

2025 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc GSc (Hons.), University of Manitoba, Canada, 2017
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:	<p>Professional Geoscientist of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, member 2022-present</p> <p>Provincial Engineering and Geoscience Week (PEGW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Committee Member, 2023-present – Developer of new geoscience activities and displays, 2018-present – Annual Volunteer, 2017-present – Assisted in strengthening geoscience representation within outreach activities <p>Manitoba Schools Science Symposium, Volunteer Judge, 2019 & 2024</p>
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	<p>Manitoba Prospectors & Developers Association, member, 2022-present</p> <p>Canadian Institute of Mining, member, 2017-present</p> <p>Mineral Society of Manitoba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Executive Committee Member (Website), 2015 & 2017-2022 – Vice President, 2016 – Executive Committee Member (Member-at-Large), 2015 – Member, 2013-2022; <p>Led outreach activities from 2015 – present, delivering geology presentations to Grades 3–7 students, with a focus on Manitoba geology</p> <p>Expanded existing programs by developing new hands-on activities, PowerPoint presentations, and posters tailored to different age groups to foster greater interest in geoscience</p>
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	<p>Parsons Inc., Winnipeg, MB, Environmental Scientist/Project Manager, 2020-present</p> <p>Aski Geosciences Ltd., Winnipeg, MB, Environmental Field Specialist, 2018-2020</p> <p>Equity Exploration Consultants Ltd., Kudz Ze Kayah, Yukon, Geological Assistant, 2017</p>

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 want to serve on Council because I believe in the importance of the role that Council plays in shaping and directing the future of our professions. As a geoscientist, I bring a strong technical background, problem-solving skills, and a commitment to evidence-based decision-making. I also value collaboration

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and ethical practice, which I see as essential to good governance. By contributing my professional expertise and perspective, I hope to support Council in making balanced, informed decisions that reflect both public needs and professional responsibility.

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?

Council's core responsibility is to govern the engineering and geoscience professions in a way that protects the safety, health, and well-being of the public. To be effective, Council's emphasis should be on transparency, accountability, and practices that prioritize the public's interest. This includes ensuring the Association upholds clear, enforceable standards of conduct, competence, and ethics, while it also pursues diverse perspectives from various communities, industries, and future professionals. By doing so, Council can remain responsive to evolving expectations.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

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

I believe the most important End is that "consumers have access to a reasonable supply of practitioners' services". Geoscience and engineering are underrepresented inside and outside schools, and early exposure can inspire students to pursue these fields. From my own classroom presentations, I see how excited students are to learn about geoscience, and I believe more outreach will help ensure a strong future supply of practitioners.

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 believe the most important characteristic of a good councillor is the "ability and willingness to participate assertively in deliberation, while respecting the opinions of others". This creates a safe space where all members can contribute, encourages open discussion, and allows diverse perspectives to strengthen decisions. Healthy debate leads to better outcomes because it draws on the unique experiences of every councillor.