

Name: Rob Fleming

Board Director Category – Member at Large.

Biography

I started my career in public health in the mid 1990s. I quickly focused my attention to water and wastewater and have been involved in the industry for 25 plus years. I'm very passionate about the value Operators bring to their communities they serve and the public health significance of the utility Operator role. I have had roles as a regulator, facility operations, capital and operational budgeting, project supervision and program management. I'm a past EOCP Board and Chair member in the government role and found satisfaction in helping guide our industry by advocating for Operators.

I'm currently the Manager - Drinking Water Safety Program for First Nations Health. This is a very rewarding role in supporting internal staff and the 200 plus First Nations in BC. Continuing to build strong relationships with all stakeholders including the five provincial Health Regions; the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, consulting industry; training institutions and the all the Ministries involved in water and wastewater.

I currently sit on the Water Professionals International (WPI) formerly ABC board also advocating for certification of Operators and classification of water and wastewater facilities. WPI provides the standardized exams which EOCP uses for levels I through IV. Having experience on both boards put me in a good position to continue to advocate for BC Operators.

Values Statement

Passionate: About water and wastewater Operators and the value they bring to the communities they serve.

Respect: I value everyone for what they bring to the table and treat people with dignity and professionalism. I have found over the years, Operators serve their communities with selflessness and I have great respect for their service. **Integrity:** I build trust and relationships through my moral principles of doing what is right; for the person(s) or the greater good.

Loyal: I pride myself on being loyal to those in my life whether it is personal or a professional relationship.

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

Being a past EOCP Board member I really felt we as a collective group were making great strides forward for the Operators in BC. Improved reciprocity, Direct Responsible Charge, Code of Ethics, Standardized exams were all great improvements to be a part of. I feel I have much more to give and as in any industry there is always more to do. The current board has continued to do great work and expanding the realm of the EOCP. I want to continue to advocate and promote BC and Yukon Operators to help them get the recognition they deserve. I would be honored to serve the Operators of BC again as the At Large board member.

What are the most important functions of a Director of the EOCP Board?

I believe there are some key functions EOCP board directors have:

- Representing the Operators and making sure their needs are addressed and protected.
- Working as a liaison with industry partners to keep the importance of Operators and operations in general at the top of discussion.
- Collaborating with the board and EOCP staff is very important to make sure we continue to reach work plan targets and continue to grow EOCP importance and its ability to support BC and Yukon Operators. We are stronger as a group not as an individual.