

Geospatial Engineering Practices Committee

Terms of Reference



The Geospatial Engineering Practices Committee (GEPC) is responsible for the strategic development of the geospatial engineering discipline and the expertise of members of the profession. It does this by ensuring:

- GEPC represents the interests of those studying and employed within the field of geospatial engineering and promotes standards of excellence within the profession.
- GEPC considers and promotes good practice in methods of geospatial engineering surveying in accordance with the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors' (CICES) competencies.
- GEPC assists members of CICES confidentially with queries on problems encountered in the workplace concerning geospatial engineering issues.
- GEPC links with other CICES committees and working groups to provide technical support as appropriate.
- GEPC seeks the advice of other panels, for example the Utilities and Subsurface Mapping Panel (USMP), as necessary and where practical, when GEPC is requested to assist members concerning problems encountered in their workplace which impinge on the technical aspects of work covered by other panels.
- GEPC considers and promotes good practice in methods of geospatial engineering and informs members of developments relating to civil engineering surveyors.
- GEPC works with others to identify the need to develop existing or new skills within the profession to meet the growing needs of the industry, for example within the fields of digital engineering and sustainability.
- GEPC contributes articles to *Civil Engineering Surveyor*, *Geospatial Engineering* and other publications, social media channels and the website and encourages other members to do the same.
- GEPC promotes its work to members and the wider industry outside of CICES.
- GEPC works in collaboration with other professional bodies, for example including but not limited to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Survey Association and Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).
- GEPC leads the CICES involvement in the Survey Liaison Group.
- GEPC assists in the work of the Tomorrow's Leaders Committee if requested.
- GEPC actively arranges and supports CPD events nationally and in the regions, including the annual GEO Business conference and exhibition. GEPC members may be asked to propose suitable topics and speakers for inclusion in the conference.

Membership activities

- GEPC members may be called upon to assist in judging CICES competitions, including CICES Publishing Award (annual) and Richard Carter Prize (biennial).
- GEPC members may be asked to undertake specific workstreams as required by the institution.
- GEPC members may be asked to support and review the work of the Competencies Working Groups.
- GEPC members may be asked to support the work of the ICE/CICES Geospatial Engineering Panel in terms of specific projects being undertaken within the scope of the MoU.

Membership composition

- The chair of GEPC will be appointed by Council of Management.
- With the exception of the chair, whose term shall be determined by Council of Management, membership of GEPC shall be for a fixed term of four years initially.
- The maximum number of members of GEPC is ten. This excludes corresponding members, CICES staff members and representation from other panels, committees and external organisations.
- Attendance at a meeting can be in-person or via online conferencing.
- If a member does not attend a meeting on three consecutive occasions, that member may be asked to resign from GEPC.
- Nominations for replacements of the membership will be suggested by the core group and voted upon using a majority count for approval.

