

## **2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM**

### **Alan Pollard, P.Eng.(SM), FEC**

Candidate nominated by Members

- EDUCATION:** BSc Electrical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1976
- ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 1978 – present  
Heritage Committee, member, 2016 – present  
Past Presidents Committee, member 2001 – present  
Discipline Committee, Chair, 2015 – 2016  
Committee Chairs Committee, 2011 - 2015  
Legislation Committee, Chair, 2011 – 2015  
Investigation Committee, Vice Chair, 2005 – 2015  
Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council, President, 2000 – 2001  
Nominating Committee, member, 2000-2003, 2013-2014  
Executive Committee, member, 2000 – 2002  
Image Enhancement Committee, member, 1999 – 2000  
Experience Review Committee, member, 1999 – 2000  
Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council, Councillor, 1997 – 2002  
Research & Development Committee, member, 1995 – 1997  
Electronic Seal Committee, member 1995-1996, 2006-2010  
Public Awareness Committee, member, 1994 – 1999
- OTHER ENGINEERING/  
GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:** Manitoba Robot Games, Executive Committee, 2014 – present  
Fellow of Engineers Canada (FEC), 2010  
Pacific Legal Technology Conference, presenter, 2007  
Electronics and Information Association of Manitoba, Past President  
University of Manitoba, Undergraduate Design Project External Examiner,  
1978 - present
- EMPLOYERS SINCE  
GRADUATION:** Private Consultant, 2019 – present  
Masters of Space and Time, Chief Engineer, 2008 – 2019  
The Law Society of Manitoba, Director of Technology, 2000 – 2008  
Manitoba Telephone System, various positions leading to Manager –  
Planning R&D, 1976 – 2000

## **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?**

The most important thing Council can do to protect the public interest is to make the Association and the profession more welcoming to current and prospective members. Manitoba lags behind other provinces in this regard. We have fewer members per 1000 provincial residents than other provinces. A greater sense of community in the profession would make it more attractive to all and lead to an increase in ethnic and gender diversity.

If people do not feel that sense of community, they will not join. And we cannot "govern in the public interest" unless and until they are members.

## **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?**

The short answer is "All of them" but to pick one, I would pick "4.1 Practitioners value and engage in a self-regulating profession" - That one is the key to creating that sense of community. We must value ourselves if we are to convince others to join us. If we achieve that then students from kindergarten to graduate school will see us as a worthy profession and people from all backgrounds will feel that they will be welcomed into that community. We also need to consider that a significant percentage of our members reside in another province or country. Our Act doesn't give them much input into the Association but theirs is also a voice that should be heard.

## **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?**

Council has an extensive list, but I think the most important one is missing.

A councillor must first be a good listener. They must listen to other councillors, to members, to prospective members, and to the public. Only then will Council have the background to make decisions and take actions that will strengthen the Association and the province. Listening is also a necessary step to create that sense of belonging that will make our community more diverse.

## **PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE**

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

I was last elected to Council over 20 years ago and the profession is a different place now than it was then. Many things have changed but the core values that we have as engineers and geoscientists, and the things that motivate us to do what we do and to strive to do it better have not. Adapting to changing conditions and changing technology is just an ordinary Tuesday to us. So, let's build a profession we can be proud of and that will attract new members with new skills and backgrounds.