important geological signatures of unconformity-associated uranium systems and his guidance that the project team, under the direction of Andy Carmichael and Justin Rodko, has been able to creatively test new geological concepts in areas long considered to be adequately tested and explored by the long established companies in the basin. This geologically insightful and inspired exploration environment led the team to discover the Hurricane Zone in 2018.

Since its initial discovery in the summer of 2018, the Hurricane Zone has been the subject of six major drill campaigns, including hole LE20-76 which intersected 3.5m at 74.0% U₃O₈. The discovery and growth of this previously unrealized high-grade asset are a testament to the company's strong technical team, who have systematically honed in on key features and controls on mineralization to turn near-misses into hits. An initial mineral resource was released in July 2022.

For their roles in creatively testing new geological concepts in areas long considered to be adequately tested and discovery of the Hurricane Zone on the Larocque East project, Craig Parry, Steve Blower, Andy Carmichael, and Justin Rodko are awarded the 2022 AME Colin Spence Award.

AME ROBERT R. HEDLEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Clement (Clem) Pelletier is the 2022 AME Robert R. Hedley Award recipient for Excellence in Environmental Responsibility for his outstanding leadership and contributions to social, environmental and governance (ESG) practices in mineral development and mining in BC, Canada and beyond.

Clem, a process chemist/metallurgist by training, has served the mining industry for over 50 years in various roles: mine operator, founder of Rescan Environmental Services in 1981 (now owned by ERM, a global sustainability consultancy), and advocate for collaborative research and science and working respectfully with local and Indigenous communities.

At Rescan, Clem directed large environmental and social impact studies and permitting for major projects such as the KSM Project, Galore Creek, Jansen Potash Project, Goro Nickel, Voisey's Bay Nickel Project, Escondida, Ekati Diamond Mine and many others.

In 2004, Clem established the RESCAN/Tahltan Environmental Management Group, now a long-running joint venture partnership between Tahltan Nation Development Corporation and ERM that incorporates scientific and local Indigenous knowledge into environmental and related management services in Tahltan Territory.

As a former director of Goldcorp and Newmont Corporation, Clem promoted innovation by bringing the best engineers and scientists together to tackle critical issues such as reducing water use and tailings management. As a former director of BQE Water, Clem has helped advance and commercialize innovative water treatment solutions. Clem is currently a Director at Seabridge Gold and Technical Advisor for BQE Water and FPX Nickel, providing advice on water management and other matters.

Clem is, as one of his nominators noted, "one of our most important contributors to the success of the mining industry over his career, not just in Canada but around the world. He has no peer for helping companies achieve successful permits for new mining projects based on sound environmental protective procedures."

AME INNOVATION AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS BENEFICIAL TO MINERAL EXPLORERS

The **VRIFY Product & Development Team** receives the 2022 AME Innovation Award for its groundbreaking work developing an interactive 3D and 360° presentation platform for exploration and mining companies to communicate with investors.

What started as a basic virtual site tour application has grown into full-fledged ecosystem investors rely on to make pivotal decisions. This innovation roadmap is spearheaded by the VRIFY Product & Development Team. VRIFY's success is largely due to the product masterminds, coders, and engineers operating behind the scenes: the minds that turn ideas into reality.

Within VRIFY, this team communicates with everyone, including clients, who contribute their ideas and feedback. The team systematically seeks out subject-matter experts and conduct meticulous research with a no stone left unturned approach to build the best possible product for both mining companies and investors whose internal consultation with VRIFY's client-facing teams ensures that everyone's voice is heard. This focus on a quality product has required a massive effort over the last few years, and the agility with which this team has adapted to ever-changing external pressures (COVID, for example) is their secret weapon.

From fully solving seemingly impossible data compression problems to creating a proprietary video conferencing solution that rivals IMAX for its high-resolution cinematic quality, the pipeline of solutions offered up by the VRIFY Product & Development Team continues to disrupt the way the mining industry thinks about communication with investors.

Users of the products developed by the team say it has “fundamentally enhanced the way we interact with our shareholders”, “is something we use for all our meetings and conferences” and “a user-friendly platform that is unrivalled by any other provider.”

AME SPECIAL TRIBUTE AWARD

Larry Jones, P.Geo., is being acknowledged with a Special Tribute from AME for his leadership in assembling and distributing the British Columbia Geological Survey (BCGS) databases and geospatial datasets and for leading his team in the design, development and marketing of MapPlace, an internet-based geographic information system providing access to BC geospatial data to diverse client groups.

During his lengthy career with the BCGS, Larry and his colleagues have been world leaders in delivering geoscience information as paper and microfiche records evolved into digital products. They recognized the importance of supplying prospectors, exploration geologists and citizens with the platform they needed, the much acclaimed and highly used MapPlace, and now MapPlace2.

MapPlace has been critical for developing geological ideas in creating exploration programs. The website was touted as being one of the easiest to use and emulated by numerous geological surveys across Canada at its inception.

