

## February 2015 Board Meeting Summary

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### **Nominations Approved**

Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board:  
Gérard Lachiver, FIC, ing., Chair  
Wayne MacQuarrie FEC, P.Eng., Vice-Chair  
Malcolm Reeves, FEC, P.Eng., Past-Chair

Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board:  
Frank Collins, P.Eng., Member  
Shawna Argue, FEC, P.Eng., Member-at-large  
Ron LeBlanc, FEC, P.Eng., Member-at-large

### **Accreditation Board Update**

The Accreditation Board's Executive Committee provided information and updates about the transition to outcomes assessment. Outcomes assessment and continual improvement will be part of the accreditation decision process in June 2015. The Accreditation Board also presented a progress report highlighting recent activities and improvements made to the accreditation process.

### **NCDEAS Update**

The NCDEAS, while supportive of outcome-based assessments, presented an update on its concern about the sum of all accreditation requirements. They recommended creating a working group of the NCDEAS and the Accreditation Board to review feedback and propose solutions.

### **Qualifications Board Update**

The Qualifications Board presented a new status reporting process. A work plan that includes a tracking tool and identification of resources required from the constituent associations will be presented to the Board during its May meeting.

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

CEO Kim Allen updated the Board on Engineers Canada's key initiatives: Framework for Regulation, Online Competency Assessment Program, Affinity Programs, Career Action Program, Public Affairs, Educational Credential Assessment Project, Engineering Change Lab and the Environmental Scan.

### **President's Update**

President Paul Amyotte updated the Board on his efforts to promote linkages and communications between the owners, Board, staff and stakeholders. He stressed that the more trust is generated the better we will understand and respect our common strengths and differences. This, in turn, will benefit the profession.

### **Policy Governance**

The review of monitoring reports was deferred to the April Board teleconference.

The CEO is preparing an interim monitoring report detailing how Policy Governance Model implementation respects GP-4 Investment in Governance.

### **Educational Credential Assessment Project**

Engineers Canada is applying to be designated by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to provide Educational Credential Assessments (ECAs) for internationally-educated engineering graduates (IEGs). ECAs are used by the federal government to award points for immigration. They are **not** academic assessments for licensure.

Engineers Canada's designation will put IEGs in direct contact with the engineering profession early in their immigration process. Information will be provided on working in engineering in Canada, the licensure process and the engineering regulators' authority. Candidates that wish to apply for licensure will be directed to the regulators for assessment.

The CEO is preparing an interim monitoring report detailing how the project supports End 1.4 (timely and consistent foreign credential recognition), respects EL-3 (financial condition) and addresses EL-2.3 (operate without consideration of constituents' viewpoints regarding operational means which directly impact them).

### **Major Events Presentations**

Three presentations were delivered by:

APEGBC – On APEGBC's response to the Mount Polley failure.

OIQ – On the Charbonneau Commission's investigation of collusion and corruption schemes, proposed solutions and recommendations, and actions taken by OIQ.

PEO – On lessons learned from the Elliot Lake Inquiry and actions taken by PEO.

### **Big Picture Thinking**

A session on the one year Canadian experience requirement for immigration, facilitated by Christina Comeau, Practice Lead, Collaboration and Innovation, asked the constituent associations: can their duty to protect the public be met without the experience requirement, are there other ways to assess applicants' ability to practise, and what responsibility does the profession have to ensure international applicants are licensed as quickly as possible? A summary of the session will soon be available [on the Board meeting microsite](#).

### **Open Forum**

The Open Forum provided an opportunity for the Board, Presidents, CEOs and other key stakeholders to share ideas and seek broad input.

A five step process to create a shared envisioned future was presented. The process includes an environmental scan, a big picture thinking session, capturing feedback, discussions at an open forum, and adjusting Ends if required.

A presentation on the Ontario Human Right Commission policy with respect to the one-year Canadian experience barrier was made by Jeff Poirier, Senior Analyst.

The Linkages Task Force presented its interim report on Board linkage with ownership. A three-year plan will be submitted for approval by the Board at the May 2015 meeting. During the Board meeting, the Engineers Canada Board approved the addition of two constituent association CEOs and two Presidents to the Task Force.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

*Board Teleconference (April 17, 2015 – TBD)*

*Open Forum, Board Meeting and Annual Meeting of Members*

May 20-23, 2015, Hotel Arts, Calgary, AB.

*Board Workshop*

June 7-10, 2015, Fairmont Winnipeg, MB.