

REVIEWS COMMITTEE

2024-2025 REPORT

Committee chair: Julie Aitken

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Board liaison: Kyle Spikes

Staff liaison: Steve Brown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Reviews Committee Chair and staff liaison continued their efforts toward revitalization by bringing new members on board. The goal is to foster renewed enthusiasm and participation that will support an increase from one to two book reviews in each issue of *The Leading Edge* (TLE).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR

This year marked continued revitalization for the Reviews Committee, although the number of submitted reviews remained lower than desired. To address aging demographics, the committee invited voluntary resignations and recruited younger members, including professionals and SEG students.

The committee continued to distribute quarterly book lists (through May 2025) and reminders to all members, including specific follow-ups to those who had not submitted reviews on schedule. The Reviews Committee currently includes 28 members, with five vacancies that are in the process of being filled.

As part of the revitalization efforts, the committee placed volunteer advertisements in *The Leading Edge* and on the SEG website to attract new members. This initiative was successful, yielding 15 applications from interested members. The committee is now selecting candidates to fill the available positions.

Going forward, new membership will be limited to individuals who commit to providing at least one book review per year. This policy is intended to encourage consistent participation and timely submissions from all committee members.

In 2025, the committee published one book review in each issue of *TLE* and currently has enough reviews in progress to cover publication needs through the end of 2025. While print

books continue to be offered for review by select publishers, e-books have become the preferred choice among members.

In September 2025, the term of the current chair concluded, and the committee welcomed its new chair, Sergio Chávez-Pérez.

Goals for the Coming Year

- Recruit at least five new members to fill existing vacancies.
- Increase participation and timeliness by offering incentives: the three top reviewers will receive a one-year SEG Library token providing full access to *The Leading Edge*, *Interpretation*, and GEOPHYSICS.
- Continue revitalization efforts and aim to double the number of book reviews in each issue of *TLE*.

Challenges

Sustaining member enthusiasm and participation remains the committee's primary challenge for the coming year.