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### **Reimagining the Future...**

Dear friends, colleagues and members,

As the new President of CSCE, I am honoured to serve the Civil Engineering community in this new role. I would also like to acknowledge my predecessor, Michel Khouday for all his hard work and excellent contributions in the past year. The student competitions were revised and communications were improved. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for reminding us all how we should be more proud of the work we do as Engineers, and together as a Society.

I look forward to working closely with the National Office Team as we progress through some very challenging times. We are now having to rethink many ways of working as many of us (who have been very lucky to still be working) have had to work from home and organize meetings, courses and many other activities online. The CSCE activities will also adapt to this new reality. We already held our board and AGM meetings virtually where the transition to this new role as President for the first time was virtual.

As a short introduction, I have been a part of the CSCE for approximately 20 years now, and with the last couple of years being part of the board. Previously I was chair of the environment division and the sustainable development committee and have been part of the organization of many conferences. I will be dedicated to ensuring transparency in all processes and advancing the needs of our members in this changing civil engineering profession.

Based on a productive workshop in November of 2019 with discussion of all levels of members including student members, our new strategic directives for the CSCE Vision 2030 were devised. These strategic goals have now been accepted by the board. I look forward to organizing virtual townhalls to devise the pathways to move them forward. The three directions now include:

1. Growing the changing Civil Engineering Community in Canada together,

2. Promotion of Civil Engineering to all
3. Leadership in Sustainability Practices for Civil Engineering.

Although the annual conference had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, I want to thank the conference co-chairs, Patrick Lalach and Dena McMartin, as well as the entire Conference Committee, our sponsors, volunteers, paper authors and of course, our National Office Team for all their efforts.

In the coming year, I look forward to being an integral part of the process of bringing about change not only for CSCE, but for the civil engineering profession. In light of the recent protests and growing movement to eliminate racism, we need to look inwardly and work together towards that goal within our profession. We must treat all with respect and equity and ensure diversity at all levels of our society.

As always, be seen, be heard and be relevant. We must all work together in this new world to advance civil engineering.

Best regards,

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