



FOREWORD

David Ellis, Chair, ACEC-BC Provincial YPG Steering Committee

Welcome to another year of ACEC-BC Young Professional Group (YPG) activities! Members from our various committees recently met to goal set and plan for the upcoming year. With approximately 20 new volunteers on our various committees there are a ton of new ideas and fresh perspectives and 2018/2019 promises to be an exciting year. The regional steering committees have been off to great starts with several events having already been held throughout the province. Planning for our third annual YP conference is well underway, and it promises to exceed expectations – which is difficult with such a great conference last year!

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our volunteers put into making each year a success, holding dozens of events throughout the province including breakfast seminars, networking events and our annual YPG Conference. Please visit [this link](#) to view our organizational chart for the upcoming 2018/2019 term. If you see a familiar name and want to get involved, we encourage you to reach out to them or me directly to learn more about how you can start volunteering!

ACEC-BC BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC PLAN

The ACEC-BC Board of Directors meets each year in September to participate in a Strategic Planning Retreat. In addition to the current Board members, an invitation is extended to past Board Chairs to attend. The retreat focuses on the following key issues that will form the focus of the Board's initiatives this year:

- Professional Reliance
- Increase Influence with Government Agencies
- Increase Member Value
- Young Professionals Group
- Increase / Improve Communications
- Onerous Clauses
- Qualifications Based Selection
- Increase Role of ACEC-BC as a Trusted Voice to the Public

At the moment, the issue of Professional Reliance is particularly topical with the Provincial Government introducing legislation this month which will fundamentally change the way in which professional associations are governed throughout the Province. The proposed legislation will have a lasting impact on us all and I urge everyone to educate yourselves on this important issue. With legislation being discussed this month, there is limited time for you to make your voice heard. Please visit [this link](#) to learn more.



ACEC-BC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Young Professionals Group hosted our second annual YP retreat in September. We kicked off the day by providing an overview of ACEC-BC and the YP Group to the new volunteers and spent the remainder of the day reviewing the 3-year plan, engaging in goal setting for the upcoming year, and wrapped up with a networking social. During our retreat, we identified the following items from our 3-year plan to be main areas of focus for this year:

- Expanding the Annual YP Conference
- Growing our YP groups in smaller BC communities
- Engaging with the Board of Directors
- Improving integration of YP Mainline Committee representatives
- Developing new relationships with external groups
- Increasing awareness and support for equality in gender and diversity in engineering.

Having successfully recruited many new volunteers who are enthusiastic about moving these goals forward, we are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Lower Mainland

The Lower Mainland Committee (LMC) is excited to continue to bring an assortment of events, including breakfast seminars, a variety of networking activities and pub nights, student outreach, and community involvement opportunities. We also intend to continue to partner with other industry groups to expand our networks with other professional groups.

This year we welcome a few new volunteers to the LMC. Our committee is made up of:

Position	Name	Company
Chair	Katherine Miller	Mott MacDonald
Vice Chair	Pia Abercromby	McElhanney
Past Chair	David Marchand	Binnie
Professional Development	Suki Gill	Stantec
Networking	Sonny Bharaj	Binnie
Volunteer Management	Shara Viaje	Mott MacDonald
Student Outreach	Nathanael Leung	Wood
Community Involvement	Kristina Kwong	McElhanney

Since the school year has started so have the student outreach opportunities. On Sept 20th EGBC hosted an industry night at SFU Surrey. We had a couple representatives there to talk to post-secondary students about what consulting engineering is. If you are interested in helping represent ACEC-BC and becoming a YP Ambassador, please let us know.

Interested in what makes a successful leader? Our first breakfast seminar will cover this topic. Keith Sashaw, President & CEO, ACEC-BC, will share his thoughts on different management styles and traits of successful leaders he has worked with over the years. Keith will be retiring after having spent 32 years in Association Management. He will reflect on changes that have occurred in Associations over the last three decades.

The event will be held at the Metropolitan Hotel and is called **“30 Bosses in 30 years - Adventures in Association Management”**. To find out more, follow [this link](#) to the event page:

We want to strengthen the role of company champion, if your company or office does not have a representative please reach out so we can be sure to have a contact in all ACEC-BC member companies.



