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Welcome to the first digital edition of CONNECT!

A digital format allows us to reach a larger audience and target regional areas. It also conserves our resources and creates efficiencies for our staff. CONNECT will be published four times per year, is always accessible and is easy to read on your computer, tablet or phone, and of course you’ll be able to print off a hard copy if you wish!

In 2018, ASTTBC has undergone several positive changes to engage, support and promote our members.

After a lengthy collaborative process, the BC Government announced the new Professional Governance Act on October 22nd. If passed, the Act will allow ASTTBC the authority to govern the respective practice of technology professionals and our members to be recognized as Qualified Professionals.

This is major milestone for the Association. It demonstrates the level of commitment to upholding public trust and safety that ASTTBC members adhere to. It also shows the recognition by the BC Government of the role that technology professionals play in maintaining public infrastructure and essential services in BC.

Thank you for the work that you do and the standards of practice that you uphold.

The 2018 Member Survey is in progress and has been improved to focus on membership needs and what you value. Shorter by design, your thoughts and opinions will assist in setting ASTTBC’s strategic direction and enhancing your member experience. If you have not received an email with the Member Survey link, please contact us.

The focus of this and future CONNECT newsletters is our members, stakeholders and industry partners. As we continue to improve our organization, we encourage your submissions to communicate and celebrate the role that ASTTBC members play in society. After all, this is your Association. As President and CEO, we serve to fulfill the interests of the membership and perform our regulatory role to protect the interests of the public.

Respectfully yours,

Trent Reid, CTech, ASTTBC President

Theresa McCurry, BSc, PMP
ASTTBC Chief Executive Officer

HAVE A STORY OR ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?

We are seeking submissions for future issues of CONNECT. Please contact Kimberly Kelly, Editor at kkelly@asttbc.org.
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ASTTBC COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
Nominations are requested for election to ASTTBC Council.
Each nomination must be supported by the signatures of 10 certified members, as well as the consent and signature of the nominee.
Endorsed nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chair no later than Saturday, February 23rd, 2019.
Please send to: Keith Trulson, AScT, EngL
Chair, Nominating Committee
techinfo@asttbc.org

ASTTBC TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS
Established in 1958, ASTTBC regulates standards of training and practice of technologists, technicians and technical specialists, to protect the interests of the public under the ASTT Act.
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60-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In 1958, a small number of technologists and technicians, working primarily for professional engineers and architects, formed The Society of Architectural and Engineering Technologists (SAET) to independently recognize the expertise and contribution of Technology Professionals in BC. The name was changed to The Society of Engineering Technologists in the 60’s to better reflect the rapidly growing membership. Here’s a look at few of our members throughout the years.

“The future depends on what you do today.” - Mahatma Gandhi

96% OF BCIT DEGREE GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED.*

*Source: BC Student Outcomes, Baccalaureate Graduates Survey, prepared by BC Stats (2016)
Unless you have been living in the Desolation Islands or some other isolated region, you have likely heard of, contributed to and discussed the Professional Reliance Review that was undertaken this past year by the NDP Government.

How did this all get started? Several natural resources projects received attention from environmentalists and the Green Party. These projects included qualified professionals in agrology, applied science technology, biology, engineering, and forestry. The NDP-Green Confidence and Supply Agreement signed in July 2017, outlines a number of areas of importance and commits to a review of the Professional Reliance model in BC. This was included in Minister Heyman’s mandate letter, which outlined expectations and priorities for the minister by Premier Horgan.

A review of the Professional Reliance Model was conducted November 2017 – May 2018, which included an audit of the five regulating bodies (ASTTBC succeeded), stakeholder submissions, case studies and a jurisdictional scan. What problem was being solved through the regulators was a bit of a mystery. However, in time, it became clear that the government wanted to enhance public trust in British Columbia.

After the report was issued on June 28, 2018, the regulators met with Government for 10 full-day meetings, to discuss what the contents of recommendations one and two of the report might look like. At times there were spirited discussions, and at the end of the day we recognized the minister had given his staff very specific directions.

Late this summer, an important opportunity presented itself. ASTTBC along with the College of Applied Biologists and the BC Institute of Agrologists approached government with the request that we be given the legislative authority to practice of our respective professions – what we like to call “Right to Practice”. We reasoned that if ASTTBC, and others regulators, are expected to fully protect the public interest in carrying out our mandate; then we must be able to hold all practitioners accountable to professional standards.

Minister Heyman has said the proposed Office will address public concerns about a perceived need for more government oversight. It is Government’s goal to ensure that roles and expectations of all Qualified Professionals are clear and decisions will protect the public and the environment.

If the legislation (Bill 49) passes, what does this mean for ASTTBC members?

• Provide a defined scope(s) of practice for members.
• Professionals will be required to sign declarations of competency and conflict of interest.
• Whistle blower protections will be provided to those who report.
• Duty to report unethical conduct will be enhanced.
• The Associations will be required to regulate firms.
• Increased public representation, smaller Council size, and a new merit-based nomination process will be instituted.
• Creation of the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (Office).

Advance your profession! Government will engage in a consultation process with all stakeholders. It is imperative that ASTTBC members fully participate. Government must clearly hear our needs and perspectives. It is time that technology professionals be fully recognized.

