

# Chief Executive Officers Group Report to the Board

Ann English, P.Eng.  
CEO & Registrar, APEGBC  
February 24, 2016



## Welcome and participation

Chief executive officers from all of the regulators participated in a meeting of the CEO Group on Monday and Tuesday morning. Grant Koropatnick said Hello Bonjour from Manitoba and participated by teleconference.

We were very pleased to welcome Carol MacQuarrie, P. Eng., the new Registrar and Director of Public Affairs at Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick, to our meeting.

## Accreditation Concerns

The Regulators, as the key users of the accreditation system, are disquieted by the current unsettled state.

Our understanding is that the transition to graduate outcomes has been in process long past the anticipated implementation date.

3

## Transition to Outcomes Assessment

- 2008 Board Motion

*RESOLVED THAT the Engineers Canada Board of Directors approve the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Boards Terms of Reference and Criteria as presented and that the AB work towards a framework for an outcome-based assessment regime by 2010.*

4

## Accreditation Workshop (May 2015)

There is a need to:

1. broaden the purpose of accreditation
2. separate governance of AB from promotion and support of the accreditation system
3. restore trust between AB, HEIs and Engineers Canada
4. make HEI workload more manageable
5. reassess the value of continuing with the mandatory use of the AU system
6. strengthen and support the change management process
7. remove the barriers to innovation within programs
8. manage the increasing demands on students
9. make AB Visiting Team workload more manageable
10. better articulate the benefits of accreditation now and in the future

## Motion - Accreditation Needs

We, therefore, request that the Board consider the following motion:

That the CEO, in consultation with NCDEAS, AB and the Regulators, lead the effort to effect the following.

1. broaden the purpose of accreditation
2. separate the governance of AB from the promotion and support of the accreditation system
3. restore trust between Engineers Canada, AB, HEIs and Regulators
4. make HEI workload more manageable
5. reassess the value of continuing with the mandatory use of the AU system
6. strengthen and support the change management process
7. remove the barriers to innovation within programs
8. manage the increasing demands on students
9. make AB Visiting Team workload more manageable
10. better articulate the benefits of accreditation now and in the future

## CEO Group Priorities

### National Code of Ethics

The national code of ethics has been adopted by NS, NB and NL (except for one clause) and substantially by SK. The regulators noted that they may not be able to adopt the national code of ethics “as is” because it does not include the concept of integrity.

We suggest that the Board consider amending the National Code of Ethics to include “integrity”.

7

## CEO Group Priorities (cont.)

### Online Competency Assessment Project

- Engineers Canada has completed a readiness assessment of the regulators and discussed the recommendations of the report with the CEO Group.
- The CEO group supports Engineers Canada working with APEGBC to adapt their online solution to meet the requirements of other regulators. EC will provide change management assistance and fund training modules for applicants and assessors.

8

## CEO Group Priorities (cont.)

### National Professional Practice Exam

- Transfer of management of the NPPE from APEGA to Engineers Canada.
- APEGA will work with Engineers Canada to develop transition plan.
- Target for completion of the transition is the end of 2017.

9

## CEO Group Priorities (cont.)

### Continuing Professional Development

- Goal: to reduce duplicate reporting
- We are reviewing our continuing professional development programs with a view to aligning with the Framework element.
- Right now, PEI's program is modelled on AB and NL is similar. NS accepts all continuing professional development programs.
- We feel that alignment would improve CPD requirements, and streamline reporting in multiple jurisdictions.

10

## Multiple Licensing Application

- Engineers Nova Scotia, Engineers PEI and APEGBC have entered into a Multiple Licensing Application for AIT transfers.
- Applicants can submit one application and indicate that they also wish to obtain a license in the other signatory jurisdictions.

11

## Questions?



12

Thank you

