

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 appropriately govern the engineering and geoscientific professions for the protection of the public.

There was a number of by-law changes approved last year through mail out ballots to members. These came into effect with the publication of the revised by-laws dated December 2008. Please view them on APEGM's web page.

These changes were considered due to concerns brought forward by the Investigation Committee and a number of administrative issues encountered during the investigation and discipline of a member.

- **By-law 5.1.3** (AGM) **Agenda** – change “order of business” to “agenda items” & delete board and committee reports (now to appear 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 about your profession.

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