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I was humbled by some of my CSC Edmonton Chapter colleagues when they asked me to accept the nomination of 4^{th} Vice President of Construction Specifications Canada (CSC). It is a great honor to be part of this association but an even greater honor to be asked to assist the Executive in directing and shaping the future of the association. The 5-6 year commitment is one I offer to take on with full understanding of the requirements and the passion it takes to fulfill the responsibilities.

I have been working as an Architectural Technologist, Specification Writer and Firm Associate since graduating from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in 1985. I worked for 10 years in Vancouver with Romses Takeuchi Architects Inc. 1989 - 1999 and then returned to Edmonton in 1999 and have enjoyed a challenging and rewarding career journey with Barr Ryder Architects and Planners 1999 – 2006, Architecture Tkalcic Bengert 2006 – 2017 and now with my current firm ACI Architects Inc. for almost 2 years.

My CSC life began in 2009 – 2010 when Darlene Helfrich IDT, CTR; and Betty-Jo Tell, RSW, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C, brought me to an Edmonton Chapter Executive meeting. They introduced me to the people and the association, who now have become trusted friends and colleagues and a significant part of my life. Beginning in 2011 I took my first Chapter executive position as Architectural Rep and then Chapter Liaison in 2012. I then moved on to be the Marketing Chairperson 2013, Chapter Vice-Chair in 2014 – 2015, Chapter Chair in 2015 - 2016 and then Chapter Director in 2017 – 2018. With the unfortunate relocation of Jeff Haleshewski, RSW to Ottawa, I took on the Director position for another term. During the last few years I have enjoyed some added roles along with my CSC duties and am very proud to say that I served as Conference Co-Chair with Peter Semchuk, FCSC, RSW, CCCA, CET, LEED AP BD+C for the CSC Conference2018 in Edmoton. I am also currently in the final stages (Tek-Aid paper final submission) of my RSW designation with CSC. I deliberately reserve my professional volunteer work to CSC and endeavours related to CSC.

Other volunteer work that I am involved with includes the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and their fundraising Golf Tournament for the Recreation for Life Foundation. I have sat on the Golf tournament Committee for eight years and we are the primary fund-raising source for the Foundation.

I would like to thank all the people who provided support, their names and their trust in me with respect to my nomination for 4th VP. The friendships, positive experiences and sheer enjoyment I get from being part of the CSC cannot be quantified or described and so giving back to this association is the best way I can think of to show my gratitude. No matter the outcome of this election, I will continue to be an active member and to try to promote the association and the attributes of CSC. My respect and gratitude to the other gentlemen in this endeavor, David Graham AIBC, LEED AP; Russ Snow CTR, CSP, B. Sc. LEED AP, BSSO; and Yvon Lachance, CCCA, MOAQ, MIRAC cannot be put into words. I thank all for their years of service and their passion to the betterment of CSC.