



PRESIDENT - Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson, P.Eng., is the Vice President at WSP Canada and currently manages the Mechanical and Electrical Buildings Engineering Team in Western Canada. He received a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alberta in 1998 and currently has over 25 years experience. For the first part of his career Michael worked for an International Oil Services company as an Electrical Engineering consultant and travelled the world extensively. In 2008 Michael transitioned to Buildings Engineering and has been involved in projects located throughout Alberta and Western Canada.

Michael splits his time as corporate sponsor, project manager and technical resource/peer reviewer. He leads the team with current trends in the industry and engages discussions on business development and innovative design/technology. Michael carries a passion for highly collaborative design and construction projects. Along with his team, Michael's intuition and skill lend to the success of his projects which proves to be a most rewarding experience for all.



PAST PRESIDENT - Chris Workman

Chris Workman, M.Eng., P.Eng., is a Partner in Thurber Engineering Ltd. He obtained both his Civil Engineering (Co-op Program), and M.Eng. (Geotechnical) from the University of Alberta, and now has over 37 years of geotechnical consulting engineering experience.

Chris has a background in technical, project management, and corporate management roles. He has been involved in the CEA since 2015 and has held various roles within CEA, including Vice President from 2023 to 2024 and President from 2024 to 2025.

Chris is committed to supporting growth and success in not only the organizations he is involved with, but the people within. He is particularly passionate about Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in engineering, and developing the next generation of leaders.



VICE PRESIDENT - David Thatcher

David Thatcher, P.Eng., is a Vice President with Stantec, based in Calgary. He is currently responsible for overseeing Stantec's Roadway Sector across Canada and was previously responsible for leading Stantec's Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering practice across North America.

David began his 25-year engineering career in the Philadelphia area but has spent the past 17 years in Calgary. Throughout his career, he has been involved in a wide variety of transportation planning and design projects, including highways, complete streets, BRTs, LRTs, corridor studies, traffic operations, neighbourhood traffic planning, and parking studies. He has developed strong relationships with private, municipal, and agency partners throughout the province.



TREASURER - Ainsley Brown

Ainsley Brown is Principal and Senior Practice Lead, Transportation, at Arcadis Professional Services, operating out of the Edmonton office. She has 23 years' experience in consulting engineering and the public sector.

Ainsley's involvement with CEA began when she was an EIT/junior engineer, contributing to the development of the original Young Professional Committee foundational documents at the committee's inception. More recently, she has been involved with the City of Edmonton Liaison Committee.

Ainsley's areas of focus include project and portfolio management, network planning, transportation planning, transit, active transportation, and urban renewal. She has worked on a wide range of multi-disciplinary projects, ranging from policy development to design and construction. Ainsley is passionate about creating transportation infrastructure that is welcoming to all, provides environmental benefits, and enhances quality of life for the ultimate user.



DIRECTOR - Angus Kennedy

Angus Kennedy, P.Eng., is a senior project manager and civil engineer with Mott MacDonald, based in Calgary. He currently serves as Mott MacDonald's Office Principal in Calgary and is a member of their Alberta leadership team. Angus is also responsible for oversight of Mott MacDonald's civil engineering team across Canada.

With 24 years of experience, Angus has an extensive and diverse background, having worked across numerous sectors including transportation, energy, and healthcare, in the planning, design, and execution of civil engineering projects. His past projects span from heavy freight and passenger rail to major offshore wind projects, via highway projects, hospitals, power transmission work and transit.

Although his career has primarily been in consulting, Angus has also worked for a major contractor, as well as with national and municipal governments.

Originally from Scotland, where he graduated from the University of Glasgow and began his career, Angus relocated to Calgary 10 years ago with his wife and their two children.



DIRECTOR - Arlen Babcock

Arlen Babcock, P.Eng., is a Partner, Senior Director, and Regional Sector Lead for Infrastructure in Alberta with CIMA+, and also oversees operations for the Calgary office. Arlen is a senior engineering executive with over 27 years of experience in civil, municipal, and environmental consulting across Western Canada and internationally. After earning his Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Systems Engineering from the University of Regina in 1998, he began his career internationally in water treatment before shifting his focus to environmental investigation and reclamation in Saskatchewan.

Since relocating to Calgary in 2005, Arlen has specialized in municipal infrastructure and drainage, including residential, commercial, and industrial land development, as well as municipal renewal and upgrade projects. As Vice President of BSEI, he led negotiations through the firm's acquisition by CIMA+ and its successful integration in 2016. Arlen is known for his integrity and practical leadership, with a focus on navigating complex challenges in the engineering sector. He oversees multidisciplinary teams, supports technical development, manages financial performance, advances strategic initiatives, builds cross-sector relationships, supports acquisition integrations and manages office operations.



