

2021 Intern Nominees

Platforms, Histories, and Professional Activities for Election to the Council



Katie Moist, EIT

Candidate nominated by Members

EDUCATION: BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2019

ASSOCIATION Intern, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba

ACTIVITIES: Engineering Changes Lives Provincial Steering Committee, 2017-present

Committee for Increasing the Participation of Women in Engineering (CIPWE)

Mentorship Program, 2017-present

OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE

ACTIVITIES:

Young Friends of Engineering, Chair and Board Representative, 2019-present

Technical Women of KGS Group, 2019-present

GRADUATION:

EMPLOYERS SINCE KGS Group, Municipal Engineer in Training, 2019-present

PLATFORM PART 1 - THE PUBLIC OF MANITOBA

The Association governs and regulates the professions in the public interest. What is, or what should, Council be doing to ensure that its governance is in the public interest and why?

In order to ensure that the Association can and does govern in the public interest, Council should be working towards a membership that is as diverse as the public it serves to protect. This diversity is crucial to ensure that the needs and interests of the public are represented in our membership and Council.

PLATFORM PART 2 - THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining the Ends. What is, or should be, the most important End and why?

The most important End, to serve the Global End, is (E-5) Practitioners reflect the diversity of the public. While the Association has made great strides in increasing the participation of women in engineering, there are many other groups are still underrepresented within our practitioners. This goal cannot be lost in the recent progress, as without a diverse membership, we will not be able to serve the Global End of protecting the interests of the public of Manitoba.

PLATFORM PART 3 - THE COUNCIL

Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in Clause 1 of GP-6. What is, or should be, the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?

To me, the most important characteristic of a good councillor is (1.6) the ability and willingness to deal with the vision and the long-term, rather than the day-to-day details. Without effective strategic planning

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that will serve the needs of the profession, the Association will not be as effective in executing the day to day. A strong vision for the future of the Association will help our profession serve and protect the ever-changing needs of both the people we serve and our ever-changing environment effectively.

PLATFORM PART 4 - THE CANDIDATE

Please provide any additional information you would like as to why you would make a good councillor.

My past experience with the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) board of directors and Western Engineering Students Societies Team (WESST) board of directors has given me the experience necessary to effectively serve on Council. Additionally, my proven Council experience shows my commitment to bettering the profession and my ability to serve on Council.



Céline Rivard, EIT

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION: BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2018

ASSOCIATION Intern, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba

ACTIVITIES: Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Women in Engineering and Geoscience

Mentorship Program, 2015-2016, 2019-present

OTHER Association of Consulting Engineering (ACEC) Technical Women in Consulting

Engineering (TWICE) Committee, member, 2020-present ENGINEERING/

GEOSCIENCE Technical Women of KGS Group Committee supporting 30 by 30 Coalition

ACTIVITIES:

EMPLOYERS SINCE KGS Group, Structural Engineer-In-Training, Hydro-technical Department,

GRADUATION: 2018-present

PLATFORM PART 1 - THE PUBLIC OF MANITOBA

The Association governs and regulates the professions in the public interest. What is, or what should, Council be doing to ensure that its governance is in the public interest and why?

To ensure that governance is in the public interest, Council should continue to prioritize public safety by certifying that its members are qualified to perform their work and are practising ethically. To accomplish this, Council is thorough in their assessment and acceptance of applicants and requires candidates to pass a national professional practice and ethics exam. They should continue to monitor and facilitate professional development to encourage members to continuously learn, adapt, and develop skills throughout their careers to effectively maintain their duty to the public.

PLATFORM PART 2 - THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining the Ends. What is, or should be, the most important End and why?

The most important End is E-2 "Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally". It is important for practitioners to have acquired the necessary experience, skills, and support to apply their knowledge in a manner that meets high standards, will protect the public, and gain stakeholder trust. This End also highlights that it is essential for practitioners and students to develop as professionals throughout their careers, which includes committing to lifelong learning and to ensuring public safety, as well as for the profession to remain accountable and responsible through selfgovernance.

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In my opinion, the most important characteristic of a good councillor is the "1.6 Ability and willingness to deal with the vision and the long-term, rather than the day-to-day details."

Not only is it important for councillors to be able to see the larger picture when faced with information or decisions, but it is important to ensure that they align with the long-term mission and vision of the Association. For example, when considering current day-to-day actions regarding the priority to increase diversity among registered members including women and other underrepresented people, it is important to support and engage in long-term initiatives which will take fruit in a number of years, such as engaging youth in STEM and raising awareness to the public to address gender bias.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

Please provide any additional information you would like as to why you would make a good councillor.

I believe that I would make a good councillor as I provide diversity to the Association as a woman, a francophone, and an EIT in the industry. I have been on various councils throughout high school, university, and more recently on ACEC's TWICE committee since joining the workforce after graduation. I strive to take an active role in discussion and I look forward to providing enthusiasm and commitment to my role on Council.