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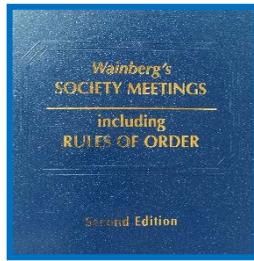
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## Code of Ethics



The Professional Engineer's Code of Ethics is an important foundation in an engineer's professional and personal life. Seasoned engineers say that the code contains countless nuggets of wisdom, that can be applied to many areas of one's life.

- *"A practitioner shall act towards other practitioners with courtesy and good faith."*

## Rules of Order



Chapter executive meetings are conducted in accordance with the PEO Special Rules of Order and the rules in Wainberg's Society Meetings. There are many things to learn when you join a chapter board but these meeting guidelines are among the most complicated. You just never know when you might need to brush up on your understanding of quorum, notice, nomination, reconsideration, and rescission! Your fellow board members are a great resource for learning about meeting rules of order. The PEO Chapter Office is also available to answer questions and assist your chapter with running [smooth board meetings](#).

## Chapter Elections



Many chapters will be holding board elections and AGMs in the next few months. Here are some "best practices" to keep in mind when preparing for your chapter election:

- Encourage change by providing nomination information to your members
- If you are currently a member of your chapter's board, review your succession documents and make sure they're up to date
- The RCC requests that, as per their decision in 2011, you support nominees from outside the chapter borders who have selected your chapter as their active chapter
- Appoint two non board members to act as scrutineers

Please refer to the [Chapter Election Guidelines](#), and [Chapter AGM document](#), as posted on the chapters website under Documents A-Z, for complete details.

## Volunteerism



[PEO volunteers](#) represent approximately 1% of the PEO membership. Our volunteers come from all disciplines, all parts of the province, and are culturally diverse. Everyone brings a different perspective to the role of volunteer. Sometimes this can be challenging and even frustrating. Conversations can get heated. A conscious decision to not only listen, but to also hear what the other person is saying, can go a long way. Mutual respect is understood not just in the language we use, but also in our tone of voice and in our body language. While there are many differences amongst volunteers, we encourage you to find the common ground, such as the belief that by volunteering on behalf of your chapter you foster an environment where engineers can come together. Or perhaps it is the idea that as a volunteer you contribute to engineering's legacy within your community.