

BLPC Report to the 104th AGM

The By-Laws and Policies Committee (BLPC) is responsible for:

- a)** providing advice on the interpretation of the Institute By-Laws and Policies and the Constitutions of constituent bodies
- b)** scrutinizing proposed amendments to the Institute By-Laws and Policies to ensure consistency with current By-Laws and Policies
- c)** scrutinizing Constitutions of constituent bodies and proposed amendments thereto to ensure consistency with the Institute By-Laws and Policies. Such Constitutions and any amendments thereto shall take effect upon approval by the Board of Directors (BOD) and ratification by the constituent body concerned
- d)** drafting new policies and amendments to existing policies as required and submitting them to the BOD for approval and reviewing all policies, from time to time, to ensure their relevance, clarity and application
- e)** working on any assigned tasks by the BOD

Model constitutions, in gender-neutral language, for Branch, Chapter, Group, Sub-Group and AFS Sub-Group are provided as template documents to assist constituent bodies in preparing their constitutions, facilitating the overall process. The model constitutions can be found at the following link: <http://www.pipsc.ca/about/governance/committees/blpc>.

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Thank you,

Stéphanie Fréchette and Scott McConaghy

BLPC Chair and Acting Chair