

2021 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Kathryn Atamanchuk, P.Eng., MBA, PMP, FEC

Candidate nominated by Council

- EDUCATION:** MSc Biosystems Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2020
MBA, University of Manitoba, 2007
BSc Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1999
- ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2005-present
Engineering Changes Lives Provincial Steering Committee, 2017-present
Women in Engineering and Geoscience Mentorship Program, Coordination Team, 2015-present
Investigation Committee member, 2013-2021
Nominating Committee member, 2013 and 2019
CIPWIE member, 2013-2019 (Chair, 2016-2019)
- OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:** Engineers Canada, 30 by 30 Champion, 2017-present
West Canitest R&D Inc. (WestCaRD), board member, 2017-present
Friends of Engineering, Ex-officio board member, 2013-present
CCWESTT 2020 Virtual Speaker Series, program lead, 2019-2020
- EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:** Price Faculty of Engineering, University of Manitoba - Engineer-in-Residence and Industry Partnerships Facilitator, 2012-present
StandardAero:
 - Director of Engineering, StandardAero Technical Services, 2007-2012
 - Various technical engineering roles, 1999-2007

PLATFORM PART 1 – 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 self-regulated professions, it is critical that our governance policies and procedures align with the public interest. We can achieve this by continuing to ensure that the Act, bylaws, and Code of Ethics are reviewed on an on-going basis with input from both practitioners and key stakeholder groups. We should also look for best practices undertaken in other jurisdictions and in other self-governed professions. In addition to maintaining a robust governance model, we must also ensure that we continue to have the organizational structures and resources in place to execute good governance.

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PLATFORM PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION

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

I believe that in order to best serve the public, the environment, and society, it is most important for us to work towards professions that reflect the diversity of the public (End 5) to ensure that the solutions we create and implement work for everyone. While efforts in this area have been underway for a number of years, there is more we can and must do. I believe it is also true that we can't achieve End 5 without also focusing on End 4 (Stakeholders understand and value the contribution of the professions) and End 6 (Consumers have access to a reasonable supply of practitioners' services). If we want groups of people who aren't historically drawn to our professions to consider them as a career choice, we need to ensure that they are aware of what a career in engineering or geoscience can look like. To do so, we need to ensure that appropriate programs are in place at the K-12 and post-secondary institutions to support this education.

PLATFORM PART 3 – THE COUNCIL

Council sets out the core characteristics of what it considers to be a good councillor in Clause 1 of GP-6. What is, or should be, the most important characteristic of a good councillor and why?

To me, it is critical that councillors are able to think in terms of systems and context – to see the big picture (GP-6, 1.2). A “systems” approach implies interdisciplinary thinking (technical and management) to design, implement, manage, and improve a complex system. Self-governance of our professions is certainly a complex system, so it is important for councillors to be able to develop proposals and evaluate decisions in the context of the vision and the Ends to achieve successful outcomes.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

Please provide any additional information you would like as to why you would make a good councillor.

Through my engineering experience in industry, at the Price Faculty of Engineering, and through my various volunteer positions with the Association, I have gained a well-rounded understanding of and appreciation for our profession. I take every opportunity I can to share the value of professional licensure with engineering students and to demonstrate how rewarding a career in engineering or geoscience can be. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Association as a councillor.