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*Association of Professional Engineers
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2024 Nominees for Council

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In 2022, changes were made to the governance structure by moving toward a competency-based, member-at-large approach. APEGS recognizes that it takes a diverse range of competencies and qualities to effectively serve on Council. Given this and based on the overall Council competency matrix, APEGS was seeking interest from applicants who met the eligibility requirements set out in section (12) of the Administrative Bylaws in addition to accounting/financial experience and risk management experience. APEGS is also seeking interest from members who present any or all of the following:

- Gender diversity
- Ethnic diversity
- Practice professional geoscience
- Reside in rural Saskatchewan (defined as outside Regina or Saskatoon)
- Individuals who are members-in-training

Erin Moss Tressel, P.Eng., P.Geo., FEC, FGC

Erin is honoured to be seeking the role of President for APEGS Council. Erin has served on Council for the past 5 years, and feels she has the experience, drive and understanding to fulfill the duties of this role. Over the past 5 years, APEGS has undergone a great deal of change and evolution. Erin foresees the next 3 to 5 years as a period of adaption to change and working within the new strategic plan and enterprise risk management framework to focus priorities to better serve the public interest and the members of APEGS. The next big step is to adapt the budgeting process to support the strategic plan and risk management framework. Erin is excited to see this develop for APEGS and how it will support APEGS' role to protect the public interest, while hopefully streamlining processes and providing value for members.



Erin specializes in the mining, geotechnical, and environmental fields, and has worked in the Saskatchewan consulting industry for more than 20 years. She holds a B.Sc. in Geological Engineering and M.Eng., both from USask. Erin works with NewFields Canada as a Senior Geological Engineer.

Erin has been a volunteer with APEGS for more than 10 years and has experience in all volunteer areas of APEGS. Erin also served as the chair of the CIM Saskatoon branch for the 2019-2021 technical seasons. She has provided numerous guest lectures at the elementary and post-secondary levels on mining and geology-related topics. It is a fun day and an absolute blast to sit down with a group of grade 4 students and talk about rocks!

Erin and her husband share an acreage outside of Saskatoon with two curious boys. Erin enjoys camping and spending time at the family cottage on Pasqua Lake, playing slo-pitch and curling, and creating through cooking, baking and crafting.

Ian Farthing, PEng



Ian is acclaimed for the position of President-Elect of APEGS. Ian grew up on a farm near Langham, SK and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in 2010. He is currently a Project Engineer and Manager with Associated Engineering in Prince Albert. His experience ranges on a variety of projects which include water, wastewater, solid waste, subdivision development, trenchless pipe installations and road design.

Ian has served in many leadership roles at the U of S which include Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society (SESS) as Vice-President External and President. He was awarded the Gold Beaver for his service to the SESS for having shown dedication and leadership above the call of duty.

Ian also had the honour of being elected and serving on the University of Saskatchewan Senate. For Ian's involvement and impact on campus, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union awarded Ian the Walter Murray Leadership Award for providing exemplary leadership.

Ian has been volunteering with APEGS for several years. Ian completed a term as Councillor and is currently Vice-President. He is pleased to continue to serve on APEGS Executive as the organization continues its transformation. He has always enjoyed volunteering his time with APEGS and believes his past involvement is beneficial in regulating the professions through his hard work and dedication.

Ian is married to Alanna Surkan, a Family and Palliative Care Physician in Prince Albert. They have two young daughters, Helen and Evelyn who bring energy and excitement to every day. They have lived in Prince Albert for several years and enjoy calling it home.

Nicholas Kaminski, *P.Eng*

It is my distinct privilege to be nominated as candidate for Vice-President. I take great pride in volunteering for APEGS in the best interest of the public and our members. My relevant board and professional experience, coupled with my governance and leadership training, position me well for the challenges serving council as Vice-President. My strong leadership skills, pragmatic and collegial approach to decision-making and ability to build consensus will judiciously serve APEGS.

