



Annual CGS President Report – Ian Moore - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 - (Executive Summary)

In this second report as President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, I summarize key developments over the past year and the excellent ongoing status of the Society. My thanks and congratulations to all the volunteers across Canada and our National Office team who have performed so well this past year, ensuring that the Society recovered from the pandemic downturn and returning it to a position where it will flourish over the years to come.

I now mention some specific activities of the society.

- Huge thanks to Vice Presidents **Mamadou Fall** (Technical), **Justyna Kos-Fairless** (Communications and Member services) and **Andrea Lougheed** (Finance) for their outstanding work over the past year (and indeed for the entirety of our two year terms). Thanks also to the two Executive Committee members who completed their terms, **Vincent Castonguay** for his highly effective work as the representative for our Young Professionals, and **Billy Singh** who represented the Local Sections during the challenging pandemic time when sections had to move to virtual meetings. Thanks to **Leanne McLaren** and **Wes Saunders** for their excellent work since taking on these positions.
- Our Niagara Conference in the Fall of 2021 was a great success as a result of the efforts of many people, foremost being the Local Organizing Committee headed by **Masoud Manzari** and the conference managers **Lisa Reny**, **Emily Fournier** and **Bill Reny** from Karma Link. It was an outstanding event, bringing many of us back together in person, while also providing virtual access to those who were not able to travel.
- In the Spring, Executive Director **Michel Aubertin** and I had a beneficial visit to Toronto, meeting with **Charles Crans**, Director of the Southern Ontario Section, and a few local members. Our discussions covered many topics including the many activities of the CGS and its National Office and areas where local section members expressed concerns, like the challenges of engaging Engineers in Training in the Society and professional practice issues associated with professional liability, rising levels of litigation, pricing competition for consulting services and risk management.
- Vice President **Mamadou Fall** has had many responsibilities, including overseeing the Cross Canada Lecture Tour restart, with **Doug Stead**'s very successful tour in the Spring of 2022, the CFEM update (see below), MOUs and other aspects of our CGS annual and specialty conferences, and interactions with international learned societies.
- Vice President **Justyna Kos-Fairless** has worked with the Membership Committee Chair **David Wood** to hold a membership drive and support the Society's strong rebound in member numbers. She oversees online activities conducted by **Lisa Reny** and **Emily Fournier** (website, E-News, social media), and *Canadian Geotechnique*, our excellent magazine. Justyna also played a leading role in organizing social media events highlighting support of Women in Engineering.
- Vice President **Andrea Lougheed** has been very effectively steering the finances of the Society, including seed funds for Conferences and the significant costs associated with the CFEM update. Our service contracts have been updated with Karma Link and the Executive Director.
- **Ken Skaffeld** and **Rob Kenyon** have almost completed their work as Editors for the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual update, and Canadian Science Publishing now has all the material for copy editing. Huge kudos to Ken and Rob and everyone who has contributed as authors and/or reviewers.
- Our new CGS YP Committee has been formed with **Kshama Roy** as the inaugural Chair – a very important resource to help us engage and support young members, and maintain and build their involvement across the country.
- **Rob Kenyon** has also actively contributed to the Executive Committee as President-Elect (prior to commencing his term as President), and has identified three Vice Presidents for consideration by the Board of Directors.
- The Canadian Geotechnical Journal continues to excel under Editors **Greg Siemens** and **Charles Ng**, thanks to their efforts and their Associate Editors, and many others contributing articles and reviews.
- Additional information is provided in summary reports from the VPs and other members of the EC; the whole CGS Annual Report will again be made available to members on the web site later this Fall.
- Finally, I want to thank everyone in the National Office for their excellent support for me, the Executive Committee, and many other Society leaders and members: our outstanding Executive Director **Michel Aubertin**, and our wonderful Karma Link colleagues **Lisa Reny**, **Emily Fournier** and **Bill Reny**: Bravo!