

# Registrar's Report

Membership continues to increase annually, as illustrated in Figure 1 below. The College received 294 applications last year, which is consistent with previous years. Only applications which are complete are forwarded on to the Credentials Committee so the number of applications received and assessed within a year may vary. Some applications can take up to a year before all documents have been received and are deemed complete. In Table 1 (bottom of page), you will see the 2016 distribution of members by category with a comparison to the distribution in 2015.

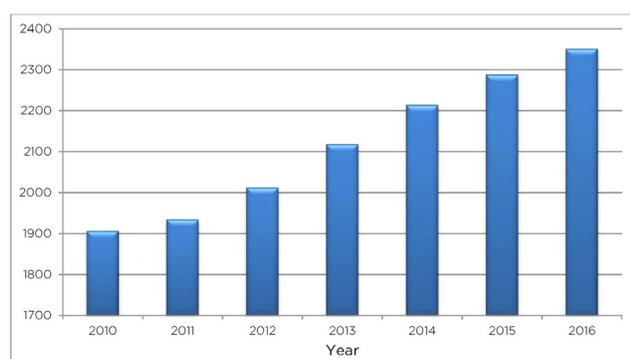


Figure 1: Membership in the College of Applied Biology since 2010.

The College's membership has always included those who live and work outside of BC. In the last couple of years, this number has remained steady at just over 11% of the membership. These members live and work in other provinces and territories in Canada; in the US, specifically Florida, California, Washington, Illinois, and Tennessee; and in New Zealand, Australia, and Britain.

The College receives applications from biologists all over the world. To assist domestic and foreign trained applicants, an academic self-assessment tool was developed 4 years ago. This tool assists the applicant in determining whether their academic training meets the College's requirements. Since its implementation in late 2013, over 1500 individuals have used the [self-assessment tool](#).

Credentials Committee members are all volunteers and it has been a privilege to work with them. Dr. Chris Johnson, RPBio (Chair, Credentials Committee) and Dr. Joyce Boon, RPBio (Ret) (Vice-Chair, Credentials Committee) generously give their time and expertise to the assessment of applications, which sometimes can include 10 sets of transcripts from a single applicant. I would like to acknowledge the members of the Credentials Committee for the dedication and commitment they give to the application assessment process and to the demands of short turnaround times, expected even during the holiday period.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge Jillian Stewart, BIT, Administrative Assistant, who responds to all application enquiries with enthusiasm and ensures that applications are organized and complete. I would also like to acknowledge Kathy Gallegos, the College's Bookkeeper, who ensures that members' application fees and dues are dealt with efficiently and accurately. 

Respectfully submitted,  
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Table 1: College Membership Distribution: Comparing 2015 and 2016 Year-End Membership Category Totals

	2015	2016	Net Change
<b>REGISTERED MEMBERS</b>			
Professional Biologists	1764	1793	+ 1.6 %
Biology Technologists	71	82	+ 15.5 %
Retired	88	95	+ 6.8
<b>MEMBERS-IN- TRAINING</b>			
Biologist in Training	254	254	No change
Trainee Biology Technologists	29	24	- 17.3 %
Student	27	36	+ 33.3 %
<b>OTHER</b>			
On Leave	55	67	+ 21.8 %
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>2288</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>+ 2.8 %</b>