

2024 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	Electrical Engineering, Polytechnic University, St. Petersburg, Russia, 1987 MBA, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, 2005
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA:	Professional member, 1996 - present Investigation Committee, member, 2014 - 2022
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineers of Ontario, member Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, member Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists, member Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan, member Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, member Illuminating Engineers Society, member Illuminating Engineers Society, Security Lighting and Industrial Lighting Committees, member Canada Green Building Council, Manitoba Chapter, founding board member (past)
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Stantec, Senior Engineer, Buildings Engineering Practice Lead, 2009 - present Wardrop Engineering (now Tetra Tech), Senior Engineer, Electrical Department Manager, 2001 - 2009 Nova 3 Engineering, Technologist, Engineer, Electrical Department Manager, 1989 - 2001

PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

I have been a member of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba for over 30 years. In addition, I'm a member of five other engineering associations and co-manage a team of over 100 staff that includes architects, interior designers, engineers, and technologists. My academic background combines engineering with a post-graduate degree in business administration, obtained on different continents, and I have nearly 40 years of engineering experience in a variety of geographies and market sectors from industrial to commercial, institutional to residential, and everything in between. Through all of that, I have been

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exposed to a great variety of regulatory frameworks, industry practices, and professional perspectives. I would be honoured to have an opportunity to apply my knowledge and experience to influence governance of our profession. My particular interest is in analyzing how Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba policies and practices align with those of other professional associations and in optimizing our system of accreditation of foreign-trained professionals.

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?

As in majority of industries, the field of engineering is experiencing a shortage of talent with not enough young people joining the profession to replace the retiring old guard. One of the ways to address this shortage is to recognize qualified foreign-trained engineers that are coming to our province. However, the need to encourage applicants and streamline the recognition process must be balanced with the need to ensure they are suitably qualified. Finding that balance is challenging, but it is extremely important for addressing the demand while protecting the public and upholding the standing of our profession.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

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

In my view, the most important End is to ensure that practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally. This End protects the public and upholds the image and respect of the Engineering Profession.

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?

I think the most important characteristic of a good councillor is the ability to think in terms of systems and context and to see the big picture. The primary role of members of the Council is to ensure that the profession continues in perpetuity to meet the society's needs while protecting public interest and upholding moral and ethical values of our profession. This role requires strategic thinking and the ability to see beyond today's issues and constraints.