

## **2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM**

### **David M.T. Dy, P.Eng.**

Candidate nominated by Members

<b>EDUCATION:</b>	BSc Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2017
<b>ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:</b>	Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2020 – present
<b>OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:</b>	Young Construction Leaders of Manitoba, Director-at-large, present (two-year position) Manitoba Schools Science Symposium, volunteer judge, 2018 – present FIRST Robotics Competition (BC Area), volunteer judge, present
<b>EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:</b>	DGH Engineering Ltd., Consulting Engineer, 2017 – present

### **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?**

To ensure that the Association's governance is in the public's best interests, I believe Council should be made up of a diverse group of individuals that reflect the demographics of the public it serves. The Association will then be able to provide unique perspectives on how its decisions will impact the public's interest and will allow for better governance and the implementation of suitable regulations for the profession.

As the Association and the population of Manitoba continues to expand and diversify, Council should continuously review its current governing documents and mission to ensure it is acting in the public's current and future interests. Doing so will allow the Association to be agile and responsive to changes.

### **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?**

Though Council sets the expectation for the Association by defining 6 "Ends" that holistically benefit itself and the Public, I believe that the most important End is "E-5: Practitioners Reflect the Diversity of the Public". Manitoba is at an important crossroads where the population and demographics are rapidly changing, and decisions will impact the Association and the public not only in the short term but also the long term. Having an Association that is as diverse as the public it serves will ensure it remains agile and relevant. An Association that does not reflect the diversity of the public will not be able to evaluate if it is adequately protecting their interests.

### **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?**

Though this section asks Candidates to clearly identify a single characteristic, I believe that a good Councillor will see the value in all Council-identified characteristics. This will allow a councillor to be versatile and agile when servicing the needs of the Association.

However, I believe that the most important characteristic of a good councillor, as set out in "GP-6", is 1.1.1: the "commitment to linking with the legal and moral ownership. This includes the understanding that (a) members of Council, individually and collectively, are stewards of the organization, (b) they represent an ownership comprised of diverse people, (c) they are willing to actively seek to access and understand that diversity and (d) recognize and accept their fiduciary responsibility to the organization". This characteristic is the most important as it provides an ethical and structured framework from which the councillor can perform their duties in the Association's best interest.

To take it one step further, a great councillor will also have the characteristic of 1.1.6: the "Ability and willingness to deal with the vision and long term, rather than the day-to-day details" This characteristic would be a great complement to 1.1.1, as decisions made by Council not only impacts the current Association immediately but will also impact future Association members. Both of these characteristics will help Council and its councillors provide effective strategic planning for the Association to better serve and protect the public.

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

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

As a born, raised, educated, and contributing engineer in this province, the Association will continue to impact my future. I believe that now is an excellent time to become further involved with the Association. Throughout my professional career I have had the pleasure to interact with a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds (technicians, engineers, production staff, contractors, architects, students, business professionals, and the general public) while also serving on various councils (YCLM and UMSAE Executive Council). This experience has helped shape my strong sense of ethics and empathy, while also developing my communication skills. These traits, combined with my belief that having a Council composed of a diverse group of individuals that are enthusiastic and eager to serve the public, will lead to a stronger Association/Profession. If given the opportunity to serve as a councillor, my experience will help shape a diverse and agile Association that is capable of serving an equally diverse public for years to come.