



College of
Registered
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of Ontario

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Past President Policy

Purpose

To promote strategic and project-specific continuity while facilitating an effective transition to new leadership.

Scope

This policy applies when there is a change in the office of President. Executive Committee elections occur annually around June. If a new President is elected, this policy takes effect. Generally, the outgoing President concludes their term, and the new President begins their term, in September or October.

Policy

As set out in CRPO's by-laws, "Council may, by a majority vote conducted by secret ballot of those present and voting, appoint the current, outgoing President as Past President." The Past President serves as a non-voting member of Executive Committee. The maximum term for the Past President is one consecutive term of approximately one year. The Past President shall not hold another office of the College. Schedule 1 of the by-laws (the process for Executive Committee elections) does not apply to the appointment of Past President. A vacancy in the office of Past President cannot be filled by a different individual.

Each year, Council may determine whether appointing the outgoing President as Past President is appropriate. For example, it may be appropriate to appoint a Past President if the incoming President is new to Executive Committee. Conversely, it would be inappropriate to appoint a Past President if the outgoing President is elected as an Executive Committee member at large.

The remuneration and expenses of the Past President are the same as for an Executive Committee member at large (professional or public, as applicable).