

Summary of Typical Commitments by AOLS Members Running for a Position On Council

(Approved by Nominating Committee - 2014)

Financial Commitments

All reasonable expenses for seminars, travel, accommodation and meals relating to the AOLS or its committees are reimbursed for members of Council.

The following costs of the annual general meeting are covered for the councilor and his/her partner: registration, accommodation, seminars, events, meals and accompanying persons program.

The costs relating to election campaigns by persons for the positions of junior councilors, vice-president and president cannot be claimed as an expense. Election campaigns take place in January of each year. The largest election expenses would be the cost of travel to the eight regional group meetings in Ontario and overnight accommodation. Candidates who are unable to visit all the regional groups often make arrangements amongst themselves to alternate their attendance at the regional group meetings. Another alternative to the demands of attending all regional group meetings during a relatively short period of time would be for a candidate to present his/her election platform by telephone, teleconference or the internet using a tool such as Go To Meeting, subject to the availability of an internet connection at the meeting venue and the provision of sufficient notice to the regional group chair.

Council Meetings

Depending on the workload during a given year, council meetings of one to a maximum of two days durations are usually held every two months.

During the annual general meeting (AGM), Council meets on the Tuesday before the start of the AGM and can meet on the Friday afternoon or Saturday following the meeting. This could total a maximum of four days, not including travel.

The summer meeting typically involves a 1 and ½ day meeting in July that starts on a Thursday morning and ends after lunch on Friday. Councillors usually arrive at the resort on Wednesday evening in time for dinner. The evenings are allocated to socializing, relaxing, sports, time with the family or simply quiet time.

Additional Duties of Councillors

Members of council are usually assigned to a regional group and three or four committees. They may also be assigned to a task force. In most cases, the councilors are not expected to undertake any significant committee work, but to simply provide progress reports (written or verbal) at each Council meeting. Periodically, Councillors are also expected to deliver Council's message to the regional groups or committees to which he or she has been assigned. Representation on the Committees and regional

groups is changed annually in order to provide councilors with a broad understanding of AOLS work and a good sense of the issues confronting the members across the Province.

Members of Council are expected to discuss and vote on many complex issues and, therefore, it is essential that material be reviewed prior to the Council meeting.