

ASTTBC Council Public Representatives Report 2013

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There are three Public Representatives on Council: Brian Carr, PhD, BSc, and Tim Smith, PGeo, EngL, were appointed in 2012; and James Coble, MA, was appointed in 2014.

The [Public Representatives Report](#) for 2013 was presented at the Annual General Meeting on May 23, 2014. The Report focuses on ASTTBC's primary role as a professional regulatory body to serve the public interest. Here are the highlights of the Report:

- The role of Public Representatives on ASTTBC Council is to assure that public interests are represented in ASTTBC values, policies and certification standards, and in membership accountability pertaining to public safety, public health and environmental protection.
- ASTTBC is to be commended for its ongoing efforts to improve public, educator, and employer awareness of the unique role of technologists, technicians and technical specialists to the applied science and engineering teams, and for promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in K-12.
- ASTTBC and APEGBC are strongly encouraged to establish a framework for the scope of practice and approval responsibility between technicians, technologists and engineers/geoscientists.
- A national forum is essential to the public interest and professional recognition nationally and internationally. The mobility of certified members, and the mechanism to protect public safety in this transferability, is an essential strength that must prevail.
- ASTTBC continues to perform in a professional and suitable manner in representing its members and in respecting the importance of public trust and safety.

The Report of the Public Representatives 2013 was sent to The Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, and all the other BC Government MPs and MLAs. "ASTTBC gains much from having the Public Representatives on Council and their outside perspective is very useful to our deliberations," says ASTTBC Council President Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCLS, CLS.