

Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) seeks nominations for a Public Representative to sit on Council *November 2010*

ASTTBC is a self-governing association responsible for the professional regulation of technologists, technicians and technical specialists in BC. One of the largest professional associations in BC, the association was initially formed as the Society of Architectural and Engineering Technologists in 1958, and re-incorporated as ASTTBC under the ASTT Act in 1985. ASTTBC has about 9,500 registrants, an annual budget of about \$2.5 million and a full time staff of 20 FTE. For details go to www.asttbc.org

ASTTBC is currently accepting expressions of interest from individuals who are interested in actively engaging in the important supporting role of a Public Representative (non-member) position on its governing Council. This is an excellent opportunity to make a positive contribution and influence how ASTTBC considers the impact it has on the public as it regulates technology professionals and advances technology careers that keep pace with rapid advances in technology.

The ASTTBC Council appointed two Public Representatives for the first time in 2006 and has now changed the *ASTT Regulations* to add a third Public Representative to augment and broaden the perspective of the Public Representatives' role in supporting Council on matters relating to the public interest. For a copy of the first formal report of the Public Representatives please visit <http://www.asttbc.org/about/corporate/agminutes.php>

The Public Representative will be appointed for an initial one year term which may be extended a further two or three years. Out of pocket expenses related to Council or committee business will be reimbursed but no honorariums will be paid.

Role of Public Representatives on Council

As ASTTBC serves to protect the public interest, the presence of public representatives is intended to ensure that Council is informed of, and considers the full scope of, public interests as follows:

- 1) to help Council consider the public's interest by contributing non-member perspectives to Council's deliberation;
- 2) to be familiar with the legislated Purpose as well as the Council's Vision and Mission of the association, the ASTT Act & Regulations and Council Bylaws and policies governing the profession;
- 3) to keep fully informed of Council business and to participate fully and freely in Council discussions and decision-making; and,
- 4) to provide a further level to Council's focus on public accountability and transparency

Requirements of Public Representatives:

- * not be members or potential members of ASTTBC
- * be free of any perception of conflicts of interest, e.g. not family members
- * be resident in British Columbia

Preferred Attributes, Skills and Interests of Public Representatives

In appointing public representatives the goal of the Nominating Committee will be to select someone who will draw from their professional and personal development to provide a balance of diverse interests and background knowledge. Areas to be considered may include the following:

- association governance
- economic development
- environment
- finances
- immigration
- law
- legislation governing professional regulation and public policy
- professional ethics and accountability
- training, education and career development

To provide balance on Council the Nominating Committee may also consider:

- First Nations
- Gender
- BC's diverse cultures and languages
- Rural / urban

The Nominating Committee may consider Public Representative nominees who also have the following attributes:

- an interest in careers in applied science technology
- a record of community service
- time to devote to Council business ó up to 6 meetings per year plus associated preparation
- good interpersonal communication skills
- are honest, have integrity and the ability to inspire confidence
- a balanced and objective approach to decision-making
- experience in non-profit association governance
- experience in professional regulation and related administrative law
- willingness to travel to Council meetings
- no need for financial compensation beyond out-of-pocket expense recovery
- the ability to communicate via phone and e-mail
- no immediate family members in (or eligible for) the Association and no other material conflicts of interest

If you are interested in contributing by accepting this stimulating and challenging volunteer position, send your current resume along with a covering letter outlining your reasons for considering this opportunity and the contribution you can make to techinfo@asttbc.org.