## JONATHAN EPP, P.Eng.

EDUCATION B. Sc. Computer Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2004

ASSOCIATION Professional Engineer, APEGM, 2008 to present

ACTIVITIES Member, APEGM Public Awareness Committee, 2006 to 2009

Councillor, 2013 to 2015

OTHER ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES Received Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Manitoba Rising Star

Award, 2012

ACEC-MB Image Committee, 2008 to present

Past Chair, helped launch mentorship program, led initiatives that included complete Manitoba chapter rebranding, and launch of annual publication and new website. Various talks on engineering given to high school students, 2006 to present Representing APEGM (at IMAX), Engineering Innovation Challenge (at Rotary Career Symposium), and Teshmont/ACEC-MB (at various high schools by request)

IEEE Women in Engineering Executive Committee, 2005 to 2006

Designed, launched and maintained local chapter website

Engineers Without Borders, Student Chapter, 2004

EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION Teshmont Consultants, 2004 to present, current position Project Engineer

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Two years ago, I was elected as a first time Councillor. Looking back at my time on Council, I'm proud of the progress we made, but it has also made me want to do more. During my term, we discovered that formal monitoring of the key objectives of our Association (the Ends) was not being carried out. In response, we created a proper process for monitoring the Ends, which has resulted in better accountability. In turn, this process is shining new light on old processes and issues and will itself trigger further change. I feel there is much left that can be done, and I now have a better understanding of how to get it done.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1) In your view, what is the single most important issue facing the professions today, and why?

I believe the most important (and potentially divisive) issue we face as a profession is continuing competency and the specifics of how we enforce it. Finding a solution that works across our broad range of practice is difficult, but essential. Thankfully, we are a profession known for finding working solutions to difficult problems.

2) Why is self-regulation and the responsibility given to us by government and the public important?

Our responsibility is important because we are directly accountable for the public's safety. Self-regulation is important because we as engineers and geoscientists are best suited to understand and maintain the responsibility of our profession.

3) What do you think the public's expectation is from the practices of

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## engineering and geosciences?

I think the public expects things to "just work" and spends very little time thinking about our profession unless problems arise. Understanding the expectation of the public is important, but we really have an equally important responsibility to shape that expectation. Recently, Council has taken important steps in this direction, and I hope to see it continue.

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