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Volunteer Bio

I joined OACETT in 1988 as a Certified Engineering Technologist. A little over a decade later, I decided to become more active with my association by taking on the position of director with the Grand Valley Chapter in 1999. I moved up the volunteer ranks, so to speak, and went on to become the chapter secretary, regional chapter representative, and later the vice chair (2004 - 2006) and chair (2007) of the Grand Valley chapter.

In 2009, I took my volunteerism to the next level and joined OACETT Council as the western region Professional Affairs and Services Board (PASB) councillor. During my three terms in this position, I enjoyed my outreach to chapters and participating in various committees, which were integral to implementing new initiatives, including the Fellow OACETT designation, the continuing professional development (CPD) program, and development of OACETT's website. In addition, I was involved with developing and implementing Bylaw-19.

In 2019 I returned to Council as the Institute of Engineering Ontario (IETO) regional councillor, and in 2021 I ran for and became the vice-president of IETO. In my current role, I have been involved in the implementation of an overhaul of OACETT's CPD tracking mechanism and the implementation of the Emerging Market Committee. I also sit on the Governance Task Force, where I have been part of the development and implementation of the new Bylaw-20 as a part of OACETT's revamped governance system. The new governance system will positively impact OACETT members, starting with voting in the new year.

What key issues will you champion during your 6-year term as President-Elect, President and then Past-President, and how do you intend to address them?

We have many challenges to champion in the next three terms. We are implementing a new governance model. We are intensifying our government outreach. We are overhauling our continuing professional development (CPD) program. We are being recognized as an industry model for integration of internationally trained professionals. I see OACETT as becoming the newest model of professionals within the engineering/architectural/technology/industrial worlds. I will continue to support the expansion of these outreach activities to new and existing sources of members, government entities, and industries to support our programs.

How do you see your key issues as identified in Question 1, aligning (or not) with current strategic priorities and Board activities?

OACETT is an organization that supports and represents "The Technology Professionals in Ontario." We continue to make great strides toward expanded recognition within the industry, membership, and government. I intend to further this goal. This recognition will help at all levels of our strategic priorities, careers, chapters, and communities.