

Presidents Group Report

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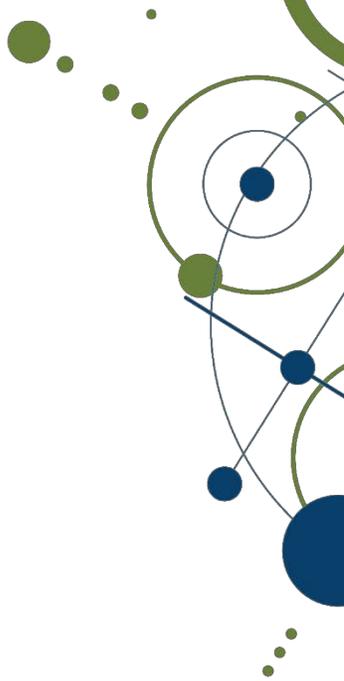
Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia

October 2021 PG Meeting Chair



Constituent Associations (CA)

- **PEO** – Christian Bellini, President
- **Engineers NS** – Darrin McLean, President
- **APEGNB** – Maggie Stothart, President
- **EGBC** – Larry Spence, President; Carol Park, President-Elect
- **Engineers PEI** – Elliot Coles, President; Colin McQuillan, incoming President
- **APEGS** – Kristen Darr, President
- **APEGA** – Brian Pearse, President; Lisa Doig, President-Elect
- **PEGNL** – Bill O’Keefe, President
- **NAPEG** – Justin Hazenberg, President; Melanie Williams, 1st Vice-President
- **Engineers Yukon** – Kirsten Hogan, President
- **EGM** – Jason Mann, President; Alan Silk, President-Elect
- **OIQ** – Kathy Baig, President (sent her regrets)



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We started the session with each CA sharing initiatives relative to Truth and Reconciliation.

- Most CA's sharing some form of awareness training with staff, volunteers and registrants. Question if there is a common approach to availability and cost across Canada?
- Many CA's have EDI committees and/or initiatives specifically addressing these issues.
- Many CA's either have instituted or are investigating land acknowledgement policies.
- Some CA's utilizing budget surplus to fund indigenous scholarships.

Key Themes from CA updates

- Discussed Legislation & Governance
 - Many CA's in the midst of Governance reviews/reforms
 - General recognition of the challenges for a combined regulatory & advocacy body
 - Most CA's currently working on Strategic Planning
 - Scope of practice overlaps still of concern in some CA's – engineers & technologists

Key Themes from CA discussion

- Discussed CA council issues in terms of:
 - Council effectiveness/efficiency/time management
 - How to best encourage strategic or ‘generative’ discussions
 - Dealing with pandemic related restrictions; office reopening, CEP/CPD sessions, AGM’s, staff/volunteer burnout

Follow up item of concern

- Iron Ring Ceremony
 - Concern expressed over language and messaging of current ceremony. CA Presidents are asking Engineers Canada to advise on relationship with 'The Corporation of the Seven Wardens'.
 - What is a regulator's role, if any?
 - Do we have any influence to make the language more inclusive?