

John Sawatzky, P.Eng.

Candidate nominated by Members

EDUCATION:	B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering, University of Manitoba, 1983
ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:	Professional Engineer, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, registered 1986 Engineering Week volunteer
OTHER ENGINEERING/ GEOSCIENCE ACTIVITIES:	Past Member Society of Manufacturing Engineers
EMPLOYERS SINCE GRADUATION:	Monarch Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director, Process Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing, 2018 to present• Director, Capital Projects & Environmental Compliance, 2012-2018• Automation Manager, 2007-2012• Facilities Manager, 1998-2007 Thor Manufacturing, Plant Engineer, 1983-1984 & 1986-1998 Versatile Farm Equipment, Industrial Engineer, 1984-1986

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?

Council should be setting policies and direction in place that ensures the Association is connecting with the people of Manitoba and ensures that the interests of the people of Manitoba, with regards to engineering and geoscience, is being met.

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?

I feel that the most important 'End' is E2, "Practitioners practice with competence and conduct themselves professionally". This is the most important End because practicing with competence is what guarantees that the public of Manitoba is protected and it is how the public will see that the Association's primary concern is their interest, not the practitioner.

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?

I feel that the most important characteristic of a good councillor is that he or she is a steward of the organization and that the councillor is there to serve the organization. As leaders of the organization, I believe that the councillors should adopt the leadership philosophy of servant leadership. Councillors are elected to serve the public and the members - not the other way around.

PLATFORM PART 4 - THE CANDIDATE

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

I have practiced as a Manufacturing Engineer in Manitoba for 37 years and I am thankful for having the opportunity to gain this invaluable work experience. I would like to give back to the community and to the people of Manitoba by serving as a Council member.

As a first-time candidate for Council, I don't have a specific agenda. It is my opinion that Manufacturing Engineers are underrepresented in Council and I would like to bring a voice to Council for Manufacturing Engineers. Manufacturing is an important segment to Manitoba's economy and provides high paying jobs for many Manitobans. The Association needs to connect with this segment of the people of Manitoba and I would like to offer my help in doing this.