DIRECTOR - Arne Gjerlaug

Arne Gjerlaug, P.L.(Eng.), is a Senior Manager and the Manager of ISL Engineering's Lethbridge office. Arne is responsible for overseeing the delivery of transportation, land development, municipal, and structural projects for public and private sector clients. This includes project management, technical and corporate support, client liaison and business development. Arne has over 30 years of industry experience, including 26 years of project management. He has been fortunate enough to lead many exciting projects for Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, as well as for rural and urban municipalities throughout Western Canada. Leveraging his many years of construction experience, Arne has served as a constructability specialist on a number of complex projects. Having developed a successful business delivering projects to various levels of government and private sector clients and having developed successful teams - has given him a great appreciation of the importance of relationships.

In addition to leading the delivery of various initiatives within ISL, Arne is a member of the advisory committee for the Lethbridge College, School of Engineering Technologies and a board member of the Lethbridge Ringette Association. He enjoys travelling and spending time with his family.



DIRECTOR - Bryan Palsat

Bryan Palsat, P.Eng., is the Senior Vice President of Tetra Tech Canada's Transportation Practice in Edmonton, Alberta. With an engineering degree from the University of Alberta and over 20 years of experience, he specializes in roadway engineering, pavement design, and transportation asset management. Bryan has managed a diverse range of transportation infrastructure projects across North America, collaborating with municipal, provincial, federal, and commercial clients.

He has held leadership roles in various technical committees at the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), including chairing the Soils and Materials Committee and the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Sub-Committee. Currently, he serves as the Alberta Director and a board member of the Canadian Technical Asphalt Association (CTAA), focusing on mentorship and knowledge-sharing for future leaders in transportation. Passionate about sustainability, Bryan contributes to the Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA) on procurement strategies, quality management, and workforce development to shape the engineering industry in Alberta.



APEGA LIAISON - Dean Mullin

Dean Mullin, P.Eng., PhD, FEC, FGC (Hon.), is a consulting industry executive with more than 30 years of experience as a practicing structural engineer. He currently serves as Vice President and integration leader at Stantec Consulting, where he focuses on the intersection of governance, leadership, and organizational change. He holds a Master of Science and a doctorate in structural engineering from the University of Alberta, as well as a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick.

A longtime APEGA volunteer, Mullin served on council since 2022 and is the president-elect for the 2025–2026 term. He has contributed through roles on both APEGA's Discipline Committee and Honours and Awards Committee. Mullin is also a fellow of Engineers Canada and an honorary fellow of Geoscientists Canada.



ACEC LIAISON - Derek Ciezki

Derek Ciezki, P.Eng., is a Partner at SMP Engineering with over 25 years of experience delivering innovative electrical engineering projects across institutional, healthcare, residential and commercial sectors. Based in Western Canada, Derek leads Business Development and Client Relationship Management, providing strategic input on high-level electrical design systems and concepts. Known for his collaborative approach, Derek is deeply committed to building industry relationships and staying attuned with evolving client needs. He is passionate about bridging the gap between emerging talent and established best practices, helping shape the future of the engineering profession.

Derek has held several leadership roles in the industry, including President for the Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA) and Chair for their Government Relations Committee, Past Chair of the Edmonton Construction Association, Board Member for the Consulting Architects of Alberta, and member of the Alberta Joint Industry Response Team (AJIRT). In recognition of his professional contributions and community leadership, Derek was recently awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal - honouring his lasting impact across Alberta.



DIRECTOR - Glen Thoman

Glen Thoman, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., is Vice President and General Manager of Al-Terra's Calgary office. Glen has a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Alberta and a M.A.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto. He has over 30 years of experience in land and site development engineering, with a specialization in water resources engineering that includes stormwater management and low impact development. Glen has been with Al-Terra for 19 years and is responsible for project procurement, client and project management, design, approval, and contract administration of private land development projects undertaken in the Calgary office.



YP DIRECTOR - Jarrett Zilinski

Jarrett is a Project Manager at McElhanney Ltd working primarily in traffic and transportation engineering. He is the current chair of the Northern Alberta CEA YP group and has spent his entire career in the Consulting Engineering Industry. After high school, he began working with McElhanney while pursuing his Civil Engineering degree at the University of Alberta. Over the past 9 years at McElhanney, Jarrett has touched virtually every aspect of transportation projects from high level planning all the way to construction supervision. Jarrett has a passion for planning and building effective and sustainable communities and now spends most of his time working in Transportation Planning. Through his time in consulting, he has developed an affinity for mentorship and has taken on an advisory role for the Transportation Engineering Capstone class at the University of Alberta. You're sure to see Jarrett at many of the industry events or outside of work you'll see him playing hockey, volleyball or virtually any sport he can find time for.



DIRECTOR - Jeff Smith

Jeff is a Partner at MCW Hemisphere's Edmonton office, where he holds a wide array of responsibilities including Business Development, day to day operations, and specializes in Medical Gas and Lab Specialty systems. He works closely with the other eleven MCW offices as it relates to business pursuits and development of client relationships. Additionally, Jeff is part of the teaching faculty for Canadian Hospital Engineering Societies (CHES) hospital construction course putting on sessions across Canada. Jeff also is a long-standing member of the CSA Medical Gas Standard and has been part of developing and teaching online and in person courses on this specialty.

