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After graduating from the Chemical Technology program at NAIT, I immediately began my career as a chemical technologist with Sherritt Gordon in their research department. With stops at The Westaim Corporation, Wika Instruments, Romawest and now Bruin Instruments, I find myself continuously learning and experiencing what the world of technology has to offer.

My involvement with ASET goes back many years, originally at the grassroots level, as a Chapter Chair for Edmonton. It was as a Chapter Chair that I realized how important it was for all technicians and technologists to be heard. So when I was fortunate enough to have been elected to ASET Council, I made sure that I never forgot about what I heard and who I was representing.

As ASET's President, from 2006-2007, I had the privilege and honour to lead ASET's discussion team into talks with APEGGA; talks that would eventually result in the creation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU was a "key" starting document that helped ASET become a full-fledged, self-regulating professional association under the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment ACT (EGGPA).

Now as a Past President, and a member of ETSFA, I am looking forward to helping future technicians and technologists succeed in their chosen field. I can provide some wisdom about the world before them or help out with a few scholarship dollars in their pockets – the possibilities are endless.

There is an ol' cowboy saying, that can sum up everything so far: "Live a good, honourable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time".