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Kevin Ansdell, P. Geo., FEC (Hon.), FGC takes office as President of Geoscientists Canada for 2021-2022

On June 4, 2021, at the 69th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada, held virtually, **Dr. Kevin Ansdell, P. Geo., FEC (Hon.), FGC**, took office as President for the 2021-2022 year, after serving a year as President Elect. Dr. Ansdell resides in Saskatoon, SK, and is a Professor with the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Ansdell holds a Ph.D. from University of Saskatchewan (1992), M.Sc. Economic Geology from University of Alberta (1984) and B.A. (Oxon) Geology from the University of Oxford (1982) and is a professional geoscientist (P. Geo.) registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Saskatchewan (APEGS). He has been a professor and well-respected Research Scientist at the University of Saskatchewan since 1993 and was Department Head from 2003-2010. Kevin has supervised 70 student projects; received several awards for teaching and volunteer work; and authored or co-authored over 350 journal papers, refereed publications, conference abstracts, and government publications.

As a volunteer in a variety of professional and learned organisations, Dr. Ansdell has served in several previous leadership roles including President of the Canadian Geological Foundation and on the Council of Geological Association of Canada; as well as severing on numerous committees and in many volunteer positions at such organisations as the CIM Saskatoon Geology Division and APEGS. He was also an Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences from 1998-2006. He has been involved in over 150 expert and external reviews of reports, manuscripts, and theses.

Dr. Ansdell has served as Saskatchewan's Director of Geoscientists Canada since 2017 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2020. He also, represented Saskatchewan on Geoscientists Canada's prestigious Canadian Geoscience Standards Council from 2009 to 2017. In 2013, he was awarded a Fellow of Geoscientists Canada for serving the geoscience profession in a volunteer capacity for at least 10 years. During his tenure on the Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors, Dr. Ansdell has served as a member of the Executive Committee and the Awards Committee.

In fulfilling his duties as President, Dr. Ansdell will have a focus on communications with university faculty and geoscience students to facilitate a greater awareness and understanding of Geoscientists Canada, its purpose, and its relationship with the geoscience regulators both nationally and internationally.

Also, during the June 4, 2021 Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors meeting, **Mr. Yuri Kinakin, P. Geo.**, Geoscientists Canada director for Northwest Territories & Nunavut, was elected as President Elect. **Mr. Douglas Bell, P. Geo., FGC**, director for Manitoba, was elected as Treasurer of Geoscientists Canada.

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



With nine (9) constituent association members, 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 constituent associations in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.

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