

Ian Smallwood, P.Eng.

Candidate nominated by Council

EDUCATION:	B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 2003
ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 2009 to present Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Councillor, 2018 to present EGAIAR Joint Board, 2019 to present
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer, APEGA, 2016 to present Member of ASHRAE
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Nova 3 Engineering Ltd., Professional Engineer, 2008 to present Loewen, Manufacturing Engineer, 2003-2008

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?

I believe we are generally doing a good job in establishing suitable qualifications and bringing new engineers and geoscientists into the profession for the benefit of the public at large. I also believe progress has been made to seek out and make opportunities available for a diverse number of people to consider choosing our profession.

However, I also believe we are seeing evidence of political and personal biases influencing our ability as a Council to govern well. We must continue to work to ensure by-laws, policies, and standards of practice are clearly defined and not subjective.

Finally, regulating our profession means not only disciplining for clear violations in order to protect the public, but regulating our profession must also include advocating for, and supporting our professional members who may need help resisting any influences upon them to reduce the acceptable standard of care required of their work. The public relies on us to be a stalwart for their interests and safety.

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?

Council needs to do two things. First, it must continually review current Ends (goals) for relevance and progress being made. Second, it must recognize any new, developing issue affecting the profession that may erode the overall End of protecting the interests of the public of Manitoba and potentially create another End to mitigate that issue. While the existing Ends are

important, the most important one is the next one because it means we are governing well with an eye on the future.

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?

Based on my experience with this Council over the past two years, we operate well when each councillor has the ability and willingness to participate assertively in deliberation. It seems to me much of our society is becoming afraid of offending anyone so much so that people do not speak up and provide their opinion for fear of backlash. This ought not be the case for any Council member since it is our duty to thoroughly ponder and debate varying viewpoints and come to resolutions that govern the Association well.

PLATFORM PART 4 - THE CANDIDATE

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

During this last term on Council, there have been a number of instances when I did not vote the same way as the majority of my fellow councillors, and it is still sometimes difficult to support a decision made by the whole. But in each of those instances I debated well and respected my peers and the process.

I would appreciate your vote for this upcoming term, but more importantly, I would like your vote to help fill Council with a variety of people who may hold different viewpoints on issues.