Outside of MCW, Jeff and his wife Leanne love spending time with their three grown children (and new daughter in law), outdoor activities, and travelling.



HONORARY DIRECTOR - Magdalena Cammidge

Magdalena joined Lloyd Sadd in 2005, bringing with her varied and extensive experience in commercial insurance. With over 22 years of technical experience in insurance and risk management, Magdalena specializes in the direction, development and delivery of insurance and risk management services to her clients. Magdalena leads the Professional Services Practice at Lloyd Sadd specializing in Professional Liability and Risk Management for Design Professionals. Magdalena's role includes gaining an intimate understanding of the client's business and working with them to create effective Risk Management solutions, ultimately helping clients in building an even stronger organization. Magdalena holds her Canadian Certified Insurance Broker (CCIB), Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) and Canadian Risk Management (CRM) designation.



DIRECTOR - Michael Markowski

Michael Markowski, P.Eng., is the Director of Risk and Commercial Management at DIALOG. Michael obtained his Civil Engineering (Co-op) degree from the University of Alberta, and upon graduation pursued a career in construction management for a General Contractor, leading a business unit in the water and bridge infrastructure market. He had long been interested in collaborative contracting and alternate delivery models, where he could work closely with the design consultant team to collectively determine the best solutions for the client and project.

Michael joined DIALOG with a focus on managing risk and supporting the practice through establishment of fair agreements and efficient delivery processes. He is engaged across all provinces and some US states and works with each of DIALOG's engineering disciplines including structural, mechanical and electrical engineering. Michael is an avid advocate for a project-first mentality and establishing shared success for all project participants in the AEC industry.



DIRECTOR - Nadeer Lalji

Nadeer is the Vice President & General Manager of Southern Alberta for Associated Engineering. Nadeer is responsible for managing the operation and committing resources to clients to provide exceptional service and high-quality work. With over 20 years of professional experience, Nadeer combines technical knowledge with his management experience to lead a team of Water, Transportation, Infrastructure and Advisory Services professionals.

Prior to taking on this role, Nadeer led the Municipal Infrastructure & Water Resources Groups in Calgary delivering infrastructure planning, design and construction projects. Nadeer's passion for engineering is rooted in helping clients build thriving communities through holistic and responsible decision making.



ACEC LIAISON - Ryan Betker

Ryan is a seasoned professional in transportation and civil engineering, contributing to infrastructure projects across the province for over 25 years. As the Branch Manager of Edmonton Engineering at McElhanney, he has played a pivotal role in expanding the team significantly over the past decade, growing from a dozen staff to over eighty in that time frame. His expertise spans transportation planning and infrastructure design, with a strong focus on optimizing road functionality within constrained spaces.

Beyond his managerial role, Ryan is actively involved in industry leadership, serving on multiple boards at both the provincial and federal levels, which includes this role on the ACEC Board, as well as being the CEA Liaison to the Board of the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA). Ryan currently chairs the CEA Government Relations Committee, remaining passionate about advocacy to advance our industry with elected officials and senior government administration.



YP DIRECTOR - Ryan Brosas

Ryan Brosas, P.Eng., is a Senior Structural Engineer at Steenhof Building Services Group. He obtained his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 2016 and has been serving in the CEA YP group as Technical Tours & Events lead since 2024.

Ryan started his career as a Field Engineer, then moved into Construction Engineering for large building and bridge projects. Driven with a continued curiosity and passion for engineering, he moved into consulting engineering. Since then, he has had the opportunity to take part in providing engineered solutions for a wide variety of projects in the healthcare, institutional, commercial, industrial, residential and mining sectors. He advocates for effective and strong collaboration across entire project teams, as it is one of the key factors in building strong project teams that lead to successful project execution. Outside of work you'll find him spending quality time with his wife and daughter, looking for the next adventure in the mountains.



DIRECTOR - Wade Husak

Wade Husak, P.Geo., is a Director in the Environmental Business Line of AECOM. He is the technical lead on environmental issues for the three prairie provinces and the Northwest Territories. He received a B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Saskatchewan in 1986 followed by a Graduate Degree in 1988. After a short stint in the mining industry, Wade transitioned to consulting in 1991 acting as a resource in geological and environmental projects and an in-house consultant to a major railway. Wade's current focus is supporting AECOM's Transportation Business Line on environmental issues with linear transportation and municipal infrastructure projects while continuing as a technical resource/peer reviewer on environmental permitting for waste management and industrial facilities.

Wade is active in the community, having volunteered for his 2,500-member homeowner association for 12 years holding the positions of treasurer, vice-president and president. He has also coached youth soccer for six years.