During his career, Larry has quickly adopted new technologies and invested his time to stay current with many computing and analytical tools. One of his personal mantras has been that more data and more data variety lead to more effective exploration by industry and better decisions by government.

Larry and his team have made strong commitments to supporting clients. This included ready access to staff over the phone, in person and at conferences. Indeed Larry has tutored many AME members over the years at the BCGS booth or explained where to find key BCGS information at social events. Seeing a need, the team built online tools to enable clients to produce maps, figures and tables without purchasing expensive software.

Larry retired in July 2021 after working for the BCGS for thirty-five years serving the mineral exploration sector in British Columbia.

AME OUTREACH EDUCATION FUND

Britannia Mine Museum is granted \$20,000 to support the ongoing development and growth of the Museum's programming to enhance the Earth Materials content to appeal to a wide range of visitors, educators and professionals.

Britannia Mine Museum is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Education Partner, providing unique, entertaining and memorable curriculum-based educational experiences that consider the relevance and impact of resource management and geologic exploration.

The Museum's school programs are designed by education specialists and reflect British Columbia's transformed curriculum. Each program provides content enrichment for a "Big Idea" and opportunities to exercise and extend students' core competencies.

AME Education Outreach Funding will assist with the support of the Museum's earth science programming. In recent years, the fund has supported event days and school and public programming. Earth science will be central to the theming of the museum's exhibitions and programs.

Britannia Mine Museum will focus on earth science in its programming shift because Earth Materials is a Grade 5 curriculum Big Idea that blends well with BMM's existing site, resources and assets. As the site of a mine that has undergone significant remediation, BMM is uniquely positioned to interpret the methods and impacts of mineral exploration.

AME HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

AME DAVID BARR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN MINERAL EXPLORATION HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ed Beswick is awarded the 2022 AME David Barr Award for his leadership during his time as Inspector of Mines in Prince George: Ed was instrumental in promoting safety on every visit he made to exploration sites throughout the Cariboo and Prince George areas over many years.

During his many years as regional Inspector of Mines, Ed visited hundreds of mines and exploration sampling and drilling projects. Ed had a way of ensuring that the work site was running safely through his excellent interaction with the supervision and workers at each site.

Ed is efficient and compassionate in times of tragedy. On one occasion, Ed attended a serious incident at a mine involving a blasting incident which shut the operation down for over six months. Ed helped with paperwork and the numerous interviews and submissions involved from the mine to the authorities. Ed went beyond the call of duty as an Inspector by taking time to coach the management and supervisors on the safe use of explosives.

Ed's positive and understanding way of carrying out his work as Inspector of Mines had a large impact on dozens of projects during the boom years of the 1980s in the Cariboo and Prince George regions. By promoting and understanding how to work safely, Ed showed the crews and supervisors how they could get their work done in a safe and efficient manner by following the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for BC.

Ed is proud to continue to have contributed to the safe exploration and development of many BC projects over many decades. In addition to being a leader in health and safety, Ed has worked closely with First Nations in permitting approvals, conveying the effects of mining on their lifestyle, history and future. Ed has been instrumental in ensuring the Code is and has been adhered to in all cases for Mineral Exploration and Development in his area of responsibility.

Ed continues to achieve the highest level of respect, focus on the important, be an effective leader, keep up to date on industry standards in health and safety, informing others of new developments and including co-workers, the public and colleagues in understanding and embracing the principles of AME and BC's mineral exploration and mining industry.

PAST PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRS OF AME RECOMMENDATION

AME FRANK WOODSIDE GOLD PAN AWARD

Lana Eagle is recognized with the AME Frank Woodside Gold Pan Award for her distinguished service to AME. A natural relationship builder with the ability to strategically connect Indigenous groups with industry, her legacy includes The Gathering Place at AME Roundup, now in its tenth year, along with more than a decade of guidance and direction in how the industry approaches Indigenous relations and reconciliation. A member of the Whitecap Dakota Nation, Lana first liaised with the mineral exploration and mining industry in 2004 when working with the Quatsino First Nation on Vancouver Island, and two years later, served as one of the first Indigenous women to chair a mineral exploration company in Canada, Electra Gold Ltd. while engaging communities on the permitting process. Lana openly shared and built on these experiences while volunteering at AME and started serving on the Aboriginal Relations Committee (later the Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Committee) in 2009. Although Lana is best remembered for initiating The Gathering Place, regarded as a safe, welcoming venue for discussions between Indigenous peoples and industry, she also guided the development of AME's Early Engagement Planning Tool. Lana has served on the Board of Directors as an elected director since 2017 and, in 2019, was Vice Chair of the Association. For the past 13 years, Lana has been a strong voice at AME and has facilitated an inclusive conversation regarding Indigenous engagement and reconciliation for members and the greater mineral exploration and development community.