To read the BC Government’s news release on the Professional Governance Act, please click here.
More than ever, the old cliché “use or lose it” applies to all things related to professional reliance, and to practice and compliance. ASTTBC’s mandate to protect the public interest is supported by the following four policies and processes:

The Practice Review Board (PRB) serves as an administrative tribunal reviewing complaints against members alleged to be in non-compliance of the Code of Ethics or standards of practice. A summary of complaints and their outcomes is available here.

The Practice Assessment Review (PAR) policy, introduced in 2015, is an audit of member practice to confirm compliance, competencies, conduct and content of professional documents. Adherence to the Code of Ethics and Practice Guidelines is required for all members of ASTTBC and this includes our technical specialist registrants.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is another essential feature of professional reliance. The Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) policy supports the objectives of the ASTT Act, Regulations and Code of Ethics. Members record their CPD activities here.

The Accreditation Board is responsible for overseeing the process of accrediting education and training programs that prepare ASTTBC members for initial certification.

Registered Fire Protection Technician Standard of Practice

Following more than two years of stakeholder consultations, the ASTTBC Council-approved RFPT Standard of Practice (SoP) is now available for full implementation starting January 1, 2019. RFPTs must follow the new SoP when testing and inspecting fire protection equipment and systems. All RFPTs are required to complete a FREE online quiz achieving a passing grade of 80% to demonstrate their understanding of the SoP and to confirm their commitment to comply with the requirements specified in the SoP. For more information, click here.

BC Energy Step Code

The BC Energy Step Code is an optional compliance path in the BC Building Code that local governments may use to incentivize or require a level of energy efficiency in new construction that goes above and beyond the requirements of the BC Building Code. ASTTBC was appointed to the BC Energy Step Code Council which acts as an advisory body to support local government and industry as these requirements are implemented towards the BC’s goal that all new buildings be net-zero energy ready by 2032. For more information, click here.
MEMBER SERVICES

ASTTBC has carefully selected value-add service providers who offer special rates to our members in areas that matter most to technology professionals and their families.

Our Affinity Partners Program offers exclusive rates on products and services with trusted providers, such as:

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The Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District is a proud member of the BC Hydro Energy Manager Program and is one of the largest school districts in the province with over 40 facilities, 2,000 employees and 14,000 students. Offering a balance of urban, nature and island-life, Nanaimo is located on central Vancouver Island with easy access to the rest of the island and the Lower Mainland.

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TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE
Viking Fire Protection, Kelowna

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STRUCTURAL TECHNOLOGIST
McElhanney Consulting Services, Prince George

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For job details, please click here.

For more TECHJOBS postings throughout the province, please visit: asttbc.org/jobpostings.
HEATHER ROBERTSON, AScT
Heather has recently re-located to Kelowna and assumed the position of Civil Engineering Technologist with Associated Engineering Ltd. Heather previously spent four years as Supervisor, Engineering Services and eight years as Supervisor, Transportation Engineering with the City of Prince George.
Heather is a member of ASTTBC Council and was Chair of the BC Women in Technology group for three years.

STEVE GOODALL, CSO
Steve recently reclassified from Construction Safety Office (Provisional) to Construction Safety Officer. Steve works with Westbow Construction Group as a Safety Coordinator. Westbow Construction Group was established in Chilliwack in 1977 and is now a second generation family-owned and operated developer of homes in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Westbow also works alongside Hungry for Life, supporting the people of Haiti with housing and education projects.

ROGER SIMMONS, CSO, CGCSCI, OFA3
Roger has reclassified from Construction Safety Officer (Provisional) to Construction Safety Officer. Roger works with Best Personnel, specializing in long-term CSO Assignments while fulfilling education upgrades in: NCSO designation, EH&S certificate, CHST certification and Gold Seal Construction Safety. Roger is a dedicated safety professional who strives to educate workers and use a practical approach to solving problems.

PAM CHILTON, AScT, CRD
Pam is the Owner and Principal Designer of Zimba Design. Zimba Design has recently relocated to the Shipyards District in North Vancouver. This move was prompted by the addition of permit consulting and design of small commercial spaces services. Zimba Design is now located at Suite #302, 92 Lower Lonsdale in a heritage building that was built in 1912.
NEW MEMBERS

Applied Science Technologist (AScT)

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Tracy Smith
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Jim Millard, CSO (Provisional)
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NOVEMBER 10 VANCOUVER

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BOABC 2018 EDUCATION CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 27-30 RICHMOND

This conference includes two core Mandatory BC Building Code change education opportunities, an industry executives panel, examinations and supplier sessions. For more information, please click here.

BC NATURAL RESOURCES FORUM

JANUARY 22-24 PRINCE GEORGE

This two-day annual forum features speakers on the latest news and developments in the natural resources industry. The Forum offers a neutral, non-partisan and positive arena to discuss trends, challenges and opportunities unfolding in the province. For more information, please click here.

TechAbility - Making DiverseAbilities Work!

TechAbility is a research project to increase diversity in the engineering and applied sciences sectors. Your company has the opportunity to be a leader and benefit from innovative inclusion. For more information on how to get involved, please click here.

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