

CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING ADDRESSES FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING

By Michael Mastromatteo

THE SLOW REBOUND of the Canadian manufacturing sector dominated discussion at the June 20 annual symposium of the Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE) in Montreal.

While the symposium is the main venue for the induction of new fellows into the academy, it also includes presentations on topics of vital interest to Canada's engineering community.

Program chair, Pierre Lortie, ing., succeeded Richard Marceau, PhD, P.Eng., as president of the CAE during the meeting.

In highlighting Canadian manufacturing and its future, presenters focused on such issues as innovation, productivity and competitiveness.

"Manufacturing is a key component of the Canadian economy playing a major role in terms of innovation, exports, quality job cre-

ation and overall wealth creation. It is first and foremost the domain of engineering, in all its disciplines," said Lortie.

According to the CAE, in 2012, approximately 1.8 million Canadians were employed in the manufacturing industry, an increase of 1.4 per cent over the previous year. In 2012, the value of manufacturing exports amounted to \$286 billion, about 63 per cent of total Canadian exports.

Several industrialized countries have seen a resurgence of their manufacturing sector through "reshoring" and the adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies.

"A paradigm shift is occurring with regard to manufacturing concerning its critical role in the chain of innovation and the localization of manufacturing activities," Lortie said. "The time is long past for engineers to move the discussion concerning the future of our manufacturing capabilities on the public agenda."

A total of 47 new fellows, including several PEO members, were inducted into the academy during the three-day symposium.

[IN COUNCIL]

COUNCIL ESTABLISHES ELLIOT LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

486TH MEETING, JUNE 10, 2013

By Jennifer Coombes

AT THE JUNE meeting, council moved to establish an ad hoc Elliot Lake Advisory Committee (ELC), which will advise Acting CEO/Registrar Michael Price, P.Eng., FEC, on issues related to the ongoing inquiry. The ELC will have a budget of \$5,000 and comprise members David Adams, P.Eng., FEC; David Brown, P.Eng., BDS; Denis Dixon, P.Eng., FEC; Len King, P.Eng., FEC; and Chris Roney, P.Eng., BDS, FEC. The committee will be stood down no later than 60 days after the Part I report of the inquiry is issued.

APPOINTMENT TO OACETT COUNCIL

Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., FEC, has been appointed council's representative on the board of the Ontario

Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) for a two-year term that began in June 2013 and will continue until June 2015.

Sadr, an East Central Region councillor on PEO council, takes over from Phil Maka, P.Eng., FEC, who has served on OACETT's council for two consecutive two-year terms.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council has chosen to remain consistent with its past procedures for making board appointments (e.g. council meeting chair, vice president, positions on board committees) rather than adopt Wainberg's rule for voting that states "every member has the right to know how every other member voted and the exact count of the poll." Councillors will indicate their preference for a particular candidate for each appointment and that choice will remain secret from the other members of council. Σ