### <u>Phil Dorn, P.Eng.</u>

Candidate nominated by Members

EDUCATION:	B.Sc. Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1987
ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, registered 1998
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Presentations about engineering to students at CHS and Kirkcaldy Heights schools, judging at Manitoba Science Fairs, and Technical Advisor for Assiniboine Community College
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	<ul> <li>Samson Engineering Inc., President and Owner, 1998 to present</li> <li>KLPRT Monorail (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Project Manager, 1997-1998</li> <li>Siteline Design &amp; Construction Inc., Project Manager, 1994-1997</li> <li>Peter Kiewit Sons Co. Ltd, 1990-1993 <ul> <li>Site Engineer</li> <li>Project Engineer</li> <li>Field Engineer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Rivtow Straits Ltd., Production Manager, 1989

### 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?

Professional engineers and geoscientists hold great responsibility in society. In my opinion, the public generally does not understand the extent of our influence on public safety and the environment, and how our involvement in projects have value added advantages that extend far beyond technical services and include integration and financial benefits. It is because of this great influence on society that professional engineers and geoscientists are held to an elevated standard of care, as is proper. It is the responsibility of the Council to provide direction and focus to the Association and this direction must focus on integrating the interest of the public, the engineers and geoscientists, and the government. I believe that it is up to the Council to govern the Association in a way that ensures more than technical and ethical requirements, but that individual members are supported and are encouraged to move beyond minimums to elevate our profession. Blanket solutions for complex issues do not support the future of the Association or society as a whole. Supporting professionals and integrating the needs of the members, the public, and the government sectors is serving the long-term public interest.

### 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?

All of the Ends are important; however, E-4 "Stakeholders understand and value the contribution of the professions" is essential to accomplish all of the Ends. Understanding and value of our

profession has historically been built on four of the Ends: insuring practicing engineers and geoscience professionals are registered and licensed (E-1), that practitioners are practicing with competence and conduct themselves professionally (E-2), that unqualified persons do not practice (E-3), and that consumers have access to a reasonable supply of practitioner services (E-6). Society has changed greatly since the first engineering association was established in Canada, and the make-up of professional engineers and geoscientists have not mirrored the changes in society to date. Unless practitioners reflect the diversity of the public (E-5), it is going to be difficult for stakeholders to truly value professional contributions if gender and ethnic divisions prevail. In order to increase diversity, stakeholder understanding, and value of professional contribution must be increased as the one reflects and directly influences the other in modern society. Given that information is so readily available in today's society, it is more important than ever to ensure that all of the Ends are met and most importantly, that stakeholders (members, public, and government) know and understand that they are being met - only then will the value of professional contribution truly be understood.

#### 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?

All members must have commitment to the legal and moral ownership of the Association, or else there is no point of representing the Association on the Council. That being said, I believe that all of the 12 core characteristics considered to be a good councillor are important and that the Council will be stronger and more effective if individuals have different strengths that complement each other. In general, councillors must be able to see the big picture and think in terms of systems and context. This applies to reviewing past actions, evaluating current situations, and planning for the future. Being able to see the big picture allows the Council to steer the Association in the right direction.

### PLATFORM PART 4 - THE CANDIDATE

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

A Councillor should reflect the goals that the Association has in practice. The following are a few examples of how my work reflects the Association's goals:

- My company, Samson Engineering Inc. (Samson), employs professional men and women of diverse ethnic backgrounds, religious beliefs, and supports workers with disabilities;
- Samson employs licensed engineers, engineers-in-training, and certified technicians. Everyone works within their field of expertise, practices with competence, and conducts themselves professionally;
- All work is conducted with safety and the environment in mind. We are COR certified;
- I am an advocate of helping clients with the big picture issues. I not only provide technical competence but add value by assisting with long term planning, cost evaluations, funding applications, negotiating with government representatives, and motivating people into action; and
- I believe that serving the public interest means that the Association needs to support their members and work with clients, the public, and the government. We are only as strong as

the weakest link.

I am confident that I would add a new perspective to the Council and look forward to the opportunity.