

## February 2018 Winter Meetings: Summary

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### Board Workshop

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The Board of Directors participated in a 1.5-day workshop to develop the 2019-2021 strategic plan. The session included consensus-seeking on the proposed changes stemming from the fall 2017 consultations on governance, followed by examination and discussion of the first iteration of the strategic plan map.

During the workshop, Board members agreed to bring forward the Purposes of Engineers Canada to the Board meeting for agreement to recommend to the members for approval at the May 2018 Annual Meeting of Members (AMM).

### Scholarship Dinner

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On the evening of Tuesday, February 27, recipients of 2017-2018 scholarships were honoured at a reception and dinner. These scholarships are made possible with the support of Manulife and TD Insurance. For more information, [read the announcement on the Engineers Canada's website](#).

### Board Meeting

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#### Reports and updates

[CEO's Report](#) (G. McDonald)  
[Canadian Federation of Students](#) (Z. Kripki)

#### Approvals

[National Position Statements on:](#)  
1) [STEM Education Research Funding](#)  
2) [Professional Practice in Software Engineering](#)

[National Guideline on Site Remediation](#)

#### Engineers Canada Board Policy Manual

The Board discussed a motion to approve revised policies and table of contents for the Board Policy Manual. Concerns over typographical errors in the French version as well as specific concerns with comparability to the current manual, including the confidentiality policy, led to the decision to defer acceptance of the Board Policy Manual until the next Board meeting.

#### Funding Task Force

The Board discussed [the terms of reference of the Funding Task Force](#). The terms of reference were passed with an amendment to include an advisor from the CEO Group.

#### Purposes of Engineers Canada

Following discussion during the Board Workshop, a motion was brought forward and carried to approve the revised Purposes of Engineers Canada for recommendation to the members at the May 2018 AMM. It was reiterated that these purposes are the culmination of input received during the fall 2017 governance consultations and reflect the collective direction articulated by the regulators. The purposes set the basis for the spring strategic planning consultations.

#### Qualifications Board update

An update on [the new Qualifications Board consultation process](#) was presented by D. Peters, chair of the Qualifications Board.

#### Accreditation Board update

An update on the [status of the work of the Accreditation Board](#) was presented by W. MacQuarrie, chair of the Accreditation Board. Raised as a significant issue was the Engineering

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Council UK's decision to present a three-year B.Eng. to be recognized under the Washington Accord. More information on this will be available in the early summer.

### *AU Task Force*

A report of the AU Task Force was presented, which included four recommendations for consultation with affected stakeholders. Consultations will begin in late March.

### **Nominations Task Force**

C. Roney presented the recommendations of the Nominations Task Force. The task force was created to bring clarity to the procedures for nominating members to the Accreditation Board and Qualifications Board, and to address regulator concerns. A draft report was released on January 29, 2018, and consultations with the Accreditation Board, Qualifications Board, and Board began in February and will continue into April. Final recommendations will be submitted for the September 2018 Board Meeting.

### **Presidents' Group**

K. MacLeod, chair of the Presidents' Group, presented a synopsis of their meeting. The group agreed to set up teleconferences to discuss the strategic plan in preparation for voting at the May AMM. They also agreed that they do not feel they will have sufficient information at this time to vote on the Board size. In particular, they would like to understand the mandate of the directors before they can consider what is an appropriate board size.

Other topics included the role of the Presidents' Group, onboarding and orientation, affinity programs, Funding Task Force, and 30 by 30.

### **Upcoming meetings**

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Board teleconference: April 9, 2018

[Board Meeting and Annual Meeting of Members](#): May 23-26, 2018, Saskatoon, SK

Board Workshop: June 18-19, 2018, Picton, ON