

Legislation Committee

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The Legislation Committee is responsible to the Council, through the Executive Director, for evaluating the purpose, consistency, and clarity of *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act*, the *By-Laws* and the *Code of Ethics*.

The legislative environment of our profession, and other related professions, requires continuous review to ensure that our act and by-laws govern the engineering and geoscientific professions for the protection of the public.

There was no by-law changes considered at last year's (2007) AGM.

The by-laws were reviewed during this last year due to concerns brought forward by the Investigation Committee and a number administrative issues encountered during the investigation and discipline of a member. A few other administrative changes were also considered.

Proposed by-law changes to be considered at this year's (2008) AGM include:

- *By-law 5.1.3* (AGM) Agenda – change “order of business” to “agenda items” & delete board and committee reports (now in the Annual Reports)
- *By-law 7.3* Notice of Delivery Address - to require members to notify the Association of address changes.
- *By-law 7.4* Requirement to Respond – to require members to respond timely to association requests.
- *By-law 15.3* Investigation Committee Procedures – to remove the review by the Discipline Committee to avoid bias.
- *By-law 15.6* Hearing Procedures – new by-law to allow the Discipline Committee to accept written certification of documents provided by the registrar.

I encourage members to attend the AGM to see what is happening within the association and hear discussion on these by-law changes. All members will get a chance to vote on these through the mail out ballot process if they are approved at the AGM for consideration by the general membership.

I would like to thank all Legislation Committee members, APEGM staff and Grant Koropatnick for their efforts and support over the last year.