

ASTTBC Public Representatives

Meet Minister Wilkinson



(L to R)ASTTBC Public Reps on Council, Rob Campbell, PEng, Brian Carr, PhD, James Coble, MA, and Hon Andrew Wilkinson at the Minister's constituency office

The Public Representatives on ASTTBC Council met October 30 with the Minister of Advanced Education, Andrew Wilkinson, to review their 2014 report.

Brian Carr, PhD, James Coble, MA and Rob Campbell, PEng attended and spoke with the Minister on topics such as the evolving role of technologists and technicians. The Public Representatives talked about how changing new technologies require continuous adjustments to the working relationships and practice boundaries between engineers and technologists / technicians. The four talked about this reality in the workplace and the need for APEGBC and ASTTBC to work closely together to ensure that each professional's role is being fulfilled effectively.

The conversation moved to a discussion of the important work of ASTTBC and APEGBC members and of their respective associations. Professional accountability of members and the critical role of the associations in assuring professional standards were discussed, with the Minister noting the heavy responsibility this placed on associations. There was an understanding that APEGBC and ASTTBC are expected to work together to resolve practice matters in ways that best serve the public interest. It was recognized that self-governing associations are called to muster the volunteer and financial resources needed to carry out these responsibilities.

The meeting was described by the Public Representatives as positive and very productive.