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The Legislation Committee is responsible to the Council for evaluation of the purpose, consistency and clarity of The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act, the By-Laws and the Code of Ethics. The laws and rules that allow us to govern the profession to which we belong and also allow our profession to exist in harmony with other related professions, both inside and outside Manitoba, must be continually revised and adapted to meet the challenges of the modern world.

The main task this year was a review of the section of the By-laws that specifies the process by which the By-laws themselves are changed. As some of the members may recall, back in the paper ballot days, a proposal to change a By-law came before the AGM and required the approval of that AGM before it could proceed to a letter ballot. In the brave new online world, the process was changed to skip the AGM step and have the vote on the proposed change done online coincident with the voting for Council members. In so doing, the opportunity for a real discussion by members about the merits and effects of a By-law change was lost and the committee examined whether that discussion was useful and should be restored to the process in some way. A candidate By-law change proposal was sent to Council but failed to obtain the required approval so more work will still be needed.

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