

President's Report

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as President of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba for the 2018-2019 year. Over the past year, I have enjoyed and learned from the many and varied experiences that included: chairing Council meetings, engaging with membership, representing the Association at numerous public events, welcoming members at the New Members Luncheon, attending Committee and Chapter events, and bringing greetings at the Iron Ring Ceremony.

My goal for the past year was to focus on transitioning from our past 100 years towards our next 100. It was very important to me that we needed to ensure that the lessons learned from our past are not forgotten as we begin the thoughtful process of shaping our future. It was also important to me that Council continued with initiatives that ensure we have a sound and strategic vision to begin the next 100 years. As I reflected on the past year while writing this report, I am proud of what has been accomplished and that we did indeed take big steps forward into our future.

Ends and Executive Limitations

Council completed a full review of our Ends and Executive Limitations – these are two of the four policy instruments that identify our priorities and how we conduct business. Our CEO has also finalized a 5 Year Strategic Plan based on these Ends.

Strategic Planning

Council also held a Strategic Planning Session and identified the following two initiatives that should be given more consideration in the near future: possible regulation of computer software and new technologies (e.g. artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, Boeing 737 Max), and preparing our graduates and members for the “future of tomorrow”.

By-law Review

I am very pleased to report that one of Council's long-term goals was met – the entire set of By-laws has been reviewed and updated before our Centennial. This was a collaborative effort by a number of dedicated Councillors, members, and staff during the past four years.

Member Engagement

Council continued with the various member engagement sessions that focused on updating our By-laws and also provided an update on the work being done. Council is also pleased to have supported the creation of the Ethio-Eritrean Members Chapter.

Diversity Program

Continuing with a new budgeting process that differentiates between efficient operations and strategic programs, Council spent a substantial amount of time considering and approving a budget that supports a new program for increasing the diversity of newly registered engineers and geoscientists. Our

professions can only be the best they can be when our membership is a true reflection of society. It is well known that our membership did not reflect society over the past 100 years. By operationalizing this program, the Association has taken a big step forward in positioning our professions to do just that in the next 100 years.

National Representation

Manitoba continues to engage with our national organizations, Engineers Canada and Geoscientists Canada. Council and I would like to thank Dawn Nedohin-Macek, P.Eng., FEC, for her continuing hard work as Engineers Canada Board Director. Engineers Canada continues to be a national forum for discussion on regulatory trends and issues requiring a national perspective. Council and I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Ganpat Lodha, P.Geo., FGC, for his dedication and commitment to the role of Geoscientists Canada Director. Dr. Lodha is graciously stepping down after five years and Doug Bell, P.Geo., will now be the Manitoba Director on the Geoscientists Canada Board. On behalf of Council, I extend my sincere thanks to both Dawn Nedohin-Macek and Dr. Lodha for their diligence in attending Council meetings and serving on the two national boards.

I would like to sincerely thank all of Council for their dedication, hard work, and support over the past year. All of this could not have been done in the thoughtful and diligent manner that it was without their professionalism, integrity, and commitment to moving our Association forward. I am confident that Dr. Jitendra Paliwal will be a great President in the upcoming year.

I would also like to thank the volunteer members of the Association who supported and also challenged us over the past year. Their commitment and significant efforts toward bettering our professions are the backbone of self-regulation. We are a healthier organization for it - now and in the future.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Grant Koropatnick, CEO and Registrar, his management team and staff. Council would not be able to achieve our goals without the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm of the staff. They play an extremely important role for the Association, and their quality of work is a true reflection on our professions.