Retired in 2003 as a Professor of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science after 38 years of service.

Allan Stein continued his active pre-retirement volunteerism into his retirement. His volunteer activities reflect his personal expertise and interest, including efforts to 1) promote science and cultural education and awareness, 2) evaluate environmental and safety issues especially in regard to offshore petroleum developments and their assessments, 3) encourage the active enjoyment of our natural environment and 4) support those with prostate cancer. An active member of NatureNL for four decades, since he retired, Allan has served either as vice-president or as a director; he represents Nature NL at hearings, discussions and planning sessions; he has been involved in a variety of offshore oil consultations as well as developing submissions for oil-related development proposals; he sat on several Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Office Petroleum Board (CNLOPB) Committees for Nature NL. He has organized many nature-related field trips near St. John's as well as occasional outings to fossil beds at Mistaken Pont. He has also maintained the natural history corner called Nature Nook at The Rooms, and keeps it supplied with items such as birds' wings, bills, claws and other samples of animal bodies as well as minerals. He has donated hours of time to the East Coast Trail Association and the Geo Center. He has also been involved with the Prostate Cancer Support Group and has been a regular participant and hike leader for the Portugal Cove-St. Phillips Community hiking group. Allan has been particularly involved in seismic and exploration activities of the oil and gas sector, and has examined and challenged activities in that sector, such as the proposed marine service base in Fermeuse, fracking proposals, and guidelines related to safety and environmental risks and protection. Allan's post-retirement work has been honored with two awards. In 2010, the East Coast Trail Association gave him the Flamber Head Award for his demonstration of exceptional commitment to volunteerism and the Association. In 2010, Nature NL gave him the Tuck-Walters Award for outstanding and enduring contribution to the advancement of natural history appreciation and protection in Newfoundland and Labrador, outside the parameters of employment responsibilities.