



**Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Geology Subcommittee  
Terms of Reference**

**Mandate**

- The Geology subcommittee is a sub-committee of the Professional Practice Committee, a Standing Committee of Council. The mandate of the Geology subcommittee is to support the Professional Practice Committee in fulfilling its mandate, with respect to the practice of Geology, including:
  - Developing standards and guidelines for the practice of professional geoscience
  - Undertaking other professional practice matters as may arise from time to time

**Functions and Responsibilities**

- Review existing and proposed standards and guidelines that may affect professional geology practice in Ontario, and recommend their updating, revision or acceptance to Council
- Determine whether new standards and guidelines are required to ensure professional geology practice is protective of human health and the environment, and, as appropriate, recommend their development to Council
- Establish a roster of Professional Geoscientist (P. Geo.) senior practitioners and Qualified Persons in the field of Geology to provide professional practice advice to Council, APGO committees and members, when requested
- Liaise with Regulators, other professional self-regulating organizations, technical organizations, etc, as requested by the Professional Practice Committee, respecting issues affecting professional geology practice

**Outcomes and Deliverables**

- Recommendation and provision of geology professional practice standards, ethics and guidelines to be followed by APGO members
- Presentation to the Professional Practice Committee of updates and key issues as requested
- Provision of an Annual Report to the Professional Practice Committee by February 28 following the December 31 year end

**Operational Considerations**

- Meet quarterly or more frequently, as required
- Deliberations of the subcommittee are considered confidential to committee members

- Provide minutes of meetings to attendees and Registrar/Executive Committee on behalf of Council within 30 days of said meeting being held
- Outline resource requirements, respecting financial and technical/member support annually

### **Status and Authority**

- The Geology subcommittee reports to the Professional Practice Committee, which reports to Council through its Chair
- Decisions and recommendations of the subcommittee will be by consensus
- The subcommittee has the authority to establish working groups to address professional geoscience practice issues
- The subcommittee's term is open-ended
- The subcommittee should work cooperatively with the Environmental Geoscience Subcommittee and Geophysics Subcommittee when addressing geoscience practice issues that may overlap with these areas of geoscience practice

### **Composition/Organization**

- The Geology subcommittee has no mandated composition requirements
- The Chair is to be nominated by the Committee and approved by Council
- The Vice-Chair is to be selected by Committee members
- Appointments are to be for a minimum period of 3 years, or as requested by Council
- Temporary committee members may be selected from amongst qualified member volunteers or other Qualified Persons by the Chair to address specific professional practice issues
- Committee member terms will commence at the beginning of the calendar year of the year of appointment
- No more than 1/3 of committee members' terms will expire in any calendar year
- Observers and invited experts may attend committee meetings by request and/or invitation of the Chair

### **Review**

- The Terms of Reference of the Geology Subcommittee will be reviewed at least once every three years

### **References**

- Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000
- APGO By-Law No. 1
- APGO By-Law No. 7
- Professional Practice Committee Terms of Reference