

Policy CG-1 Governance Principles

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the province of British Columbia (“APEGBC”) 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 APEGBC. The Act takes precedence over APEGBC’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 APEGBC remains relevant through delivering real value for the public, the members and licensees of APEGBC (hereafter referred to as “Members”) and other stakeholders in a manner that is consistent with APEGBC’s mission, vision and guiding principles. APEGBC’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 APEGBC, for both governance and the management of APEGBC, 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 APEGBC’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 APEGBC 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 APEGBC, 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.