Vancouver Island

The Vancouver Island Committee (VIC) kicked off the 2018-2019 season with a social / networking event at the Games Room. The event was well attended by YPs across a variety of disciplines, and it was great to see some new faces as well as some familiar ones from last year. Stay tuned for details on an upcoming networking event planned for late October.

The VIC is excited for the upcoming year, and plan to build on last year's growing attendance with an assortment of events, including several networking events and two breakfast seminars. We are currently planning our first breakfast seminar so stay tuned for more information on the topic and date. If you have any suggestions, questions about upcoming events or you would like more information, you can contact Colin at cdavis@mcelhanney.com

Northern Region

The Northern Region Committee continues to build on the success of the past few years, and the group continues to look for opportunities to allow young professionals to get involved and grow their careers.

A few events are being planned throughout the upcoming year, so look for details to come out soon. A breakfast seminar on First Nations Consultation is expected to be announced in the coming weeks, and a pub night is also being planned for end of October or early November. These events will be a great opportunity for YP's to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

A Municipal Mixer is still in the planning stages with the City of Prince George, and tentatively looking to be held at the end of 2018 or early 2019. Topics are being discussed but will include current issues the City would like to communicate to the engineering community and highlight areas that the engineering community can help meet the goals and objectives of the City.

For the 2018/19 year we hope to get involved with some high schools, the local College and University with the new technology and engineering programs expected to start in the fall of 2019.

Okanagan

The Okanagan Committee (OC) met for their first meeting in September and coordinated a group bike ride along the Kettle Valley Railway at Myra Canyon on September 9th. Attendees appreciated the view, the fresh air, and the good conversation.

The OC will be putting on three breakfast seminars this season. Speakers and dates will be announced when details are confirmed. Previous years' breakfast seminars have been well attended and given good reviews. Stay tuned!

We are also working on a few fun social events; more information will be shared once details have been finalized. These events are a great opportunity for YPs to meet others in the area and start building a professional network, which is so important in our industry. We are always working on updating and expanding our Okanagan company champions and mailing lists. If you would like to be added to this list, please email us at info@acec-bc.ca and mention that you are in the Interior. This is the best way to stay updated on events and interesting tidbits!

If there is anything else you would like to share, please send us an email. We would love to hear your ideas about breakfast seminars, socials events and all things ACEC-BC!



CHANGES TO PROFESSIONAL SELF-GOVERNANCE IN B.C.

Canadian Engineering and Geoscience professions have enjoyed the privilege of self-governance for over 100 years. Last year, The Provincial Government conducted a review of the Professional Reliance model in BC to examine the current legislation governing qualified professionals in the natural resource sector.

In June 2018, following their review, recommendations were released in a report that outlined over 121 recommendations that will affect the following five (5) professions:

- Engineers and Geoscientists (EGBC)
- Technologist and Technicians (ASTTBC)
- Biologist (College of Applied Biology)
- Foresters (Association of BC Forest Professionals)
- Agrologists (BC Institute of Agrologists)

Of the 121 recommendations, two have been identified as high priority by the Provincial Government and will have an impact on the above five professional associations, significantly affecting our current self-governance model. These include:

1. Establishing an Office of Professional Regulation and Oversight.
2. Introducing umbrella legislation that will standardize key elements of professional governance.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy has plans to move very quickly with these two recommendations that will see new legislation changes in October 2018.

ACEC-BC has many questions about the proposed adoption of these recommendations, but we are most concerned about the government's desire to move quickly to adopt legislation without adequate consultation and input.

Equally concerning is the five affected regulatory bodies (ie. EGBC, ASTBCC, etc.) are under a government-mandated non-Disclosure Agreement and are therefore not able to disclose any information regarding their ongoing discussions with government.

Because of these communication restrictions and lack of consultation, ACEC-BC will be requesting the Provincial Government delay Professional Reliance changes until next spring to allow for adequate, transparent consultation with all affected stakeholders.

To obtain more details on how Professional Reliance Recommendations will affect professionals in BC, refer to the links below from ACEC-BC and EGBC:

- ACEC-BC: [Link to ACEC-BC website](#)
- EGBC: [Link to EGBC Video](#)