

Council Nominations – FAQs

Q1. I want to run for APEGS Council. Do I need to have other members nominate me?

A1. No – you can self-identify and apply. Application information and forms are posted on the APEGS website annually in September.

Q2. Are potential nominees identified by the Nominating Committee given priority over members who self-identify and apply?

A2. No – all applicants will be treated equally. All will be required to submit the same application, evaluated against the desired competencies and a short list of interviewees selected based on that. The final slate of nominees will include those applicants who successfully pass the interview stage.

Q3. It appears that the Nominating Committee has ultimate power in selecting the nominees to become Councillors.

A3. The Nominating Committee's role has not changed. They are responsible for putting forward a qualified slate of nominees for the members to vote and elect Councillors. The Nominating Committee will attempt to ensure that there are at least two nominees on the ballot for each vacancy on Council.

Q4. How are the Nominating Committee members selected and appointed by Council?

A4. The Administrative Bylaws, section 13(1), require that the current Past-President be appointed as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Terms of Reference approved by Council indicate that the President-Elect and at least three other APEGS members be appointed to the Nominating Committee. The three other members are appointed for a three-year term. The President-Elect is appointed for a one-year term.

Q5. How will geoscientists continue to be represented on Council?

A5. Subsection 9(3) of *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, 1997* requires that there always be at least two professional geoscientists and four professional engineers on Council. When an engineer or geoscientist is required to be elected to maintain compliance with the Act, the engineer or geoscientist with the highest number of votes, as the case may be, will be elected to Council. So, let's say that there are four open positions on Council and there are 10 nominees on the ballot. All members can vote for up to four nominees. If it is a year when a geoscientist is required to be elected, for example, the geoscientist with the most votes, even if not in the top four, would be elected, essentially bumping the fourth engineer.

Q6. How will members-in-training continue to be represented on Council?

A6. As part of the gap analysis conducted at the beginning of each election cycle, consideration will continue to be given to ensuring a diverse make-up of Council, including representation of members-in-training, geographic locations, industry, gender, ethnicity, etc.