

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Want to get more involved with the Association? In need of hours for ProDev? The Association is looking for volunteers to join the Government Relations Advisory Committee.

### **Government Relations Advisory Committee**

The Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC) purpose is to advise and assist the Director of Government Relations on provincial government and rural and urban municipality community relations, lobbying activities, and on operational planning for the Department. The primary focus of GRAC for the next several years will be to assist the Government Relations Department in a major rewrite of the Association's legislation, *The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act*.

The committee is comprised of persons committed to developing a good relationship with government while supporting the philosophy, strategy, and actions of the Association conducive to gaining government and public support for the professions. Membership of this committee is comprised of individuals who are willing and able to act as non-partisan individuals when representing the Association as part of the Committee.

### General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Advise the Department of Government Relations on the Association's Act Rewrite.
- Provide sound advice on the various items outlined in the Government Relations Operational Plan and Lobbying Report.
- Foster dialogue and consultation between government and the professions of engineering and geoscience.
- Advance the profession's position on issues and legislation.
- Assess the impact of government policies and programs on the professions.
- Provide representation on provincial or municipal government committees or task groups or at meetings with government officials where professional engineering or geoscience expertise is sought by the government.

### Specific Skills and Qualifications:

- Professional geoscientists (P.Geo.), engineers (P.Eng.), or interns in good standing with the Association, from various disciplines. Students and retired members may also be considered.
- Committee members are particularly needed who have a background in analyzing and applying legislation, regulations, and codes, and who can be called upon to analyze draft bills, regulations, and codes for their potential impact upon the Association and/or its members/practitioners.
- Political acumen, however acquired, is an asset.
- Experience in fostering government relations in a non-partisan manner

Representation from diverse member profiles is sought.

Time Commitment:

- Meetings will be held monthly over the lunch hour, but as the level of activity or issues arising increases, the frequency of meetings may increase. Meetings will be online or hybrid (in-person with virtual option). Additional time may be required to review documents before or after meetings.
- Attendance at the annual MLA Reception, held each year in May on a Thursday evening prior to Victoria Day.
- When available, accompany the Director of Government Relations or other Association staff to participate in meetings with government officials or MLAs, in person or virtually.
- Task Groups may also be formed, which may require additional document review and meetings.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in joining the Government Relations Advisory Committee, please submit a short resume outlining your skill set and send to Diana Vander Aa, Volunteer Coordinator at [Volunteer@EngGeoMB.ca](mailto:Volunteer@EngGeoMB.ca) no later than Thursday, October 31, 2024.