

2025 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Textile Engineering, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2020 Masters of Biosystems Engineering, University of Manitoba, Canada, 2023
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:	Intern, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Science Fair Judge and District Science Fair Judge Participated in internship events and workshops
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Canadian Engineering Education Association (CEEAA-ACÉG), member
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Mondetta, Winnipeg, MB, Account Coordinator, 2023 Unique Designers Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh, Quality Department Assistant, 2021

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 am eager to serve on Council to actively contribute and be more involved in shaping the future of the engineering community in Manitoba. As an intern with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and a volunteer science fair judge, I've had the chance to connect with students, promote STEM education, and learn more about how the profession is governed. With my background in both biosystems and textile engineering, I offer a unique mix of knowledge from different fields. I care deeply about teamwork, inclusion, and giving back to the community, and I'd be proud to bring that mindset to Council.

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 should focus on protecting the public by effectively overseeing the engineering and geoscience professions. This involves ensuring that only properly registered and licensed individuals are allowed to practice, while maintaining high standards of competence and ethical conduct. Council must also take action to prevent unqualified individuals from offering engineering or geoscience services. In addition, educating employers, clients, and the public about the value and responsibilities of these professions is essential. Promoting diversity and inclusion within the professions is also important, as it helps reflect the broader community and strengthens the profession as a whole. By focusing on these areas, Council ensures that engineers and geoscientists continue to serve the public in a responsible, ethical, and inclusive way.

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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 End E-1: "Individuals who are practicing engineering and geoscience are registered and licensed" is the most crucial.

This is vital because it ensures that only those who have met the necessary qualifications and standards can offer their services to the public. By regulating who can practice, we maintain high levels of safety, competence, and trust in these professions. This forms the foundation for all other goals, as it directly protects the public from unqualified 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?

The most important characteristic of a good councillor is professional selflessness. This means prioritizing the interests of the public and the integrity of the professions over personal or external interests. A councillor with professional selflessness makes decisions based on what is best for the community and the professions as a whole, ensuring that actions are fair, ethical, and focused on the greater good. This builds trust among members and with the public, which is essential for effective governance.