

Presidents Group Report

Leila Notash, PhD, P.Eng., FEC

President

Professional Engineers Ontario

Nicholas Kaminski, P.Eng.

President

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of
Saskatchewan (APEGS)

October 8 2026



Attendees

1. **Alberta** – Dean Mullin, President
2. **Manitoba** – Mike Houvardas, President; Kaitlin Fritz, Vice-President
3. **New Brunswick** – Bernard Roy, President; Phil Lamey , Vice-President
4. **Newfoundland and Labrador** – Jeff O’Keefe, Chair
5. **Nova Scotia** – Jennie Rand, Chair
6. **Northwest Territories and Nunavut** – Kamran Ata, President
7. **Ontario** – Leila Notash, President
8. **PEI** – Libby Osgood, President ; Spencer Long, Vice-President
9. **Quebec** – Sophie Larivière-Mantha, Chair
10. **Saskatchewan** – Nick Kaminski, President
11. **Yukon** – Adam Wallace, President; Dale Heffernan, Vice-President
12. **BC** – Karen Ling, Chair



Agenda

9:00 – 9:20	Welcome and Introductions
9:20 – 10:00	Discussion on AI and its Risks, Cybersecurity
10:00 – 10:35	Enforcement Issue – Complaints and Discipline
10:55 – 11:30	Creating Continuity and Stability; Presidents' Group Meetings: 2027 and Beyond; Enhancing Documentation & Communication;
11:30 – 11:45	Discussion Topics - Self-Regulation, Digital Engineering and Other Emerging Issues Affecting the Profession
11:45: – 12:00	Update by the CEO of EC

Presidents Group Mandate

Discussed the mandate and capabilities of the group.

Opportunities

Leverage skills and experience to assist Presidents with Governance

Challenges

Member turn over and meeting frequency impact continuity

Presidents Group TOR Review

The current TOR is consistent with the mandate. updates recommended to reflect the following enhancements to drive **continuity, consistency** and **stability**:

- **Rotating Chair:** Effective October 2027; East-to-West rotation, subject to the Chair not being new to the Presidents' Group/meeting
- **Vice-Chair:** Assumes the Chair role at the following meeting
 - **February 2027:** Chair – Nicholas Kaminski (Saskatchewan- APEGS); Vice-Chair – Dale Heffernan (Engineers Yukon)
 - **May 2027:** Chair – Dale Heffernan (Engineers Yukon); Vice-Chair – Newfoundland and Labrador
 - **Action:** Develop a three-year Chair/Vice-Chair rotation schedule
- **Incoming Presidents/Chairs:** Encourage pre-term participation to support smooth transitions and continuity

