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| AREC<br>South Ontario Chapter | Association of Romanian Engineers in Canada (AREC) | P01-rev. 1   |
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## MISSION STATEMENT

**AREC South Ontario Chapter (AREC-SOC)** is a chapter of AREC, a non-profit organization engaged in activities for enhancing the reputation and standing of engineers with Romanian origin living in South Ontario, Canada. It offers to Romanian-speaking engineers opportunities to:

- \* network with their peers – share information on job openings and other opportunities;
- \* engage in dialog with Romanian - Canadian VIPs;
- \* learn about Professional Engineers Ontario licence;
- \* socialize with other engineers and professionals;
- \* cooperate with other Romanian-Canadian organizations; and
- \* facilitate access to group-discounted products and services (banking, insurance, etc).

The AREC - SOC was founded on 2010 June 13 with the intention to serve the membership living or working South of Toronto, Ontario. The AREC -SOC is subordinated to the AREC Headquarters, Toronto.

## VISION

The AREC mandate is to promote the prestige and integration of the Romanian-speaking engineers in the Canadian society.

**Effective Networking** can take many forms, such as:

- creating opportunities for AREC members to effectively communicate among themselves (networking)
- better communications of the benefits and value of AREC membership to current and potential members
- AREC is a network of people. It is a platform for contacts between students, engineers, industry and society. The AREC network offers support to engineering students and Romanian-speaking engineers.
- It opens borders and it opens minds. It aims at helping to understand cultural differences and at developing one's personal and professional skills.
- Our goal is to make positive changes in our lives and to support each other through those changes.

**Helping** Romanian-speaking engineers origin with advice towards PEO licensing and engineering employment.

AREC - SOC has an Executive Committee as a formal, policy-setting group, formed to meet the needs, goals and objectives of the Chapter.

The Executive Committee shall have five members (as "Directors") and each member is elected by open vote, every two years, from the AREC membership in our geographic area. Other members, nominated by the Directors, may work together with the above Directors for performing Chapter activities.

Three Directors constitutes a quorum. No major decisions can be made by the Executive Committee without a quorum.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

*President* – is the elected leader of the Chapter. He or she has the authority to sign all official documents, is required to attend all meetings of the Committee and signs cheques jointly with the Vice-President **OR** Treasurer.

*Vice-President* – is the second in line for leadership of the Chapter. He or she will work on policies and procedures, organizing events and fundraising for the benefit of membership. He or she signs cheques jointly with the President **OR** Treasurer. Both the President and Vice-President will maintain the link with the AREC Headquarters, according to AREC Bylaw #1 regarding Chapter functioning.

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*Treasurer* – is the Director responsible for Chapter finances. He or she collects deposits and accounts for all monies, produces annual financial statements, and signs cheques jointly with the President **OR** Vice-President.

*Secretary* – is the Director responsible for keeping all documentation related to the Chapter. He or she will produce electronic or hard copies of Chapter’s minutes and meeting agenda, media releases, letters, memos and other documents.

*Administrator/Community Liaison* – is the Director who represents the Chapter in dealing with other ethnic, charitable or community organizations, and also maintains the Chapter website.

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