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APEGBC Enacts Limited Licensee Voting Privileges

Recent amendments to the Engineers & Geoscientists Act were brought into law on June 25, 2012. One amendment that takes effect immediately permits limited licensees to run and vote for the positions of president, vice president and councilors; to call for and vote at a meeting of the Association; and to vote on petitions and bylaws.

"This development represents a milestone in the recognition of those members of ASTTBC and others who acquire a Limited License from APEGBC," said ASTTBC President, Bill MacPherson. "This change was adopted by the Councils of ASTTBC and APEGBC as a result of the joint Task Force working to enhance the APEGBC Limited License".

ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech reflected on the work of the two associations nearly two decades ago when the Limited License was first conceived and implemented. Leech said in an interview, "ASTTBC and APEGBC are working constructively and cooperatively to better serve the public interest, in this situation by enabling qualified members of ASTTBC and others to secure rights to independent practice in the field of professional engineering." APEGBC and ASTTBC will consider the best methods to promote the Limited License to ASTTBC members. Both associations have an interest in seeing the Limited License accepted by regulatory bodies.

The amended *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* is available at:

www.apeg.bc.ca/resource/publications/actbylawscode.html