

*Greetings to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba 2022*



My name is Michelle Paul-Elias, and I am proud to be the 103rd president and 10th female president of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick.

If 2021 was a year of adaptation, 2022 could be considered the year of advancement. I'm pleased to share that APEGNB moved many strategic priorities forward, grew our membership and expanded our influence.

I've been a firsthand witness to how hardworking our association staff are managing all these changes. Not only were new applications submitted in greater numbers, but other activities also needed extra attention, such as increased communication to our registrants and members. APEGNB customized and implemented a new database system; committees continued to meet in a virtual environment, and as a result we continue to strive toward achieving our organizational goals.

This is a period of change within the Association, and I am excited for what the future has in store. What will not change is that we will operate in a professional and transparent manner in all that we do. We will continue to advocate with government officials and ensure that our voices are heard when it comes to legislative changes that impact our industries. And as for technology, we are creating systematic changes in how we handle registration practices such as working toward a streamlined online application, creative communication tactics such as sharing our story and promoting the diversity of our professions in our marketing campaigns, and creating meaningful and strategic outreach partnerships.

APEGNB continues to move forward to enhance the experience of registrants' interaction with their Association.

We have dealt with a great deal of disruption due to COVID-19 and the return to the new normal. Throughout these challenges our professions have proven ourselves during this unprecedented time as leaders and innovators.

Professional Engineers and Geoscientists have great responsibility as we have the ability to influence the lives of people with just one project. As our mission statement says, our professions exist to protect the public.

On behalf of APEGNB, I wish you a successful Annual Meeting.