

ASTTBC Members in Kamloops: PTech Update; ASTTBC-APEGBC Joint Board; ITPs



Kamloops members meet to hear from ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech, ASCT, CAE (far right) and from Bruce Stevens ASCT, ASTTBC Regional Manager (far left). Special guests attending: Gord Stewart, Executive Director of the Big Little Science Centre (in the middle on the right, back row) and City Councillor, Ken Christian, ASCT (fourth from the left).

An update on the proposed PTech designation and the newly established ASTTBC - APEGBC Joint Board were two key topics for members who heard from ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech.

"Members remain very interested in seeing the PTech come to reality in BC," said Leech. "I advised that ASTTBC and APEGBC Councils agreed to put PTech 'aside' for the time being and invest time considering areas where an ASCT might be considered within the emerging professional reliance framework." Leech advised the 20 members who gathered that the Joint Board has now met for the first time and that other meetings are being scheduled in anticipation of early consideration of examples where an ASCT might be recognized.

John also spoke about enhancements to professional accountability including defined requirements for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and auditing of CPD as well as practice reviews, practice guides and errors and omissions insurance.

Leech also spoke about ASTTBC's work to enhance the experience of Internationally Trained Professionals (ITP). ASTTBC is working on contract with the BC Government to define requirements for ITPs and supply services which will enhance their understanding of the world of work in BC. "While ASTTBC is doing a fairly good job today, there is more we can do to engage, enable and enhance career opportunities for ITPs, said Leech.