

2022 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

John Sawatzky, P.Eng.

Candidate nominated by Council

- EDUCATION:** B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1983
- ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:** Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 1986 – present
Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Councillor, 2020 – present
By-law Review Committee, member, 2022
Ownership Linkage Committee, member, 2021
- OTHER ENGINEERING/
GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:** Society of Manufacturing Engineers, former member
- EMPLOYERS SINCE
GRADUATION:** Monarch Industries:
 - Process Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing Director, 2018 – present
 - Capital Projects & Environmental Compliance Director, 2012 – 2018
 - Automation Manager, 2007 – 2012
 - Facilities Manager, 1998 – 2007Thor Manufacturing, Plant Engineer, 1983 – 1984 & 1986 – 1998
Versatile Farm Equipment, Industrial Engineer, 1984 – 1986

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?

Council should be setting policies and direction in place that ensures the Association is connecting with the people of Manitoba and ensures that the interests of the people of Manitoba, with regards to engineering and geoscience, is being met.

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 feel that the most important 'End' is E2, "Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally". This is the most important End because practicing with competence is what guarantees that the public of Manitoba is protected and it is how the public will see that the Association's primary concern is their interest, not the practitioner.

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?

I feel that the most important characteristic of a good councillor is that he or she is a steward of the organization, and that the councillor is there to serve the organization. As leaders of the organization, I believe that councillors should adopt the leadership philosophy of servant leadership. Councillors are elected to serve the public and the members – not the other way around.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

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

I have practiced as a Manufacturing Engineer in Manitoba for 39 years and I am thankful to my employers and the engineering community for giving me the opportunity to have a fulfilling career and to gain invaluable experience along the way.

I have served one term as councillor and through most of this time Council meetings were held virtually. This made it challenging to make a real connection with fellow councillors. I look forward to serving a second term with in-person meetings bringing the concerns and affirmations of rank-and-file engineers to Council.