

2020 APEGA Council Election Ballot Counting Committee Report

I, Blair Bisson, P.Eng., was the Chair of the Ballot Counting Committee for the APEGA 2020 Council election. The 2020 Ballot Counting Committee, created according to Section 7 of the Bylaws, consisted of six Professional Members. The Committee met on March 6, 2020, 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 second 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 9,653 votes were cast, which is 17.1 percent of eligible voters. There was one paper ballot distributed during polls; however, it was not returned to the Edmonton Office before the close of polls on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

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.

As Chair of the 2020 Ballot Counting Committee, I confirm the published results of the APEGA election agree with the results provided by our independent third-party election provider. The Ballot Counting Committee is satisfied that the election was conducted in an impartial manner and that the published results are accurate. The results of the 2020 Council election are as follows:

- For President, John Van der Put, 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 Brian Pearse**, **P.Eng.**, with **Lisa Doig**, **P.Eng.**, receiving the second-highest number of votes is elected Vice-President.
- For Council, the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes, per Bylaw 8(3) are:
 - Margaret Allan, P.Eng., P.Geo.
 - Darren Hardy, P.Eng.
 - RaeAnne Leach, P.Eng.
 - Theresa Watson, P.Eng.