

## **2021 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM**

### **Talin Gregory, P.Eng.**

Candidate nominated by Council

**EDUCATION:** BEng Civil Engineering, Lakehead University, 2010

**ASSOCIATION  
ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2015-present

**OTHER  
ENGINEERING/  
GEOSCIENCE  
ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia

**EMPLOYERS SINCE  
GRADUATION:** Lavergne Draward and Associates Inc, Structural Designer, 2010-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?**

Council should ensure Council members are from various backgrounds within the engineering fields to ensure proper representation and knowledge of each discipline (structural, civil, mechanical, electrical, etc.). Ensuring public safety without such widespread expertise, which is of the utmost importance, would not be as effective or possible. Additionally, mandating company audits could be considered when significant public safety issues arise from the work of an engineering company practising in Manitoba. Currently, individual discipline meetings are held on occasion, but often the company for which an individual works should also be scrutinized when safety issues arise.

### **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?**

I believe the most important End to be E-2 “Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally”. That said, it is recognized the End E-1 is also high importance, but really is the bare minimum to be part of our profession in Manitoba. Ensuring E-2 is achieved protects not only the public but the entire engineering profession, as having individuals or companies not live up to these standards creates danger for the public and poor impressions of our field. Engineers are professionals and I feel it is important these values of professionalism and competency are upheld if our industry wants to be considered valuable to the public and maintain our self-regulation.

### **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?**

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I believe the most important characteristic in clause 1 of GP-6 to be item 1.3 “Interest in and capability to discuss the values underlying the actions taken in the organization, and to govern through the broader formulation of those values.”

I believe this is of utmost importance as it is critical to understand the “big picture” before passing judgment or giving an opinion on a given scenario within the organization. By understanding the underlying values, it becomes easier to understand and make decisions that are not always going to be black and white. As we all know, many scenarios have various factors that can influence one’s feelings towards a given scenario, personally or otherwise. By ensuring the core values are maintained, governing with consistency also becomes more practical.

### **PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE**

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

I believe I would make a good councillor as I am a proud member of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba that wants to give back to a profession that has given much to me. I am a strong leader that leads by listening to other opinions and ensuring all voices are heard, but I am also not afraid to make a final decision when needed. I also strongly believe in looking at the big picture, not just what happened, but why and how. By understanding the root cause of any problem/issue/policy, it becomes possible to provide the correct and effective solution or ruling.

If I am selected to be councillor, I will be a very devoted member who is also active and respected in the structural engineering field with many additional contacts throughout industry. I intend to give full effort to ensure the organization is properly governed and that the public are kept safe through the strong leadership of Council.