

2019 APEGA Council Members

2019 Executive

President (elected president-elect in 2018)

George Eynon, P.Geo.

George Eynon, professional geoscientist, moved to Canada in 1970 after earning a bachelor of science degree in London, U.K., and working as a high school teacher. After earning his master of science degree at McMaster University in Ontario and receiving a Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists award for his thesis, he moved to Calgary in 1972 to work in the oil and gas industry.

In 1991, Eynon completed a senior executive program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management. In March 2013, he completed the Institute of Corporate Directors education program at the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business.

For the past two decades, Eynon has forged a career in oil and gas exploration and development in Canada and internationally, moving through increasingly senior technical, management, and executive positions. He has worked with a broad range of companies in Western Canada, the U.S., the North Sea, Pakistan, Indonesia, and several other countries, gaining worldwide experience in the industry.

Eynon is currently the principal of geos • eynon & associates consulting, which consults on energy-related matters, including regulatory issues, community and stakeholder relations, and board and governance functions. His clients span a spectrum of organizations, including governments at all levels, industry companies and associations, and the public. He provides energy literacy courses through Oak Leaf Energy Training and has taught short courses, classes, and workshops through the Haskayne School of Business. He also serves on the board of directors of the Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources.

Eynon has shared his talent and experience with APEGA over the years as a councillor, a member of the Governance Committee, and a member of the Practice Review Board. He also spent four years as a director with Geoscientists Canada.

President-Elect

John Van der Put, P.Eng.

John Van der Put, professional engineer, graduated from Rice University in Houston, Texas, with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. Soon after, he earned an MBA in finance and quantitative management science from the University of Houston. Counting 35 years of experience in upstream oil and gas pipeline development, Van der Put has been involved in process engineering and project executive leadership throughout the Americas.

Drawn to the mountains of Alberta, Van der Put moved to Calgary in 1990, spending seven years at Nova Gas Transmission before moving on to TransCanada Corporation. He's currently a principal consultant at Peters Energy Solutions, where he connects projects to the electrical system and represents them to regulatory, utility, and community and corporate organizations.

Van der Put has spent the past two decades contributing to boards focused on human development and technological advancement, including the Athabasca University Governing Council and the University of Calgary's Engineering Research Advisory Board. He has a long history of volunteer work

with APEGA, having dedicated his time to a variety of committees, including the professional development committee, the staff benefits committee and the discipline committee. He also has experience on APEGA council, having served as a councillor from 2007–2010 and again from 2012–2015.

Van der Put is a Fellow of Engineers Canada and an Honorary Fellow of Geoscientists Canada. He received an APEGA Award for Voluntary Service in 1999.

Vice-President

Tim Joseph, P.Eng.

Tim Joseph, professional engineer, earned his bachelor of science in chemistry degree from the University of Kent in 1985 before enrolling at the University of Alberta. He completed his bachelor of science in mining engineering degree in 1996 and his PhD in 2000, earning multiple industry scholarships and institutional awards—including the APEGA Gold Medal—along the way.

Joseph is currently a professor of mining engineering and the associate dean of student conduct at the University of Alberta. He is responsible for the conduct of the more than 6,000 engineering students in the faculty of engineering, ensuring adherence to the university code of student behaviour and the APEGA code of ethics. He frequently counsels Canadian ambassadors to Latin American countries on mining and resource development issues, with a focus on building resource-industry relationships between the faculty of engineering and Latin American institutions. As a consultant with James Progithin International, Joseph provides short courses and mining equipment performance evaluation.

As chair of the APEGA Policies and Standards Task Force, Joseph assesses and provides oversight to strategic policies and decisions before they are considered by APEGA Council. Since 2015, he has served as an ambassador for the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM). He also coordinates mining, geology and environmental outreach activities to more than 100 schools in the Edmonton region for Grades 4 through 9.

In 2004, Joseph received the Surface Mining Association for Research and Technology Award for furthering safety and education in global surface mining. He has a history of CIM accomplishments, receiving the Past President's Medal for achievements in education and a fellowship in 2009, followed by, in 2011, the Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to the sustainability of Canada's mining industry.