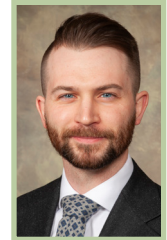
My wealth of experience serving APEGS includes serving as a member of Council, Governance Change Project Steering Committee, Experience Review Committee, Governance Board, and Regulatory Board. I am currently serving as Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and as a member of the Act and Bylaw Review Task Group. I also have served as Senator with the University of Saskatchewan, Board Trustee with the Saskatoon Public Library and in various roles with ACEC-SK and CSCE.

As a member of the Saskatchewan leadership team with KGS Group, a multi-disciplinary engineering firm, my professional experience has provided me with business acumen, leadership, and human resource management skills. My board experience includes oversight of strategy, analysis of financial statements, executive compensation, leading large scale organizational change and management of complex issues.

I hold several governance qualifications including the Chartered Director (C.Dir.) designation with the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University and the Directors College. I have completed various executive programs including the Executive Leadership Programme with Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.

My national and provincial honours demonstrate my commitment to excellence which include awards with ACEC-SK, ACEC, APEGS, Construction Canada and being named as a Top 10 Under 40 by Canadian Consulting Engineer.

I am honoured to serve APEGS as Vice-President. I look forward to leveraging my professional, governance and leadership qualities in this role and appreciate your support.



Samuel Ferguson, *Engineer-in-Training (Saskatoon)*



Samuel Ferguson, Engineer-in-Training (he/him) is an environmental professional currently residing in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He graduated from the University of Regina in 2021 and has worked in both consulting and municipal government in Southeast Saskatchewan and Saskatoon. While in university, Samuel held leadership roles in various student organizations such as the Regina Engineering Students' Society, ASHRAE Student Branch, Campion College Students' Union, and Queers in Engineering, Science, and Technology (QuEST). Samuel is also involved in his local church, where he focuses on outreach and social justice. When not working or volunteering, Samuel enjoys gardening, baking, camping, choral singing, and going to the cinema. Samuel is passionate about the environment, social justice, and community involvement, and hopes to bring his unique perspective to APEGS with the goal of engaging more with members-in-training.

Neché Igboke, P.Eng *(Saskatoon)*

Neché is a Pavements & Transportation Engineer and currently a Project Manager with Tetra Tech Canada Inc. Saskatoon Office after working for the Ministry of Highways of Saskatchewan as a Project Manager in Design Delivery and Materials & Surfacing Engineering units. Neché graduated with a Ph.D. in Pavements and Materials Engineering from Carleton University, Ottawa. He holds a Master of Science in Engineering from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria. He has completed many projects abroad and in Canada. Neché is knowledgeable with pertinent surfacing design and construction issues and challenges as well as their proven solutions and trends. He conducted extensive studies in asphalt field compaction and long-term performance of asphalt pavement that improved job acceptance specification of asphalt paving jobs using the AMIR compaction technology, the oscillatory drum, and vibratory drum compactors.



Neché believes that preserving, sustaining (when good purpose is served) and advancing the regulation of professional engineering primarily for the protection of public interests and for good returns to the public and practitioners is vital to the further development and growth of professional engineering. The strength of the organization lies within the varied membership of the association and it's Neché's view that the engagement of members across associations, policy moulders and key stakeholders is what makes APEGS unique and would guarantee the growth and development of the association.

As a Council Member, Neché would work to strengthen, promote, and advance the tenets of professional engineering both for the protection of the public and the benefits of the practitioners and the upcoming engineers through advocacy, consultation, peer review, outreach, symposiums, and public engagement.

Neché is also a member of CTAA (Canadian Technical Association) and CSCE (Canadian Society of Civil Engineers).

