

Anna Maria Agnew

Board Director Category: Operator

What interests you about this position as a Director on the EOCP Board?

The EOCP has been a tremendous resource for me, not only to write my certification examinations but the EOCP keeps me current with my Operator community, teaching me about new regulations as well as new technical innovations. I believe sharing knowledge is power and the more we work together the stronger we become as Operators, managers, inspectors, and leaders. If I become a director on the EOCP Board I would advocate for the Operators to continue achieving success in the water and wastewater industry.

What do you think are the most important functions of a Director of the Board?

I believe the most important functions of being a director on the EOCP Board is listening, being a voice for those Operators we represent and working together at all levels to protect our customers and the environment. It is important to remember that although the lower mainland has a large population there are hundreds of smaller systems and remote communities in BC and Yukon relying on the training, communication, and learning through the EOCP. Sharing information, technical data, and providing resources between the Operator, municipalities, and governing bodies is key. I advocate public understanding of our water and wastewater systems - most utilities are publicly funded and when the public see the infrastructure, systems, and Operators in action they are always supportive and appreciative.

What skills, knowledge, and attributes would you bring to the Board?

I would bring my operating skills and experience to the EOCP board. I completed the Water Quality Technology program at Okanagan University College (as it was then) in 2000. I have been an EOCP certified Operator since 2003 - fortunate enough to work as an Operator in wastewater treatment, water treatment, water distribution, and wastewater collection. Working in all four disciplines has been fulfilling and given me perspective to understand and see the complexities and demands that are on a utility system. My motivation to continue as an Operator is the sense of pride I feel whether it is treating potable water to the best quality possible or treating wastewater effluent so the receiving environment is not impacted. I would be honoured to represent the EOCP Operators of BC and the Yukon.