

2021 COUNCIL ELECTION PLATFORM

Céline Rivard, EIT

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	BSc Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2018
ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:	Intern, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Women in Engineering and Geoscience Mentorship Program, 2015-2016, 2019-present
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Association of Consulting Engineering (ACEC) Technical Women in Consulting Engineering (TWICE) Committee, member, 2020-present Technical Women of KGS Group Committee supporting 30 by 30 Coalition
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	KGS Group, Structural Engineer-In-Training, Hydro-technical Department, 2018-present

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?

To ensure that governance is in the public interest, Council should continue to prioritize public safety by certifying that its members are qualified to perform their work and are practising ethically. To accomplish this, Council is thorough in their assessment and acceptance of applicants and requires candidates to pass a national professional practice and ethics exam. They should continue to monitor and facilitate professional development to encourage members to continuously learn, adapt, and develop skills throughout their careers to effectively maintain their duty to the public.

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?

The most important End is E-2 “Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally”. It is important for practitioners to have acquired the necessary experience, skills, and support to apply their knowledge in a manner that meets high standards, will protect the public, and gain stakeholder trust. This End also highlights that it is essential for practitioners and students to develop as professionals throughout their careers, which includes committing to lifelong learning and to ensuring public safety, as well as for the profession to remain accountable and responsible through self-governance.

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?

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In my opinion, the most important characteristic of a good councillor is the “1.6 Ability and willingness to deal with the vision and the long-term, rather than the day-to-day details.”

Not only is it important for councillors to be able to see the larger picture when faced with information or decisions, but it is important to ensure that they align with the long-term mission and vision of the Association. For example, when considering current day-to-day actions regarding the priority to increase diversity among registered members including women and other underrepresented people, it is important to support and engage in long-term initiatives which will take fruit in a number of years, such as engaging youth in STEM and raising awareness to the public to address gender bias.

PLATFORM PART 4 – THE CANDIDATE

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

I believe that I would make a good councillor as I provide diversity to the Association as a woman, a francophone, and an EIT in the industry. I have been on various councils throughout high school, university, and more recently on ACEC's TWICE committee since joining the workforce after graduation. I strive to take an active role in discussion and I look forward to providing enthusiasm and commitment to my role on Council.