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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 of Engineers/Geoscientists

I think that many people feel that Engineers/Geoscientists tend to be overeducated and lacking in “real world” experience. They think we overcomplicate things and just like to make things difficult for everyone else. The public needs to be able to trust that we know what we are doing, and that there’s a reason behind everything we do. If we lose this trust, then our ability to self-regulate could be in jeopardy.

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

It’s important because Engineers/Geoscientists are the best qualified to regulate. We have the knowledge and background required to know if members are acting in an ethical and professional manner.

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

I think the public expects Engineers/Geoscientists to:

- Be competent in their field of work and only accept jobs they are qualified for*
- Design systems that are safe as well as efficient*
- Always work in the public’s best interest*
- Always work in a professional manner*