

## February 2016 Board Meeting Summary

Materials are on the [Board Meeting Microsite](#) and [Engineers Canada website](#), as linked in item titles.

### [President's Update](#)

President Digvir Jayas updated the Board on his attendance at the regulators' AGMs, a joint meeting between the executive committee of Engineers Canada and the executive council of APEGBC, attendance at the World Federation of Engineering Organizations general assembly, and COP-21.

### [CEO Report to the Board](#)

CEO Kim Allen updated the Board on key activities: National Engineering Month, Engineers Canada operations, protection of the engineering terms, EngScape, 30 by 30, the new retiree health and dental program, admission support tools, public affairs, and communications activities.

### **Big Picture Thinking**

A discussion was held on the importance of mobility as a strategic priority of Engineers Canada. The distinction was made between mobility as the ability to move from one jurisdiction to another, and reciprocity where licensure in one jurisdiction would automatically lead to licensure in another. The Board also discussed the role of trade agreements and the need for the profession to be a proactive party in such discussions so as to ensure that the profession's views were heard. A summary of the discussion will soon be available [on the Board meeting microsite](#).

### **Presidents' Group Update**

Connie Parenteau, on behalf of Lesley McFarlane, Chair of the Presidents Group, presented an update to the Board. The Group reported that their terms of reference will be reviewed at each meeting. They also reported that Organizational Quality Management will be expanding outside British Columbia and noted that there is an opportunity to work with Geoscientists Canada on a common code of ethics. They expressed strong support for 30 by 30.

### [CEO Group Report](#)

Ann English, on behalf of Mark Flint, Chair of the Chief Executive Officers Group, presented an update to the Board. The group expressed concern in the time it has taken for the Accreditation Board to transition to outcomes-based assessment. The National Code of Ethics has been adopted by four provinces and it was noted that the lack of the concept of integrity may be hindering adoption elsewhere. The CEOs expressed support for the Online Competency Project. The associations also committed to each appointing a 30 by 30 champion by the end of March.

### [Accreditation Consultation](#)

The Report of the Consultation group on Engineering Instruction and Accreditation was presented. While the consultation process was difficult at times, the consultation group expressed solidarity between the Board, regulators, NCDEAS and Accreditation Board members to resolve the issue. A motion was presented putting the Accreditation Board into a leadership role on the file, working with the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science and consultation group to further develop the consultation document. It was requested that a progress report be presented at the May Board meeting.

### **Governance Committee**

The governance committee presented its report and proposed that the committee would consult with Board advisors to identify the work of AB and QB that is policy-related in nature and that which is operational in nature, and report at the May 2016 Board Meeting. Governance Committee member Bill Hunt will lead the consultation.

### **Accreditation Board Update**

Gerard Lachiver, AB chair, presented an update on accreditation activities. He noted that the new criteria were used this year and the results were positive. The Accreditation Board also expressed their displeasure that they were not consulted on the change in name of the Accreditation Board. The Executive Committee committed to investigating and reporting to the Board in May.

### [Qualifications Board Update](#)

Paul Blanchard, QB chair, reported on the work of its committees, and results of the September 2015 workshop. The 2016 QB Workplan was presented and approved by the Board.

### **NCDEAS Update**

Greg Naterer, NCDEAS chair, expressed gratitude and reflected on the positive progress on improving the accreditation system. He reiterated importance of outcomes based assessment but also expressed that the workload issue continues to exist.

### **Student Update**

Quang Vinh Du of the la Confédération pour le rayonnement étudiant en ingénierie au Québec (Quebec Confederation for Engineering Student Outreach) introduced the Board to the work of the CRÉIQ (QCESO) and invited attendees to contact him for more information.

### **Open Forum**

Darren Smith and Dany Carrière of Global Affairs Canada provided an overview of the Trans Pacific Partnership and the impact on the professional service sector, and engineering in particular. The presenters reiterated that the government is in a 'listening mode' and welcomes input from all parties. In the second part of the Open Forum a discussion was had around the strategic planning process between the Board and regulators. A process for identification of strategic goals was presented and feedback was provided. The third part of the Open Forum was a panel discussion on how the profession can continue to maintain high standards and codes of practice. The panel included Jeff Proulx, Ann English, Chris Roney and Ray Mantha.

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