

Presidents' Group Report

Presented by Chris Zinck, Chair

May 26, 2017

The Regulator Presidents met on May 25, 2017. Representatives from each association were present.

Items on the agenda included the size of the Board of Engineers Canada, Affinity Funding, and the President's Group structure and direction.

Engineers Canada Board of Directors Size

As an opportunity for discussion before the Meeting of Members, the group reviewed the topic of board size. CEO Stephanie Price and President Chris Roney gave short reports on the upcoming governance review and the likely direction concerning board size. General agreement was reached that a restructuring of the board is necessary. New structure options were discussed and while no solution was found, a board of 12 members with proportional/weighted voting was seen as a likely candidate. VP Kathryn Sutherland gave an opinion that weighted voting would be possible under the current federal incorporation of Engineer Canada, with some legal changes to the articles of continuance.

Final discussion of this issue will be held during Engineers NS's motion at the Meeting of Members.

Affinity Funding

In preparation for the Engineers NS motion on Affinity funding, the group had an opportunity for further discussion.

Engineers NS issues around fairness, organizational funding and transparency were presented and discussed and general agreement was reached on transparency. Engineers Canada President Chris Roney and CEO Stephanie Price both reiterated their goal of providing the necessary transparency on the funding.

The group identified that the fundamental issue is one of governance. This was a recurring theme in the discussions.

While there was support for the issue of transparency, both fairness and organizational funding have no consensus support. Engineers NS position is that proper transparency will provide the foundation for further discussion around fairness.

In Camera Session

An In camera session was held. It was decided that each future President's Group meeting would have an In camera session added to the agenda as a regular item.

Presidents Group Structure and Direction

The future direction of the Presidents Group was discussed. It was generally agreed that it is useful to meet and review regulators current issues. However, it was also agreed that the Presidents Group provides a unique opportunity for owners input and consultation. A new focus on providing input as owners will be used to construct future agendas. Engineers Canada staff will also provide options on issues of importance to be discussed.

Miscellaneous

Some housekeeping issues were dealt with including reviewing the action item list. Since I will be ending my term as Engineers NS President in September, a volunteer to take on the duties of chair was requested. Engineers NS VP Katherine McLeod offered and was selected as the chair for her full term of three meetings.

Since this is my last meeting as President, I would like to thank my colleagues for their support and professionalism. It was an honour to serve as their chair.