

Overview of “The Blue Book”

The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, 1997 (EGPA)

Law and Ethics Seminar
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Professional Regulation

- Refer to the “Introduction to Professionalism” presentation
- The practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience in Saskatchewan is regulated pursuant to *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*
- Section 15 and 16 of the Act enables APEGS to create Regulatory Bylaws and Administrative Bylaws (note limitations of this power)

Three Parts:

- The Act (page numbers found on top corners)
- Bylaws (page numbers found on bottom of the page (middle)):
 - Regulatory
 - Administrative

Important Parts of the *EGPA*

Regulating the professions. Protecting the public.



A P E G S

*Association of Professional Engineers
& Geoscientists of Saskatchewan*

Definitions (Sec. 2)

- Look to section 2 for definitions used within the Act and Bylaws, and in particular:
 - practice of professional engineering
 - practice of professional geoscience

Objects of APEGS (Sec. 5)

- Ensure the proficiency and competency of the members in order to safeguard the public.
- Regulate the practice of engineering and geoscience in accordance with the Act and Bylaws.
- Promote and improve the proficiency and competency of members.
- Foster the practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience in a manner that is in the public interest.

Council (Secs. 9 & 10)

- Council governs the Association
- Made up of:
 - Not less than 10 elected by the members, at least 4 P.Eng. and at least 2 P.Geo. & 1 member-in-training
 - Two persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council – “Public Appointees”

Membership, Registration and Licenses (Secs. 20, 21, 22)

- Requirements for registration (individual)
- Seals
- Registration of Corporations, partnerships, etc. (Certificate of Authorization)

Other Topics in the *EGPA*

- How to make, amend bylaws (Secs. 15 -17)
- Prohibition (separate topic on Saturday) (Secs. 26 – 28(1))
- Discipline (separate topic on Saturday) (Secs. 28.1 – 45)
- Sets out penalties (Secs. 46 – 51)

Important Parts of the Regulatory Bylaws

(Note that all of the bylaws must fall within the authority granted in sections 15 and 16 of the Act.)

Categories of Membership (Secs. 3 – 6)

- Engineer-in-training
- Geoscientist-in-training
- Professional Engineer
- Professional Geoscientist
- Engineering Licensee
- Geoscience Licensee
- Life Member (engineering)
- Life Member (geoscience)

Qualifications for Registration (Secs. 8 – 12)

- Member-in-Training
- Engineering and Geoscience Licensees
- Professional Engineer
- Professional Geoscientist

Licences and Registrations (Secs. 13 – 19)

- Annual Licence:
 - Member-in-Training
 - Professional Member
- Restricted licence
- Temporary licence
- Registrations:
 - Permission to Consult
 - Certificate of Authorization

Professional Conduct (Sec. 20)

CODE OF ETHICS

(Sec. 20(2) – Page 10 in the Regulatory Bylaws)

Discipline (Secs. 21 – 23)

- Investigation and Discipline processes
- Make up of committees
- Review process
- Separate presentation on Saturday

Continuing Professional Development (Sec. 23.2, App. 5)

- Establishes defined CPD Program
- Defines consequences for non-compliance
- Appendix 5 – details of program

Important Parts of the Administrative Bylaws

(Note that all of the bylaws must fall within the authority granted in sections 15 and 16 of the Act.)

Elected Councillors (Secs. 9 & 10)

- Positions on Council
- Terms of Office

Procedures for Election (Secs. 11 – 15)

- Classification of electoral groups
- Eligibility for nomination
- Nominations for Council Election:
 - Nominating committee chaired by the immediate past president
 - Nominated by peers
- Eligibility to vote
- Conducting the election

Other Topics in the Administrative Bylaws

- Officers and Employees (Secs. 16 – 19)
- Meetings (Secs. 20 – 23):
 - Council
 - Association (meeting of members – Annual Meeting)
 - Quorum and meeting procedures
- Establishment of Committees (Sec. 24)
- Sets Fees (Secs. 25 – 30)

Questions

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