

## **CSAP Election of Directors 2016 Candidates Statements**

### **Candidates running to represent the Parent Organizations**

#### **Parent organization: The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC)**

##### **Tony Gillett, P.Eng.**

I am standing as a candidate for APEGBC representative to the CSAP Board. I have 25 years of contaminated sites consulting experience in BC addressing a wide variety of remote, rural and urban sites, and have been a standards Approved Professional since 2004. I have completed a dozen submissions for numerical and risk based instruments. I regularly attend CSAP, MoE and industry association professional development events. I have served on the CSAP Membership and Professional Development committees currently act as a pod leader (facilitating communication with the membership) and have participated in the development of CSAP examination. If elected, I would look forward to working with other CSAP board members and the membership at large to continue the excellent work of the current and previous boards in engaging in meaningful collaboration between the Society, MoE, Industry and other stakeholders to further advance a practical, science-based approach to managing contaminated sites in BC. In the near term, I expect that the CSAP board and committees will be instrumental in assisting Approved Professionals and stakeholder understand and adapt to imminent changes to the Contaminated Sites Regulation, and I would look forward to being involved in this work through the development and updating of tools and guidance for Approved Professionals. Of particular interest to me in the longer term, is the anticipated revision to the Contaminated Sites Regulation and Hazardous Waste Regulation to "decouple" these regulations with the aim of reducing or eliminating overlap and administrative delay.

##### **Reidar Zapf-Gilje, Ph.D., P.Eng.**

I am seeking re-election to continue to serve on the CSAP Board. I served the past two years as the Chair of the Performance Assessment Committee (PAC). The PAC has been productive, thanks to the dedication of all its members. Some highlights of what was achieved include initiatives to streamline the performance assessment process, taking over the detailed screening of each submission from the Ministry of Environment, and providing training of CSAP members through Webinars and "Lesson Learned" summaries posted on the CSAP website. I ask for your support to continue to serve on the Board. If re-elected, I would continue to work on some elements I believe is important for making Approved Professional (AP) recommendations, including:

1. Explore expanded role for APs
2. Engage APs in developing CSAP tools and guidance
3. Continue to streamline the Performance Assessment process
4. Timely disseminate relevant information from MOE/CSAP discussions to APs
5. Enhance training and professional development for AP members and AP members-in-training

#### **Parent organization: College of Applied Biology of British Columbia (CAB)**

##### **Trish Miller, MSc, RPBio**

I am hoping to represent the CAB members of CSAP on the board particularly as we move forward in expanding the services that CSAP will be offering over the coming years. I have over 25 years of

experience as a practicing biologist and over 10 years as a practicing CSAP member and more recently a member of the CSAP Technical Review Committee. Over this time I have seen our practice evolve to keep pace with scientific advances and the demands of a changing position in the Land Remediation Section. It has been exciting to be part of that and I would like to continue to help guide the practice further so that we can be of greater help in resolving contaminated sites issues as CSAP members. In the interest of full disclosure, I am currently a Board member of TerreWeb UBC. TerreWEB (Terrestrial Research on Ecosystem & World-wide Education and Broadcast) is a graduate training program that focuses on effective communication of global change research. I believe that this connection to research in climate change would assist me in my role as a CSAP Board member as I am more connected to research in this important issue in environmental science.

**Beth Power, MSc, RPBio**

I joined the Roster/CSAP in 2005 and served on CSAP's Technical Review Subcommittee from 2011-2014. Now I would like to contribute to CSAP at a strategic and policy level, so I am putting my name forward as a candidate for CSAP Director (Parent Organization Representative; College of Biology). The contaminated sites regime in BC will continue to mature and evolve - the role of risk assessment and risk management is likely to increase. With my technical background in risk assessment and understanding of the practitioner's perspective, I hope to contribute practical ideas and help design systems/processes for delivery of our services.

Communication is critical during a time period where we can expect CSAP to evolve in mandate, form and membership. I thrive in complex situations with multiple perspectives when I can help support decision-making. As part of a team, you can count on me to listen, clarify issues and then draw out creative solutions. I have a track record of being inclusive and reaching out for input; I will bring this strength to my role at CSAP, should I be elected.

I understand that the CSAP Board of Directors is a working board and I am prepared to serve as best fits CSAP's needs and my skills/experience. For example: (1) CSAP has been increasing their role in developing training materials and guidance for members and I would like to contribute there. (2) Fostering relationships with Ministry of Environment and Stakeholders is an area where my skills could be used. (3) CSAP and MOE are discussing expanding CSAP's role beyond making recommendations for instruments and I could be part of developing infrastructure for these new ventures to be successful.

**Parent organization: British Columbia Institute of Agrologists (BCIA)**

**Eva Gerencher, M.Sc., P.Ag.**

I have over 27 years of technical experience providing environmental consulting services for investigation and remediation of a wide range of contaminated sites in BC. My experience with technical and regulatory reviews under the Contaminated Sites Regulation spans 18 years; as an External Reviewer for the Ministry of Environment since 1998, a Contaminated Sites Officer with the Ministry for nearly two years and an Approved Professional for the last 12 years. This long period of regulatory involvement with the contaminated sites process in BC has provided me with a strong background for the understanding and interpretation of current regulatory requirements and expectations for submission of Approved Professional recommendations for legal instruments. With CSAP I have participated in experience reviews, performance assessments, the technical review committee and performance assessment committee.

As contaminated sites practitioners in BC, I believe CSAP is serving a very important role in our professional lives as our qualification and standing with the society is of parallel importance to that of our parent professional organizations. My interest in election to the board as the BCIA representative is to continue to contribute to the society and to seek opportunities to promote and enhance our relationship with the Ministry.