

2026 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2009
ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS MANITOBA ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2012-present Council, 2022-present Executive Committee, member, 2024-present By-law Review Committee, member, Chair (2024-2025), Vice Chair (2025-present), 2023 - present Continuing Competency Committee, 2023-present Nominating Committee, member, 2022-2023 Mentorship Program, mentor, 2019
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, member Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, member Professional Engineers of Ontario, member American Concrete Institute, member Canadian Prestressed Concrete Institute, member
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	KGS, Winnipeg, MB, Commercial Structural Lead, 2026-present Tower Engineering, Winnipeg, MB, 2008-2026 – Associate, 2018-2026 – Structural Engineer, 2012-2018 – EIT, 2008-2012

PLATFORM PART 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

Over the past four years serving on Council, I have gained a deeper understanding of the important role Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba plays in protecting the public and regulating our professions. The experience has been both rewarding and educational, and has strengthened my desire to continue contributing to the Association's future.

I am interested in serving another term because several significant initiatives are underway, including the modernization of the Association and implementation of changes resulting from the Act rewrite. I believe the knowledge and perspective I have gained through my current Council term will allow me to continue making meaningful contributions during this period of change.

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Through my involvement on Council, the Executive Committee, the By-law Review Committee, and various Council task groups, I have developed a strong understanding of governance, policy development, and regulatory responsibilities. I have also contributed to important initiatives such as updates to the Admissions Guide and ongoing by-law review work.

As a practicing engineer and engineering leader, I bring practical industry experience, a collaborative approach, and a commitment to thoughtful decision making. I value listening to different perspectives and working toward balanced solutions that serve both the public interest and the long term success of the professions.

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?

The primary responsibility of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is to regulate the professions in the public interest. Maintaining public trust requires a regulatory framework that is effective, transparent, and responsive to evolving professional practice.

Council should continue to focus on ensuring that professional engineers and geoscientists remain competent throughout their careers. Continuing competency programs are an important component of public protection, and I believe there is value in working collaboratively with other Canadian regulators to pursue greater harmonization of competency requirements. Consistency across associations can improve understanding for members while maintaining high professional standards.

Council must also remain attentive to emerging challenges that affect professional practice. Rapid developments in areas such as artificial intelligence and new technologies present both opportunities and risks. The Association should continue to provide guidance and oversight to ensure these tools are used responsibly and ethically while maintaining accountability for professional work.

Finally, public protection depends on a strong and trusted regulator. Council should continue modernizing governance processes, improving transparency, and ensuring regulations remain relevant and effective in a changing professional environment.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE ASSOCIATION

Council sets the expectation for the Association through the Strategic Imperatives and Outcomes within the Strategic Plan. What is the most important Strategic Imperative and why?

While all of the Strategic Imperatives are important and interconnected, the most important is maintaining a strong focus on public protection through professional competence and effective governance.

Public confidence in the professions depends on the knowledge, judgment, and ethical conduct of practicing professionals. Ensuring members remain competent throughout their careers is essential to fulfilling the Association's mandate. As professional practice continues to evolve, competency programs must evolve as well, providing meaningful opportunities for lifelong learning and professional development.

Effective governance is equally important. Council sets the direction of the Association and must ensure that decisions are strategic, transparent, and aligned with the public interest. Strong governance creates

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the foundation for sound regulation, responsible stewardship of resources, and successful implementation of major initiatives such as legislative modernization.

By maintaining a focus on both competence and governance effectiveness, the Association will be well positioned to meet future challenges while continuing to serve the public and support the professions.

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 the ability to listen respectfully to different viewpoints.

Council is most effective when members bring diverse experiences, perspectives, and expertise to the table. Good governance depends on thoughtful discussion and constructive debate, and that requires councillors who are willing to listen carefully, consider alternative perspectives, and approach decisions with an open mind.

Respectful listening does not mean avoiding difficult conversations. It means engaging with others in a professional manner, asking questions, and seeking to understand the rationale behind different viewpoints before making decisions. This approach leads to better outcomes and helps Council make balanced decisions that reflect both its regulatory responsibilities and the interests of stakeholders. Throughout my time on Council and its committees, I have valued collaboration, respectful dialogue, and evidence based decision making. These qualities are essential to maintaining an effective Council and ensuring the Association continues to govern in the public interest.