This is Joseph's second consecutive term on council as vice-president.

Newly Elected Councillors

David Johnson, P.Geo. (three-year term)

David Johnson, professional geoscientist, earned his bachelor of science degree in geology from the University of Calgary in 1980 and his PhD in geological oceanography from Dalhousie University in 1995. He has worn many hats during his more than 35 years in the profession: he's been an explorer, a research scientist, and a consultant. He has practised in the petroleum industry in Alberta, the Canadian frontiers and petroleum provinces around the world.

Johnson is currently a senior adviser at Petrel Robertson Consulting, where he combines technical and operational leadership and draws on his core strengths, such as project management and risk assessment. He has a strong focus on helium and natural gas in Alberta.

Notable career accomplishments include launching a public, international start-up and leading teams to significant discoveries in Canada and China. Johnson also lends his time to the Canadian Global Exploration forum, having volunteered as a chair and currently serving as director.

Melanie Popp, P.Eng. (three-year term)

Melanie Popp, professional engineer, graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2000 with a bachelor of science in geological engineering. She earned her masters degree in petroleum engineering while working in the energy industry, juggling her education and increasingly senior engineering positions.

Currently the director of engineering at geologic Systems in Calgary, Popp drives strategy for new and emerging technologies while streamlining workflows within existing products. She's also the president of 306 Engineering Consultants, providing consulting services for a variety of clients regarding the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin.

Popp is a familiar presence with many volunteer organizations: she's a board member of the Canadian Society of Unconventional Resources and the Calgary Stampede's Pancake Breakfast Committee. She has led seminars and courses, served as vice-chair of the programs committee for Women in APEGA and acted as co-chair of MentorUp Calgary. An advocate for women in STEM, she received the Women in Energy Community Champion Award from the Women in Leadership Foundation in 2017 and the WinSTEM Recognition Award from the Alberta Women's Science Network in 2016.

Re-elected Councillors

Manon Plante, P.Eng. (three-year term)

Manon Plante, professional engineer, is a graduate of McGill University where she obtained a bachelor of science in civil engineering in 1989. Following graduation, she joined the Canadian Armed Forces, where she served as a military engineer until 2013.

Throughout her military career, Plante received extensive training on leadership, strategic and operational planning, finance management, business and budget planning, risk management, human resource management, and performance management. In 2008, she attended the Canadian Forces College, where she obtained a master's degree in defence studies. The degree focused on strategic planning, leadership, and ethics.

In 2013, Plante joined APEGA as the director of operations, and in 2014, she moved to the Government of Alberta. She began her public service career in the transportation department as assistant deputy minister of delivery services, overseeing the delivery of all road and bridge construction projects, and all highway maintenance services. She's currently assistant deputy minister in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Transformation and Review Division, streamlining processes for and ensuring continued improvement on providing FOIP services.

This is Plante's second term on council. She previously served in 2016–2018.

Jason Vanderzwaag, P.Eng. (three-year term)

Jason Vanderzwaag, professional engineer, is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of applied science in civil engineering and a master of applied science degree in civil engineering. After graduating with his bachelor's degree, Vanderzwaag worked with Associated Engineering in the company's Burnaby, British Columbia, office on various water-resource projects.

In 2005, Vanderzwaag returned to UBC for graduate studies, where his research focused on pollution control in the developing world. While a graduate student, Vanderzwaag was part of the Bridge program, a multi-disciplinary program enabling students to work with researchers in the public health, engineering and public policy fields.

After earning his graduate degree, Vanderzwaag returned to Associated Engineering, where he worked in a variety of positions before moving to Fort McMurray in 2013 to serve as the office manager. In this

role, Vanderzwaag is responsible for leading nine staff members to serve municipal, First Nations and private-sector clients in a wide range of projects in the Wood Buffalo region.

This is Vanderzwaag's second term on council. He previously served in 2017-2018.

Note: A zip file of high-resolution images of new council members is available for [download](#).

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