Presidents Group TOR Review

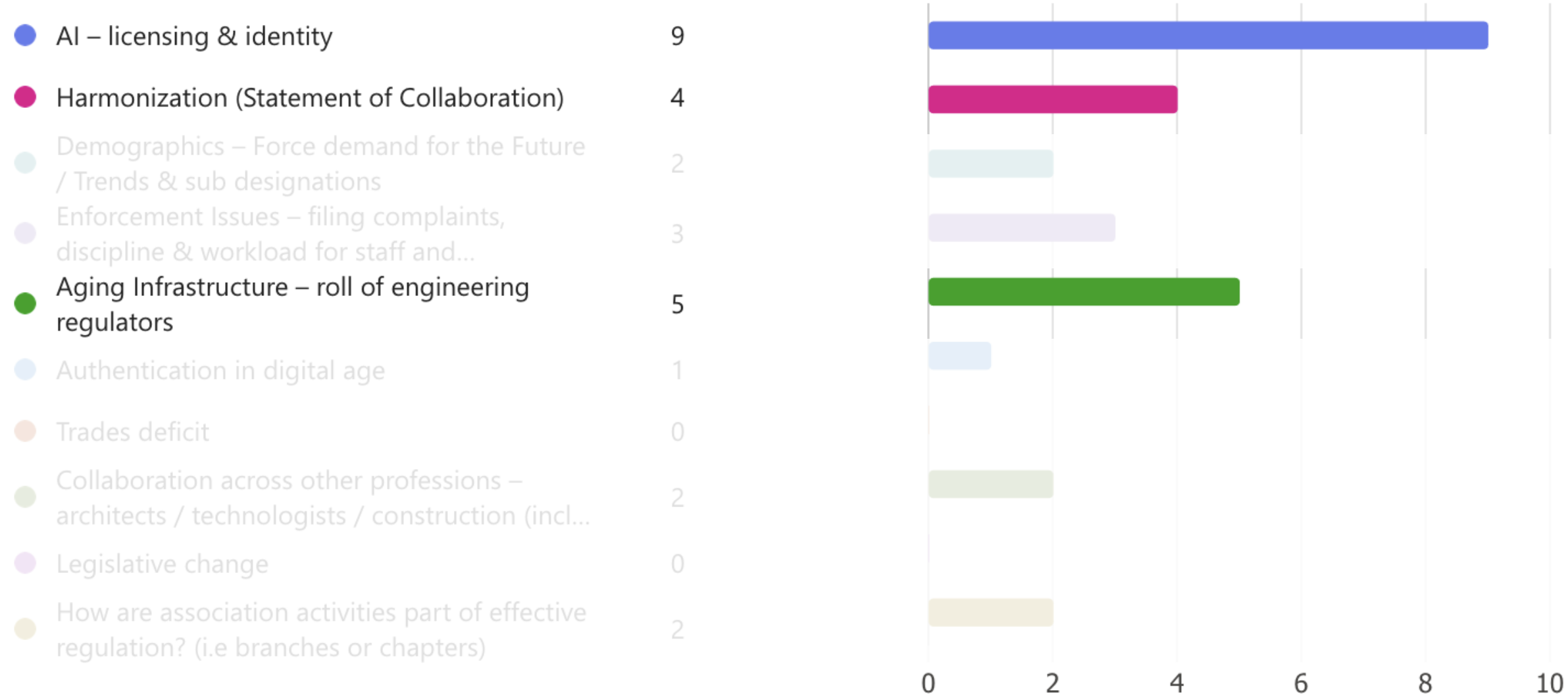
The current TOR is consistent with the mandate. updates recommended to reflect the following enhancements to drive **continuity, consistency** and **stability**:

- **Rolling Action Items List (RAIL):** Establish and maintain a centralized RAIL
- **Communication Plan:** Define key documents, communication protocols and distribution channels
- **Engineers Canada Support:** Continued support
 - › Meeting scheduling and logistics
 - › to maintain an up-to-date member list and contact information for **current and incoming Presidents**
 - › MS Teams: Central platform for file sharing, virtual meetings and archives, complemented by email communications with current and incoming Presidents
 - › **Frequency of Meetings:** three times a year

Presidents Group Discussion – AI and Proactive Enforcement

- **AI:** Valuable discussion on regulatory approaches to AI, continuing the discussions from the May AMM
- **Proactive Enforcement:** Exchange on advertising and marketing activities, including ensuring the public can readily determine whether the individuals they retain for engineering services are licensed
- **Presidents' Group Value:** Strong exchange of information and perspectives among Presidents, providing an opportunity to bring insights and emerging issues back to individual Councils/Boards

2026 AGM Panel Topics & Participants



Proposed 2027 AGM Panel Topics and Participants – To Be Decided in February 2027

Cybersecurity, Software/Digital Engineering
and Federal Regulation

- AI – Applied to regulatory functions; 9
- Harmonization (Statement of Collaboration) 4
- Demographics – Force demand for the Future / Trends & sub designations 2
- Enforcement issues – filing complaints, discipline & workload for staff and... 3
- Aging Infrastructure – roll of engineering regulators 5
- Authentication in digital age 1
- Trades deficit 0
- Collaboration across other professions – architects / technologists / construction (incl... 2
- Legislative change 0
- How are association activities part of effective regulation? (i.e branches or chapters) 2

