

## **James Blatz, Ph.D., P.Eng., FEC**

*Candidate put forth by Self-Nomination*

- EDUCATION : Ph.D. Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2000  
B. Sc. Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1996
- ASSOCIATION  
ACTIVITIES: Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2001 to present  
Professional Engineer, APEGS, 2013 to present  
Professional Engineer, APEGA, 2013 to present  
Council Member, 2005 to 2009  
Experience Review Committee, 2002 to 2004  
Communications Committee, 1998 to 2002
- OTHER  
ENGINEERING  
ACTIVITIES: Engineers Canada, Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board Member, 2011 to 2014  
Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Economic Competitiveness Council Member, 2014 to present  
The Eureka Project, Board of Directors Member, 2012 to 2016  
Life Sciences Association of Manitoba, Board of Directors Member, 2012 to 2015  
Consulting Engineers of Canada Manitoba Section, Board of Directors Member, 2012 to present  
Canadian Geotechnical Society, Geotechnical Research Board Chair, 2011 to 2013  
NSERC, Executive Committee Member, 2011 to 2014  
NSERC, National Committee on Grants and Scholarships Chair, 2009 to 2014  
NSERC, Council Member, 2008 to 2014  
Canadian Geotechnical Journal, Editorial Board Associate Editor & Member, 2006 to 2009  
Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors, Nation Accreditation Council Member, 2005 to 2009  
North American Geosynthetics Society, Board of Directors Executive Member, 2004 to 2008  
ISSMGE, TC-6 Unsaturated Soils Committee Canadian Representative, 2002 to 2009
- EMPLOYERS  
SINCE  
GRADUATION: University of Manitoba, Professor, 2000 to present  
TREK Geotechnical, President and Senior Engineer, 2010 to present  
University of Manitoba, Associate Vice-President (Partnerships), 2012 to 2015  
University of Manitoba, Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Engineering, 2010 to 2011
- QUESTIONS  
FROM THE  
NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE: **1) In your view, what is the single most important issue facing the professions today, and why?**  
*The single most important issue facing the professions today is the connection to the Government that holds their Act. The development of public policy has changed significantly due to the increasing expectation by society for transparency and accountability of Government. More than ever, governments need the expertise of professions to support policy development to ensure appropriate consideration of the Professions requirements in new policy and legislation.*

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

*Self-regulation is paramount to the profession to ensure that the diverse and deep knowledge of the members can be relied upon to ensure government policy is developed in a manner that supports the public interest in all engineering works. If self-regulation was lost, government intervention in regulation could result in external influences inadvertently or intentionally compromising this paramount role of the profession.*

**3) What do you think the public's expectation is from the practices of engineering and geosciences?**

*The public's expectation from the practices of engineering and geoscience is to practice with the utmost integrity and with a standard of care to ensure all engineering works are completed with the public interest and public safety as the primary consideration and with due consideration to all other societal expectations related to the widely varied engineering activities of members.*