

**May 2017 Board Meeting and Annual Meeting of Members Summary**  
*Materials are on the [Board Meeting Microsite](#) and [Engineers Canada website](#), as linked in item titles.*

#### **Nominations Approved**

The following nominations were approved:

##### *Accreditation Board*

Wayne MacQuarrie, Chair, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
Julius Pataky, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Danilo Candido, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Pemberton Cyrus, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Robert Dony, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Jeff Pieper, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020

##### *Qualifications Board*

Dennis Peters, Chair, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
Ron LeBlanc, Vice-chair, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
Paul Blanchard, Past chair, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
Mahmoud Mahmoud, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Roydon Fraser, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020  
Jerry Helfrich, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018  
Frank George, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020

#### **President's Update**

President Chris Roney discussed key issues facing Engineers Canada, including challenges in the accreditation process, the increasingly active role of technologists, and provided an update on the CEO search.

#### **CEO Report to the Board**

Interim CEO Stephanie Price updated the Board on the budget and Q1 forecasting, strategic initiatives and key activities in regulatory support, needs of engineers, confidence in the profession, sustainability and outreach, and internal activities. She also committed to initiating monthly updates to the board.

#### **Qualifications Board Update**

Dennis Peters, Chair of the Qualifications Board presented a report to the Board, including a status update on Qualifications Board's work and outputs for approval, an update on the development of the Model guide on the assessment of non-CEAB applicants, and an overview of next steps in the development of the guide.

#### **Accreditation Board Update**

Wayne MacQuarrie, Chair of the Accreditation Board, and Lynn Villeneuve, Practice Lead, Accreditation provided a report to the board, including: the Accreditation Board and what it does; accomplishments from October 2016 to May 2017; progress by the AU Task Force, and the Accreditation Improvement Program.

#### **Governance Report**

Digvir Jayas, Past-President and Chair of the Governance Committee, presented a report to the Board on recommended governance improvements, including a proposed timeline. He also discussed the proposed task force to review AB and QB nominating procedures and the status of items removed from previous agenda. Motions were passed to approve the governance improvement plan and to strike a task force to review AB and QB nominating procedures.

#### **NCDEAS Update**

Ishwar Puri, Chair of the NCDEAS, presented a report including: background on the NCDEAS committee work; accreditation pilot progress; advocacy committee outreach; NCDEAS-NSERC Liaison; Global Engineering Deans Council; and an excerpt from James Olson's presentation on pivoting science, technology and innovation from discovery toward "economic development."

#### **CFES Report**

Zenon Kripki, President of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students presented an update to the Board, including: an overview of what CFES is doing; key priorities for 2017-2018; and common areas of interest with Engineers Canada. He expressed appreciation to Engineers Canada for its continued support and collaboration.

#### **CEO Group Report**

Ann English, Chair of the CEO Group, presented a report of their recent meeting. The group highlighted: concern over lack of progress on accreditation; concerns over AB and QB nomination processes; and, challenges with life memberships and CPD requirements. They expressed support for continued use of the National Membership Database and for two new prospectuses. One is on the development of an online ethics course and another on a national continuing professional development catalogue of provincial offerings. They also had discussions on: the Canada-EU Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement implications; Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act issues; the development of National Position Statements; and, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region and US comity agreements.

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### [Presidents' Group Update](#)

Chris Zinck, Chair of the Presidents Group, presented an update including: board composition; affinity programs and the importance of transparency from Engineers Canada; and a desire to spend more time in their meetings discussing key issues facing the profession as a staging area to the meeting of members.

### **Executive Committee Elections**

Annette Bergeron was elected President-elect and the following directors were confirmed to the Executive Committee:

- President-elect - Annette Bergeron
- OIQ – Z. Ghavtitan
- APEGA – C. Parenteau
- PEO – C. Roney, Past-president
- PEGNL, Engineers NS, Engineers PEI or APEGNB – S. Devereaux
- APEGM or APEGS – D. Gelowitz
- APEGBC, Engineers Yukon or NAPEG – R. Kinghorn, President

### **Annual Meeting of Members: Motions**

Members approved motions to: Amend Section 9 of the Articles of Continuance, dealing with distribution of assets on dissolution of the corporation; direct the Board to develop a plan, for consideration by the Meeting of the Members no later than May 2018, to significantly reduce Board size no later than May 2020; and direct the Engineers Canada Board to provide much greater transparency to constituent associations respecting affinity revenue agreements.

### [Annual Meeting of Members: Presentations](#)

Members provided presentations regarding activities, successes and challenges of their organizations.

### **Election of Directors**

The following directors were approved: Annette Bergeron, Danny Chui, Jean Boudreau, Gary Faulkner, Lisa Doig, Justin Dunn, Bill Hunt, Terry Brookes, Sandra Gwozdz, Louis Champagne and Digvir Jayas.

### **Open Forum**

#### *Part 1: Engineers and Corporate Leadership*

Nick Whalen, M.P., discussed the perception of the diminished role of engineers in government decision making and its relationship to the lack of engineers on corporate boards or in the senior leadership positions of Canadian private sector. He noted a cultural shift that places greater value on financial analysis than technological knowledge and innovation. He suggests that greater research is needed to demonstrate how board performance can be improved with greater technical expertise. Nick's presentation was preceded by brief context-setting on Engineers Canada's public affairs, public policy and government relations portfolios by Jeanette Southwood, Engineers Canada Vice-President, Strategy and Partnerships, and followed by a question and answer session led by Darryl Ford, outgoing member of the Engineers Canada Board, and Chair of Engineers Canada's Bridging Government and Engineers (BGE) Committee.

#### *Part 2: OIQ Strategic Plan*

Kathy Baig, President of OIQ, [provided background](#) on the past several years of OIQ and its participation in the Commission of Inquiry on the Awarding and Management of Public Contracts in the Construction Industry. She explained the government's decision to place the OIQ under trusteeship and how that impacts decision making and described the steps being taken to develop a strategic plan for OIQ, and the consultations being undertaken with members of OIQ, and some of the measurable outcomes.

#### *Part 3: Supreme Court of Canada on CPD*

Robert MacDonald, Executive Director and Registrar of APEGS, [provided an overview](#) of the Supreme Court of Canada decision *Green v. Law Society of Manitoba*, which confirms the ability of the Law Society to require mandatory continuing professional development. He highlighted the relevance of the decision to the regulation of engineering.

### [Next Meeting](#)

Board Workshop: June 26-27, 2017, Cranbrook, BC