



**Canadian Geotechnical Society**  
**Société canadienne de géotechnique**

**2016 Half-Year Section Report**

**July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

**Formal Section Name: Manitoba Section**

**Section 1: General**

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End of Term: 2016

CGS website address: [http://www.cgs.ca/section\\_manitoba.php](http://www.cgs.ca/section_manitoba.php)

Last time your Section's CGS website was updated: 2014

If the Section has a separate website, please provide address: NA

Is there a link to the CGS website? NA

**Section 2: Current Executive Committee Members and their Affiliations (employers or, if students, universities)**

Chair: Wingkeat Wong (Amec Foster Wheeler)

Past Chair: Neil Privat (KGS Group)

Treasurer: Steven Harms (Trek Geotechnical)

Program Director: Kris Matusiewicz (Manitoba Hydro)

Membership/Assistant Program Director: Arjan Jianfar (Hatch)

Student Liaison: Earl Marvin DeGuzeman (U of M)

Special Events: David Flynn (KGS Group)

**Section 3: Number of Section Members**

Executive members: 7

Total members (if possible, student and non-student members): N/A

Total CGS members (if possible student and non-student members):

- 62 as of December 31, 2015
- 35 as of February 3, 2016

Comments:

- Manitoba Section's winter/spring membership drive has not really commenced as our section has not hosted an event yet in 2016.

**Section 4: Finances**

As of (Dec 31, 2015): \$66,158

Does your Section charge its members an annual fee? No

Is your Section aware that CGS financial assistance is available to Sections (Admin Manual App 4)? Yes.

Is your Section aware of the CGS Lecture Supplement Program (Awards Manual Section C-4)? Yes.

Is your Section sponsoring a Student/MIT to attend GeoVancouver 2016 (Admin Manual App 12)? Yes.

## Section 5: Annual Conference / Board of Directors Meeting

Are you planning to attend the GeoVancouver 2016? Yes.

<b>Section 6: Activities</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker/Other</b>	<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
14-Sep-15	Dr. Gordon Fenton - Dalhousie University(Fall CCLT)	On a Unified Theory for Reliability-Based Geotechnical Design	32
26-Nov-15	Ken Skafffeld M.Sc., P.Eng. – Trek Geotechnical	Experience As A Guide To Geotechnical Practice In Winnipeg	62
17-Dec-15	James Wilson M.Sc., P.Eng. – Hatch	GIS & Geotechnical Techniques in Rail Route Selection	36

## Section 7: Additional general information or comments

The Manitoba Section has requested proposals for research projects from the University of Manitoba for which the Manitoba Section would consider providing funding in collaboration with other stakeholders. Details have not been confirmed, but the research would be on a topic that would provide general benefit to broad range geotechnical practitioners in the Manitoba Region.