

EXCERPT FROM THE TABLE OF MOTIONS FROM THE 174th BOARD MEETING
HELD IN OTTAWA, ONTARIO
February 24, 2016

The following directors were in attendance

D. Jayas, President	C. Roney, President-Elect	P. Amyotte, Past-President
J. Beckett	A. Bergeron	S. Bilodeau
T. Brookes	G. Comrie	D. Ford (via teleconference)
D. Freeman	D. Gelowitz	Z. Ghavitian
S. Gwozdz	J. Holm	B. Hunt
R. Kinghorn	N. Lawen	R. Shreewastav
L. Staples	R. Trimble	

The following director was absent:

É. Potvin

The following advisors were in attendance:

K. Allen	P. Blanchard (QB)	G. Lachiver (AB)
G. Naterer (NCDEAS)		

The following advisor was absent:

M. Flint (CEOG) – replaced by A. English

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5.6 Report of the Consultation Group on Engineering Instruction and Accreditation	5557 Carried	Amended motion to accept the following recommendations from the consultation group: a) THAT The AB further develop the Consultation Document, in close cooperation with National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science – revised document to be finalized by July, 2016 for ratification, or decision if necessary, by the EC Board in the fall of 2016. In particular: i. Develop a final draft of the Interpretive Statement; ii. Incorporate suggestions identified in motion b) into a revised Consultation Document and/or Interpretive Statement; iii. Expand the Consultation Document by adding narrative and analysis on up to two alternatives identified in motion b); iv. For each approach outlined in the revised Consultation Document, include commentary on the most likely impact on program quality and the “desired accreditation outcome”, plus commentary on checks and balances which preclude unmanaged negative impacts; v. Recommend the preferred approach. b) THAT the AB consider all suggestions made during the current consultation. In particular:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify suggestions which improve the approach outlined in the Consultation Document; ii. Identify and explore suggestions which provide potentially better alternate approaches; iii. Provide brief rationale for suggestions not pursued; iv. Communicate above to workshop attendees and other stakeholders. <p>c) THAT stewardship of further progress on the Consultation Document revert to normal governance processes of EC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. AB has responsibility and accountability for developing this policy alternative, in close cooperation with the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science ii. Regulators and other stakeholders should be consulted with respect to the impact on “desired accreditation outcome”, but details of accreditation procedures should be left to AB and the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science; iii. The EC Board will ratify, modify or reject the recommended approach by normal voting procedures; iv. The Consultation Group will act as a sounding board, upon the request of the AB or the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science, until the revised Consultation Document is finalized in July, then stand down. <p>d) THAT the AB, the NCDEAS and Regulators consider working together to expand upon and refine the “desired accreditation outcome” (i.e. graduates who reliably meet the standards of admission). Regular joint discussions could become a forum in which “big picture” issues are put on the table and ramifications explored regarding accreditation, education and registration.</p> <p>e) THAT the AB consider giving heightened attention to transparency, effective stakeholder communication, and routine consideration of concerns and suggestions received in order to proactively manage the significant changes coming to the accreditation system.</p> <p>f) THAT the EC Board maintain higher awareness of this challenge, particularly the pace of progress and the overall “system cost” (HEI dollars, EC dollars, HEI staff time, AB volunteer time, EC staff time).</p> <p>g) THAT AB expeditiously develop policies and procedures to reduce, in the short term, the present workload to sustainable levels, in the joint judgement of AB and NCDEAS; and further, consider requesting the CEO to assist with staff resources.</p> <p>h) THAT the CEO accelerate development of organizational supports for accreditation processes (e.g. visitor training, electronic document handling, web-based workspaces,</p>

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		<p>logistics for and coordination of visits).</p> <p>i) THAT the CEO provide change management assistance to AB, either staff expertise if available or consultant expertise.</p> <p>j) THAT AB, in close cooperation with the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science, expeditiously develop a white paper outlining the options for the long term solution, respective pros and cons, and recommended principles for evaluating the options; and further, consider requesting the CEO to assist with staff resources.</p>
	<p>5558</p> <p>Carried</p>	<p>THAT the following Chief Executive Officers Group motion be forwarded to the consultation group for their review and consideration.</p> <p><i>That the CEO, in consultation with NCDEAS, AB and the Regulators, lead the effort to effect the following.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Broaden the purpose of accreditation</i> 2. <i>Separate the governance of AB from the promotion and support of the accreditation system</i> 3. <i>Restore trust between Engineers Canada, AB, HEIs and Regulators</i> 4. <i>Make HEI workload more manageable</i> 5. <i>Reassess the value of continuing with the mandatory use of the AU system</i> 6. <i>Strengthen and support the change management process</i> 7. <i>Remove the barriers to innovation within programs</i> 8. <i>Manage the increasing demands on students</i> 9. <i>Make AB Visiting Team workload more manageable</i> 10. <i>Better articulate the benefits of accreditation now and in the future</i>