Palash Sanyal, *Engineer-in-Training (Saskatoon)*



Palash Sanyal is a sustainability professional with a significant background and impact in governance and finance. His education includes Master's degrees in Engineering, Development Economics, and Water Security, and he is currently pursuing a CPA qualification. His experience includes serving on boards such as Sandbox Mutual Insurance, Royal College (of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada) International, Trans Canada Trail, Supply Chain Canada, and WaterAid Canada. He also teaches at the University of Saskatchewan, focusing on climate change and sustainability. His candidacy for the APEGS Council is driven by his commitment to sustainable engineering practices and his experience in strategic planning and stakeholder engagement. Sanyal aims to contribute his knowledge and governance skills to support the mission and objectives of APEGS.

Derek van Nes, P.Eng. (Regina)

Derek van Nes, P.Eng., has worked in the engineering and construction industry for 20+ years. The majority of that has been spent on the Owner's side of the table where he acted in various project management roles for maintenance and capital projects, eventually rising to the role Director of Sustaining Capital where he was responsible for an annual budget of \$250 million USD and a team of 120 people spread across six locations.

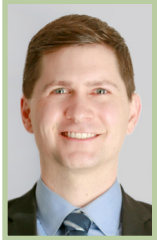
Derek holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (U of Saskatchewan, 2003), a Master of Science in International Construction Management (U of Bath, 2014), and his PMP designation. He has been fortunate to gather experience across all disciplines of engineering and many industries: mining, hydropower, oil & gas, water resources, heavy industry, infrastructure, building science, and commercial & residential construction. This experience has often allowed him to act as bridge and translator between the various paradigms and silos that exist in engineering and construction. Outside of industry exposure, Derek's other skillsets include change leadership, process improvement, and people leadership.

Now employed in consulting, Derek's broad experience and his Owners-side experience have allowed him to act as "Owner for Hire" where he continues to lead and execute multi-disciplinary projects. As "Owner for Hire", Derek specifically enjoys mentoring young professionals on how to practically and tactically scope, develop, and execute engineering and construction projects.

Derek lives in the Regina, SK area with his wife Michelle and three children: Laurel, Holly, and Alex. Hobbies and interests include wilderness activities, international travel (including trekking into Everest Base Camp in 2018), handyman fix-it work of all kinds, and test-driving new hobbies: sourdough, sewing, knifemaking, leathercraft, boatmaking, etc.



Wesley Wizniuk, PEng (Saskatoon)



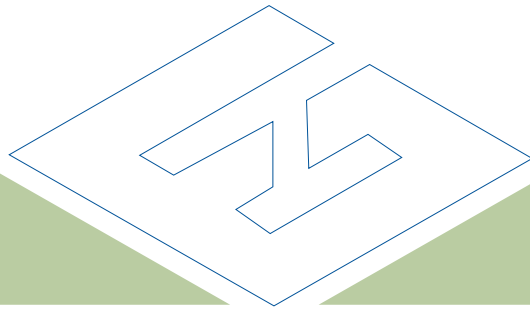
Wesley Wizniuk graduated from the University of Saskatoon's Department of Engineering in 2013 with an undergraduate degree in geological engineering. Following graduation, Wesley had the opportunity to work with the Metro Group of companies as an engineer-in-training based out of Red Deer, AB. Wesley developed his skills working with Metro engineers on various projects throughout Alberta. Working with Metro helped Wesley gain experience in materials testing, geotechnical studies, and environmental assessments.

Wesley then pursued an opportunity to work in Saskatoon at PINTER & Associates Ltd., completing environmental assessments and remedial programs throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Wesley is currently a member of the City of Saskatoon's Sustainability Department. His role includes leading projects, providing project support to other divisions, and providing technical advisory and regulatory compliance support for city projects and operations.

Wesley volunteers with his local community association, where he is responsible for indoor programming. In his spare time, he enjoys pickle ball, badminton, yoga, and spending time in any natural environment. In 2023, he started bike commuting to work and is now addicted to biking.

Wesley is seeking the opportunity to serve APEGs as a member at large. He looks forward to helping support APEGs as APEGs continues to grow and support engineers and geoscientists of Saskatchewan.



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