



POLICY

Political Neutrality

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PURPOSE

As a legislated entity that serves the public interest, Engineers and Geoscientists BC must demonstrate political neutrality. In doing this it will avoid any impression that a particular political candidate or party has the support or endorsement of the association.

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Engagement with elected officials and government staff enables Engineers and Geoscientists BC to achieve the objectives of the organization related to the practice of professional engineering and geoscience. Principles guiding this engagement are:

1. Engagement with elected officials and government staff is to be apolitical.
2. Information provided to government officials is to be unbiased and free of political commentary or overtones.

POLITICAL SUPPORT

Engineers and Geoscientists BC shall not engage in partisan political activities or act in a way that may cause the perception of having political bias. Personal political activities of staff and volunteers must be kept separate and apart from the administration and governance of the association. Activities that the organization, including its staff and volunteers in their official Engineers and Geoscientists BC capacities will not engage in include, but are not limited to:

1. Donating to or attending fundraisers for political candidates, elected officials, or political parties.
2. Endorsing, promoting or opposing political parties, candidates or platforms.
3. Allowing its office, membership lists or other resources to be used for partisan political purposes.
4. Allowing use of its name or logo on documents intended for political purposes, including soliciting funds for political support or carrying on a political campaign.

5. Attempting to direct its members as to which candidate or party they should vote for. Any questions regarding the implementation of this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer & Registrar.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

BC Elections Act http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/96106_10#division_d2e16410

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