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Professionally, my background experience of some 26 years has been gained at a mixture of small and large firms as well as private practice, with very diverse project types. This experience has been gained in both robust and severally declining economies that challenged architects and clients alike. Seven years ago I accepted the offer to head PBK Architects in Vancouver and moved from Toronto. During the first year in Vancouver, I became registered with the AIBC thru reciprocity and was encouraged by the AIBC to join one of the volunteer committees. That began my involvement with the Institute and an introduction to many of the lower mainland's architects. I joined Council in 2005 until 2007 and then again from 2008 to present. During that time I have acted on the Editorial Advisory Committee, became Chairman of the Communications Board and this past year have acted as Treasurer, member of the Governance Task Force as well as Financial Task Force and a number of working groups and task forces of Council.

The firm I lead, PBK Architects Inc. has continued to grow with its' main office in Vancouver, five smaller offices in Ontario and an associate office in Trinidad. We complete projects from coast to coast, into the USA and slowly, internationally and in the Caribbean. As a result, our team carries licenses in various provinces across Canada. We collaborate extensively with other firms, large and small. This continues to provide us with insight into Architectural issues of other firms and Provinces. We have a large number of LEED accredited staff, have designed two of the first LEED Gold sports/spectator and recreation facilities in Canada and the USA, and are committed to sustainable practices.

I am seeking my third term on Council primarily because I see so many initiatives that have been started in the last couple a years which need to see some conclusion or at least have continuity of Council in terms of understanding the needs and concerns of the members and making sure that these remain on the Council agenda. As a member and chair of various communications groups and initiatives, I strongly believe that the engagement strategy and clear transparent communications which is underway at the Institute needs to continue and become regular method of doing business. I am actively involved in the dialogue surrounding potential future changes to our legislation, of the regulation of para-professionals and the clarity and logic which is required for both our members and the public, in the public interest.

The ongoing need for advocacy of Architects and elevating the stature of architect's with-in society needs to be emphasized by the AIBC in conjunction with the growing BC Chapter of the RAIC. A major effort in public outreach, education, advocacy for the profession and elevating the public perception and celebration of architects and their work is needed.

Initiatives around National continuing education, competency based assessment, (especially for foreign trained professional and syllabus interns) need to continue. The AIBC is a National leader in these areas and we need to continue our efforts and critical analysis of "status quo" on a host of issues.

We need to attract and educate new members to our aging organization. The involvement of younger people, attraction of interns and facilitation of registration is the ongoing challenge of changing demographics.

Finally, as part of the vision of Architects becoming leaders of the built environment, I'd like to see increased spirited dialogue amongst members and the public at large around issues of design, global environmental sustainability, changing technology and business environment.