

**EVERY MEMBER MATTERS for  
Building a safe and resilient Alberta**



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**For APEGA Councillor**



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I have a multidisciplinary background and diverse experience that will provide a unique perspective to issues of our Council. I was born and raised in Iran, where I graduated with Engineering degrees at the University of Tabriz and the University of Tehran. Later, I conducted my PhD in Sustainable Transportation Engineering at Kingston University, London, UK. Since then, I've been in Canada for eight years - all in Alberta. Furthermore, I obtained an Executive MBA degree from the Alberta School of Business in 2020, giving me a distinct point of view in leadership and strategy.

For the last six years in Alberta, I have been involved in volunteer work with APEGA. This engagement includes:

- **Edmonton Branch Chair for 2021-2022**
- Former Vice Chair, Treasurer , Members-at-Large and Outreach Chair
- Member of Mentorship, PD/Luncheon, Golf Tournament subcommittee, 2017-2021
- Member of Sponsorship Sub-Committee, 2015
- NPPE Item Developer, Member of National Professional Practice Examination (NPPE), 2015-2017

Currently, I work at the City of Edmonton in the LRT Expansion and Renewal Branch. I am responsible for managing LRT existing assets as well as selecting and supervising engineering consultants and contractors to execute LRT renewal projects.



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## Here are my commitments to you:

- **Stakeholders Engagement:** I will contribute to develop a long term strategy through engaging with the branches, engineers and geoscientists across the province. Continuous and very close engagement with branches, engineers and geoscientists all over the province, regulators and industry is a must.
- **Performance Management:** Continuous performance improvement with considering financial perspective, public and members perspectives, APEGA internal perspectives, Innovation and learning perspective is necessary.
- **Process Management:** I will focus on enhancing the volunteers' experience and attracting more experienced volunteers to expedite the activities through the process improvement, which will end up to the satisfaction of members. Improving the processes to meet the current and future needs of professional members and permit holders is an important challenge to address. This can happen by integrating the emerging technologies and being at the forefront of new frontiers for the engineering and geoscience profession.





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- **Equity, diversity, and inclusion:** Considering equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at the forefront of decision-making processes is a priority for me. Promoting diversity and inclusion throughout the organization by creating a focus group of genders, indigenous and people of colour is something that I have a great interest in and skills.
- **Sustainability:** I have academic research and industry experience developing and quantifying sustainability. I recently learned more about “National guidelines on sustainable development and environmental stewardship for professional engineers” and received my “Sustainability in Practice” certificate from Engineers Canada. I see the need to create a framework in collaboration with Engineers Canada and Geoscientists Canada to encourage the implementation of sustainability and resilience in the planning, design, and delivery of projects through education, training, and verification.
- **Mental Health:** I will prioritize the Mental Health support of the members and permit holders; Council should recommend the strategy. Initiatives such as Peer Support will help to minimize specifically the pandemic impacts and enhance their ability to provide professional services safely and competently.

