

## May 22, 2015, Board Meeting Summary

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

### **2015-2016 Election Results**

President: Digvir Jayas (MB)

Past-President: Paul Amyotte (NS)

President-Elect: Chris Roney (ON)

Board Directors on Executive Committee:

Darryl Ford (NB)

Larry Staples (AB)

Zaki Ghavitian (QC)

### **New Board Members:**

Directors

Dwayne Gelowitz (SK)

Bill Hunt (NL)

Richard Trimble (YK)

Advisors

Paul Blanchard, QB

Greg Naterer, NCDEAS

Mark Flint, CEO Group

### **Qualifications Board:**

Paul Blanchard, Chair

Dennis Peters, Vice-Chair

Suzelle Barrington, Past-Chair

### **President's Update**

Paul Amyotte delivered a presentation on owner, Board, staff and stakeholder linkages. The presentation's takeaway: the more we understand and respect our differences, the more we are able to utilize our common strengths for the betterment of engineering regulation in Canada

### **CEO Update**

Kim Allen updated the Board on Engineers Canada's office move to 55 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa; a new retiree health and dental affinity program; creating a Centre for Engineering and Public Policy as a national forum to convene engineers, regulators, academia and policy makers to discuss issues of importance to engineers and Canadians; collaboration with APEGBC on the online competency project; public affairs initiatives such as a new federal election microsite and the development of an infrastructure resiliency professional certification; the engineering environmental scan to inform strategic planning and thinking; and Framework for Regulation developments.

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

Connie Parenteau, president of APEGA, reported on behalf of the Group. Items discussed include:

- Linkage and synergy reports
- Budget approval process
- Board management of the Qualifications Board and the Accreditation Board
- Assistance to new Group members, including an orientation package and potential mentoring from previous members.

### **CEO Group Update**

Dennis Paddock, CEO of APEGS, reported on behalf of the Group. Updates included:

- That the Accreditation Board and Qualifications Board activities need to be managed by the Board
- Engineers Canada needs to create a system to identify constituent association work priorities and align its activities to address those work priorities.
- Prioritized items to be completed between Engineers Canada and the constituent associations, including that all associations should adopt the national code of ethics; whether the national database is still required and whether it complies with privacy requirements; and that the administration of the national practice exam be moved from Alberta to Engineers Canada.

### **Linkages Task Force Update**

As part of the Open Forum session, the Task Force presentation focused on strengthening governance, Board linkage with ownership and barriers to true linkage.

During the Board meeting, the Linkages Task Force recommendations related to possible changes to the governance structure that would result in the reduction of the size of the Board, and the creation of a General Assembly of constituent associations be referred to the meeting of members for consideration, were not approved. The Executive Committee will follow up on a suggestion that a task force be struck to consider three governance models that would potentially work for the Board.

Also as part of the Open Forum, Kathleen Morrow, Director of Domestic and International Labour Mobility at the Alberta Government, delivered a [presentation on Foreign Qualification Recognition in Alberta](#).

### **NCDEAS Update**

Chair Greg Naterer thanked outgoing chair Kim Woodhouse. NCDEAS [provided suggestions for a modernized accreditation system](#), including flexibility for educational innovation to enable improvements in program quality and reduction in costs, and support for student mobility such that students can pursue studies elsewhere in the world through exchange programs.

### **Accreditation Board Update**

From June 2014 to May 2015, the Accreditation Board conducted on-site reviews of 56 programs at 13 institutions to identify engineering programs that meet or exceed educational standards acceptable for professional engineering registration. The Accreditation Board also has simplified documentation required to be completed by programs receiving visits, and delivered workshops to train visiting team members on outcomes assessment. The deans' concerns related to Outcomes assessment have been heard and are taken into account while continuing to implement the transition to graduate attributes. The date for this transition is June 2016.

P. Amyotte delivered a presentation to the Board on the [May 6, 2015 facilitated workshop](#) convened to improve the current consultative and collaborative process with respect to accreditation. Specific next steps will be developed for the Accreditation Board and Engineers Canada staff via the upcoming Board workshop in Winnipeg.

### **Qualifications Board Update**

The following guidelines were approved by the Board: Risk Management; Site Remediation; and Principles of Climate Change Adaptation for Professional Engineers. The Qualifications Board work plan was also approved. The next iteration will include a section focused on constituent association priorities.

### **Educational Credential Assessment Project**

Kim Allen delivered [an update on the ECA Project](#).

A motion on the project was later carried that the CEO shall not provide any assessment of credentials for immigration purposes either directly or through a third party without the prior consent of 2/3 of the constituent associations representing 60% of registrants.

### **Online Competency Project**

It was resolved that a monitoring report be prepared to demonstrate how the creation of a new online competency assessment system by Engineers Canada will support the constituent associations in advancing the engineering profession and its self-regulation in the public interest at a cost that is justified by the results.

The monitoring report will provide details including, but not limited to:

- The terms and conditions of the funding agreement with the Federal Government.
- The use of the online system by CA's as agreed to with the Federal Government.

#### **Updated Ends Policies**

A new set of organizational Ends was approved. The changes were primarily made as the CEO cannot be held accountable for previously stated Ends. The rationale for the change is covered in the [Board Agenda](#) – p. 291 to 296.

#### **Big Picture Thinking**

Christina Comeau facilitated a discussion on International and Interprovincial Mobility / Globalization. Subjects discussed included labour market globalization of engineering; needs of the engineer; and new global opportunities and expectations regarding trade agenda. A report will soon be posted to the Board Meeting Microsite.

#### **National Position Statements**

The following statements were approved by the Board: Climate Change, Diversity, Expert Testimony, Federally-regulated Industries; and Quality-based Selection. New statements will be posted on the [National Position Statements page](#) of the Engineers Canada website.

#### **Upcoming 2015 Meetings**

Board Workshop – June 7-9, Fairmont Winnipeg  
Board Meeting – September 27-29, Westin Ottawa