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An Invitation to Join TPBCA as an ‘Early Adopter’

We’re inviting YOU to join Technology Professionals BC Association (TPBCA), a new organization dedicated to advocating for and providing member services to technology professionals. TPBCA is NOT a professional regulatory body; that is the role of ASTTBC and other professional organizations regulated under the Professional Governance Act. TPBCA is similar to the Association of Professional Biology and the BC Society of Engineering and Geoscience.

What Will TPBCA Do... Specifically?

Advocacy for our profession and the professionals and businesses who are members will be a key element of our services. The Board has approved a **Statement on Accreditation** and is reviewing this with other NGOs and businesses, seeking their endorsement. An important service for members is **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**, so have started loading CPD info on our web site. **A Mentoring Program** will be launched in a few months. Later in 2024 or early 2025 we will announce a program **on Indigenous Relations** and another program for **people with disabilities**. A **speakers bureau** is being considered. Add to this list **special benefits** such as car rentals, hotels, and the list goes on. We have signed **Memorandums of Agreement** with several organizations and will engage with many more. *Maybe you have a suggestion for us? We welcome your ideas.*

Who is joining as Early Adopters?

Marlon Coy-Veliz, CTech Joined and is now Community Rep in Victoria

Marlon came on board as a very early adopter of membership in TPBCA. While still in the very early days of building TPBCA, technology professionals like Marlon not only see the need long term but wish to get involved as the new organization creates a model that will attract many more in our profession. Marlon expressed interest in getting involved and has been appointed as a Community Representative.



Marlon Coy-Veliz, CTech sees much value in TPBCA

“10 years into my career, I see the benefits of being a member of an advocacy and services organization such as TPBCA. I am excited to be involved with TPBCA early on and invite you to join as well.”

Do I need to be a registered professional to join TPBCA?

Another NO. While we anticipate many members will be registered with ASTTBC or other professional regulator, we look forward to welcoming others (individuals and businesses / NGOs) who are affiliated with STEM education and careers.

Are Other Professionals Establishing Similar Organizations?

YES... The biology professionals have the Association of Professional Biology, and the engineering and geoscience professionals are launching an association (BC Society of Engineering and Geoscience). We are watching to see what other professionals governed under the PGA decide to do.

Is TPBCA Competing with ASTTBC?

In short – NO. TPBCA is an advocacy body; ASTTBC is a professional regulator. While there may be areas in which the two groups have a common interest, the roles are quite different. TPBCA is the VOICE of technology professionals. More details on this can be found on our web site: <https://techprobc.org/>

An Early Adopter in 1959 and Again in 2024

Alan Cheek is a tech who has been fully retired for over 25 years... and is still actively supporting others by joining TPBCA. With ASTTBC Registration #143 (what a record!) Alan was an ‘early adopter’ of membership, joining what was then the Society of Architectural and Engineering Technologists (SAETBC) in 1959, within the first year of the organization being formed. Some 66 years later Alan is one of the ‘early adopters’ of membership in Technology Professionals BC Association (TPBCA). Alan encourages Technology Professionals – and businesses / NGOs - to join up as an ‘early adopter’. *“I saw the value of SAETBC for my career back in 1959 just as I see great need for and value in an organization like TPBCA. I encourage you to join,”* said Alan in a recent interview.



Alan Cheek, ASTTBC #143 steps up in support of TPBCA

“I was one of the first members of what is now ASTTBC and at the time was SAETBC and am delighted to see the formation of TPBCA.

I invite you to join TPBCA as an early adopter.”

How to Get Registered as a Member

Please go to ‘Membership’ on our web site – <https://techprobc.org/member>.

If you have any issues please send an email to info@techprobc.org.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT will formally commence in 2025. But right now, we could really benefit from YOUR SUPPORT... as a member. Your membership will give us the foundation we need to breathe life into this new enterprise. We look forward to welcoming you as a member.