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At the Board of Director's meeting this March the nominees were asked to speak about themselves and why they wanted to volunteer at the next level. I chose to speak about my passions in life.

#1 - My family: I have a wife, two children and four grandchildren. They mean the world to me. Which brings me to #2.

#2 - The planet: every day I make conscious decisions about what I do that will help to leave my family with a survivable planet. Professionally I write specifications for LEED, Living Building Challenge, Passive House. Ideally all projects need to be sustainable - just saying.

And #3: CSC, my extended family for the last 17 years.

It is fascinating for me that 3 of the nominees this year are either currently or originally from the Edmonton Chapter, my alumni, where Darlene Helfrich, CTR 'voluntold' me for the Chapter Executive. I have never looked back. My career as an independent specification writer is as a direct result of my involvement with CSC and the interaction with so many wonderfully dedicated people and mentors.

This speaks to the impact and inspiration that the Edmonton Chapter has had on many. It was an amazing chapter to be part of. But for me the impact was more pronounced when I moved from Edmonton to Victoria and I had to leave my extended family.

But there was hope! There are not many CSC members I suppose that were involved in the 'birth' of a new chapter. I had the amazing opportunity to be part of this 'journey' spearheaded by Susan Morris FCSC, our very first director, and Terry Bergen CCCA, our first chair, about 10 years ago.

My architectural practice in Victoria is focused purely on specification consulting for other architects. Prior to that I was working for other firms in both BC and Alberta. Since becoming a registered architect 28 years ago most of my career has been in the area of contract document procurement. About a year ago I transformed my specification masters into BSD Speclink-e.

It has been a rich experience which never would have been possible without being part of CSC. And now I am in the process of RSW certification. The journey continues.

I am continually inspired by the level of commitment and volunteerism I experience with CSC. 4th VP is an opportunity to take MY commitment to the next level and continue to support the membership who have been so instrumental in the development of my career.

About Leadership: it is largely about providing space for other's ideas and providing that support so they can flourish.

Teaching:

PCD and CCA courses in Victoria.

Formerly at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology – Architectural Technology Program

Volunteering:

CSC for the last 17 years - Edmonton Chapter, Vancouver Island Chapter

RAIC Syllabus Program - mentoring architecture students.

CSC Awards: 3 service awards.

Hobbies: fly fishing, guitar (I seem to be collecting electrics these days), motorcycles only 1(BMW R1200RT).