



APEGA Council Election Ballot Counting Committee Report

I, Blair Bisson, P.Eng., was the Chair of the Ballot Counting Committee for the APEGA 2026 Council election. The Ballot Counting Committee, created according to Section 7 of the Bylaws, consisted of six Professional Members. The Committee met on March 6, 2026, to review and validate all electronic and paper ballots received during the election to establish the election results.

As in previous years, and per the legislation, both paper and electronic ballots were available to the membership. Electronic voting has been used since 2009, and for the eighth year in a row, Simply Voting Inc. supplied the electronic ballot. Simply Voting is a Canadian company whose systems are designed to eliminate the risk of electoral fraud or breach of secrecy. The use of this vendor ensures that members are authenticated before accessing the ballot, and each member casts only one vote. Ballots are vigorously checked for validity and stored securely and anonymously until the close of the election. APEGA does not see the individual votes or the progress of the election during polls.

This year, a total of 6,208 votes were cast, which is 10.9 percent of eligible voters. There were no paper ballots distributed during the polling period.

The election results were reviewed, verified, and validated by all six members of the Committee before presentation to the President and the Registrar & Chief Executive Officer. The Committee confirmed that the election was conducted per the relevant election Bylaws and procedures.

The Ballot Counting Committee is satisfied that the election was conducted in an impartial manner and that results of the 2026 Council election are as follows:

- For president, **Dean Mullin, P.Eng.**, per Bylaw 8(2).
- For Incoming President (President-Elect), receiving the highest number of votes on the Executive Ballot per Bylaw 8(1), is Ken Hawrelko, P.Eng., with Natasha Avila, P.Eng. receiving the second-highest number of votes is elected Vice-President.
- Four successful candidates were elected to serve a three-year term as councillors:
 - **Geoffrey Kneller, P.Eng.**
 - **Eric Potter, P.Eng.**
 - **Jeffrey Priest, P.Eng.**
 - **Jason Vanderzwaag, P.Eng.**
- A fifth candidate was elected, having received the next highest number of votes, and will serve a one-year term as councillor due to a vacancy:
 - **Hijab Ali Choudhary, P.Eng.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blair Bisson", is written over a horizontal line.

Blair Bisson, P.Eng. (Chair)

March 6, 2026

Date