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Candidate put forth by Self-Nomination

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QUESTIONS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

**1) What is the most important issue facing the professions today? Why?**

*In my opinion, the most important issue facing the professions today is public/client trust. This speaks to the broader picture of how each and every one of us conducts themselves both on a professional level and the quality of work we produce. Despite how unfair it may seem, our actions do directly impact how the profession is judged especially in a time when everyone is quick to judge. To have the designation of "Professional" is to be ethical in applying our trade to the betterment of society while maintaining the trust of the public or the client. In my experience, trust is something that is getting more difficult to maintain as time goes by.*

**2) Why is self-regulation, and its associated responsibility important?**

*I could simple state "Who better to regulate the profession!" which is not entirely untrue. As practitioners of the profession, we are intimately aware of the boundaries we must operate within. Further, it allows a degree of flexibility in adapting to ever changing expectations. That said, self-regulation comes with a high degree of responsibility. The responsibility of ensuring that members practice in a manner that is in line with the expectations and regulations of society. There simply is no room for the abuse of that responsibility. To do so would be to undermine the purpose and benefit of self-regulation.*

**3) Why is diversity important to the professions?**

*Over the years, I have come to discover that the best solutions are arrived at when you have a broad spectrum of experiences to pull from. In this day in age when the planet is truly village Earth, how can we not embrace diversity for what it is. An opportunity to open our minds and accept the*

*infinite possibilities that are available for us to consider in practicing our profession.*

**4) What is the public's expectation of engineering and geosciences?**

*The public expects the profession to be practiced in an ethical and professional manner conducive to the betterment of society. Ultimately this speaks to trust. We cannot blindly practice the profession without the consideration of the public's needs and concerns. To learn and to listen is to breed that trust. To do otherwise is to impose which, in my experience, has never ended well.*