



ENGINEERS &  
GEOSCIENTISTS  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

## POLICY

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Engineers and Geoscientists BC exists to fulfill the duties and objects as outlined in the Engineers & Geoscientists Act (the “Act”). The protection of the public interest in the practice of the professions as provided for in the Act is the paramount and overriding duty of Engineers and Geoscientists BC. The Act takes precedence over Engineers and Geoscientists BC’s Bylaws (the “Bylaws”), and both take precedence over policies and procedures.

The functions and responsibilities of the Council and its Committees are subject to the provisions in the Act and Bylaws. Council must be diligent in its efforts to ensure that the requirements as well as the intent of the enabling legislation is met and that Engineers and Geoscientists BC remains relevant through delivering real value for the public, the members and licensees of Engineers and Geoscientists BC (hereafter referred to as “Members”) and other stakeholders in a manner that is consistent with Engineers and Geoscientists BC’s mission, vision and guiding principles. Engineers and Geoscientists BC’s mission is to serve the public interest through the regulation of the practices of engineering and geosciences in British Columbia and, where consistent with this duty, promote the professions and protect the interest of its Members.

Council is accountable to the public (via the responsible Ministry) and the Members of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, for both governance and the management of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, as specified in the Act and Bylaws. It is expected that all Council members will read, understand and agree to abide by the Council member’s Code of Conduct and the governance policies contained within this manual.

Council is responsible for determining and approving all of Engineers and Geoscientists BC’s policies. The details of Governance Policies are the responsibility of Council. The details of any administrative policies are the responsibility of the CEO & Registrar.

It is Council’s duty to structure Committees, Task Forces, Branches, Divisions and their reporting relationships in a way that best serves Engineers and Geoscientists BC in carrying out its duties and objects from the Act. Committees and Task Forces are used for policy development and governance.

For a more in-depth understanding of Engineers and Geoscientists BC, the Governance Policies should be read in conjunction with the Act, the Bylaws, including the Code of Ethics, and other Council policies. As well, the current versions of the Strategic Plan, Council Workplan, Budget and Annual Report should be kept in mind.