



Proposed Bylaw Amendments

At the September 15, 2023, meeting, Council reviewed and approved recommending the following amendment to members in attendance for consideration at the May 4, 2024, Annual Meeting:

- Regulatory Bylaw 6.1(1) – Life Member

NOTE: According to *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, 1997*, Section 15(1) – “The Council, with the approval of not less than three-quarters of the councillors, may make bylaws for any purpose set out in section 16.”

This does not mean three-quarters of the Councillors present at the meeting, but three-quarters of all Council members. Thus, it is important to have all members of Council present at the meeting.

Once approved by the members, Ministerial approval and publishing in the Gazette are still required for the regulatory bylaws to come into force.

RATIONALE FOR AMENDMENTS:

The enclosed Bylaw amendment will eliminate a contravention of the Human Rights Code by removing the age requirement for life member (engineering) and life member (geoscience). The view that people only retire at 65 is not reflective of the differing ages that people retire from the professions.

Section 18 of the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act gives Council the ability to issue an annual license to a member to practice professional engineering or professional geoscience. The current Regulatory Bylaws set out the requirements for registration in eight categories of membership: engineer-in-training, geoscientist-in-training, professional engineer, professional geoscientist, engineering licensee, geoscience licensee, life member (engineering) and life member (geoscience). Currently, life membership categories require applicants to be retired from practicing the professions and be 65 years of age or more.

Any person choosing to re-enter the professions after obtaining life membership would be required to follow the reinstatement process already described.

Regulatory Bylaw 6.1(1) – Life Member

This bylaw established the requirements for an applicant to be registered as a life member (engineering) and life member (geoscience). Both life membership categories require applicants to be retired from practicing the professions and be at least 65 years of age. Since the age requirement is a contravention of the Human Rights Code, the bylaw amendment would remove the age requirement for life members. The removal of the age requirement would allow professional members who are currently retired, but are not yet 65, to obtain life membership.

Existing Bylaw

MEMBERSHIP

Life Member

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