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Doug Bell, P.Ge., FGC, takes office as President of Geoscientists Canada for 2023-2024

On June 3, 2023, at the 79th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada, held in Yellowknife, NT, **Doug Bell, P.Ge., FGC** took office as President for the 2023-2024 year after serving a year as President Elect. Mr. Bell resides in Manitoba and is a Partner with Dillon Consulting.

Mr. Bell holds an MSc Geology from the University of Alberta (1994), and BSc Honors Geology from the University of Manitoba (1986) and is a professional geoscientist (P.Ge.) registered with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba (EGM), the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan. Mr. Bell has over 30 years of geological, environmental, and hydrogeological experience across western Canada and in the north.

As a volunteer in a variety of professional and learned organisations, Mr. Bell has served in several roles including two terms as a Council member of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. Mr. Bell has served as Manitoba Director of Geoscientists Canada since 2018 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2019. During his tenure on the Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors, Mr. Bell has served as a Treasurer and also as a member of the Securities Committee.

When commenting on his new role as President, Mr. Bell indicated that he looked forward to “reimagining professional geoscience” by seeking, researching, and developing leading practices materials for the benefit of Geoscientists Canada’s Members and the profession of geoscience.

Also, during the June 3, 2023 Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors meeting, **Ms. Christine Vaillancourt, P.Ge., FGC**, director for Ontario, was elected President Elect and **Mr. Matthew Alexander, P.Ge., FGC**, director for New Brunswick, was elected Treasurer.

The geoscience profession, which encompasses many specialized practice disciplines, currently comprises over 14,000 licensed professionals (P.Ge.) and Geoscientists-in-Training registered with geoscience regulators across Canada.

With ten Member regulators, Geoscientists Canada is the national organization of the provincial and territorial licensing bodies that regulate the practice of geoscience in Canada.

Geoscientists Canada’s Mission is to support its Members in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.

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