

2024 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Alan Pollard, P.Eng.,(SM) FEC

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Electrical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1976
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA:	<p>Professional member, 1978 – present</p> <p>Council, Councillor, 1997 – 2002, 2022 - present</p> <p>Governance Committee, member, 2023 - present</p> <p>By-law Review Committee, Chair, 2022 – present</p> <p>Past Presidents Committee, member 2001 – present</p> <p>Heritage Committee, member, 2016 – 2022</p> <p>Discipline Committee, Chair, 2015 – 2016</p> <p>Nominating Committee, member, 2000-2003, 2013-2014</p> <p>Committee Chairs Committee, 2011 - 2015</p> <p>Legislation Committee, Chair, 2011 – 2015</p> <p>Investigation Committee, Vice Chair, 2005 – 2015</p> <p>Executive Committee, member, 2000 – 2002</p> <p>Image Enhancement Committee, member, 1999 – 2000</p> <p>Experience Review Committee, member, 1999 – 2000</p> <p>Research & Development Committee, member, 1995 – 1997</p> <p>Electronic Seal Committee, member 1995-1996, 2006-2010</p> <p>Public Awareness Committee, member, 1994 – 1999</p>
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	<p>Manitoba Robot Games, Executive Committee, 2014 – present</p> <p>Fellow of Canadian Society of Senior Engineers, 2024</p> <p>Fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC), 2010</p> <p>Pacific Legal Technology Conference, presenter, 2007</p> <p>Electronics and Information Association of Manitoba, Past President</p> <p>University of Manitoba, Undergraduate Design Project External Examiner, 1978 - present</p>
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	<p>Private Consultant, 2019 – present</p> <p>Masters of Space and Time, Chief Engineer, 2008 – 2019</p> <p>The Law Society of Manitoba, Director of Technology, 2000 – 2008</p> <p>Manitoba Telephone System, various positions leading to Manager – Planning R&D, 1976 – 2000</p>

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PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please tell us why you are interested in serving on Council and what you bring to the role

Council will be facing a few challenges, such as AI and other emerging areas in software engineering. As a career software engineer, I can bring that viewpoint to the Council table. As a senior member and repeat councillor, I can bring the historical perspective as well.

PLATFORM PART 2 – 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?

While the core job of the Association is public safety - both physical and financial - it is important to remember that the public relies on Engineers and Geoscientists more than they realize. We are often involved in projects through another party, such as a contractor or government agency. We need to build a community of professionals in which both the public and prospective members have confidence in if we are to provide that technology leadership into the future.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

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

Council is now moving away from Carver[®] terminology, such as “ends”, but Council will continue to set the goals of the Association. We as a professional community must pay attention to the Association and its relationship to the public. We act in the public interest. Both the members and the public need to see us as a valuable contributor to a safe and sustainable future.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE COUNCIL

Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in GP-6 Councillor Roles and Job Description. What is the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?

As technological advances continue to create challenges for society as a whole, a few councillors sitting around a table must listen to the members, to the public, and to governments. Only by spending a lot of time listening can a councillor do the job properly. In the last two years, I have had the privilege of listening to many of you who care about the future, and I will continue to bring your thoughts and ideas to the table.