

2021 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

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Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	Chartered Manager, Canadian Institute of Management, University of Manitoba, 2015 BSc Electrical Engineering, University of Calgary, 2007 Computer Engineering Technology, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, 2001
ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2012-present Westman Chapter, Executive Committee Chair, 2013-present
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Westman Science Fair, Engineering Project judge Westman Career Symposium, Engineers and Geoscience Manitoba volunteer
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Manitoba Hydro, Distribution Eng. Contract section head, 2007-present Schlumberger Oil & Gas, Field Engineer, 2007 Design Engineering Technologist, HVW Technologies, 2001-2003

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?

My platform priority is advocating to the Association about supporting all member(s) when public engagement is present. It is imperative the Council communicate with outside stakeholders and public entities to ensure the Association is aware of industry change which may directly affect the profession. Engagement meetings with the Association would ensure to guarantee members are well represented.

My message to the Association is that engineers and geoscientists are the stewards for morals, standards, and ethics in the eyes of the public; strong governance is necessary to ensure our profession is represented with the utmost integrity.

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?

There are two defining "Ends" which in my view are the pillar of the Association and the profession. They are:

- E-2 – "Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally"

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- E-4 – “Stakeholders understand and value the contribution of the professions”

Professional advancement happens through education, experience, and guidance. The Council must ensure members are well represented, equipped, and informed by the Association to ensure our profession excels.

The expectation is for the Association to act as the champion for promoting our profession with a focus on safety, innovation, critical thinking, and high ethical standards.

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?

As a running councillor who strongly advocates for the well-being of all professional members, I am impelled to say that the most important core characteristic is “the ability to think in terms of systems and context – to see the big picture”.

With constant change and innovation within society, the Council needs to work with the Association to understand how the profession should/will evolve. Discussion and support on professional diversity, Association membership support, and adaption to new standards/laws along with stakeholder expectations are big picture strategies.

With the pandemic causing catastrophic change to workplace practices, travel, public perspective, and interaction, a big picture approach is essential for navigating forward to guarantee members are well represented.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

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

I strongly advocate for the development and mentoring of professionals in training. If elected, I would focus on looking at new communication channels and resources to help members work towards their professional designation. My lengthy career has shown that mentoring and guiding young professionals can be one of the most rewarding achievements of all.

I advocate for a fair and diverse work environment and believe people should be allowed to express their opinions without fear of being ostracized. Furthermore, I am very vocal on ensuring the Association provide equal representation for all associated members regardless of their geographical location within Manitoba.