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Candidate put forth by the Nominating Committee

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Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, Member-in-Training representative, 2013 to 2015
MCWESTT 2013 Conference Organizing Committee
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QUESTIONS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1) In your view, what is the single most important issue facing the professions today, and why?

Public Perception

Directly in the Engineering and Geoscientists Act under purpose of association you will find the line; “promote professional engineering and professional geosciences and the role of the association” – public recognition of the role of engineers and geoscientists is critical to maintain our ability to be self-regulated. A corner stone of self-regulation is public accountability and it is our duty as an association to communicate with the public about who we are, what we do, and how our work ensures public safety.

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

Self-regulation is important because it recognizes the wisdom of the professions and honors the specialized skills, knowledge and experience that professional engineers and professional geoscientists possess. When I think of other professions that I would put my trust in when their skill sets are required I immediately think of nurses, doctors, teachers, chartered accountants, and lawyers and what do we have in common with these other professionals? They are also self-regulated. Self-regulation of a profession is recognition of trust that the government and the public put into a group of professionals to maintain a high standard of quality and ethics so as a member of the public you feel secure knowing that they will be working in your best interest.

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

I feel the public expectation from professional engineers and professional geoscientists is as an individual practicing their engineering skills they are directly responsible for safeguarding and protecting the public interest. As a group we are responsible for the actions of other professional engineers and professional geoscientists and it is our duty as a self-regulated body to ensure that the services our members are providing to the public are of a high responsible standard. The public has put their trust in us, it is our duty to uphold that trust and keep the public's respect.

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