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### COUNCIL APPROVES STRATEGY TO LICENSE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING PRACTITIONERS

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COUNCIL HAS APPROVED adding a new strategy to PEO's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan to actively license those doing professional engineering in the emerging discipline of communications infrastructure engineering (CIE).

The new strategy, 2.4-Communications Infrastructure Engineering Outreach and Licensure, directs the chairs of the Emerging Disciplines Task Force (EDTF), and the Academic Requirements (ARC), Experience Requirements (ERC) and Licensing (LIC) committees to work with the deputy registrar, licensing and registration, to develop and implement a strategy to license a "critical mass" of practitioners in this discipline.

The strategy follows on from recommendations made in the CIE Task Group Phase 2 report, which

was presented to council at its November 2013 meeting. Recommended actions to implement this new strategy include:

- developing clear objectives and success criteria for approval by council;
- creating a communication and stakeholder relations plan for the regulation of CIE;
- assigning a full-time project manager to execute a communication and stakeholder relations plan; and
- tracking the achievement of plan objectives.

The deputy registrar, licensing and registration, will develop and implement this licensure strategy in consultation with the chairs of the EDTF, ARC, ERC and LIC to license a given number of CIE applicants in a set timeframe.

#### PEO DIRECTORS ON ENGINEERS CANADA BOARD

At the March meeting, council appointed David Brown, P.Eng., BDS, C.E.T., as a PEO director on the Engineers Canada board, effective May 28 at the 2016 Engineers Canada annual meeting of members. Council also re-appointed Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng., AVS, FEC, as a PEO director, beginning his new term May 28. Shreewastav has served on the Engineers Canada board since 2013.

#### OSPE MEMBERSHIP FEE REIMBURSEMENT

Council has decided PEO will, on request, reimburse Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) membership fees for PEO P.Eng. councillors, while serving on council, and PEO P.Eng. staff, while employed by PEO, who join the engineering advocacy body. An \$8,100 budget for the 2016 fees has been earmarked from the budget surplus for this purpose. Σ

## DID YOU KNOW?

Licence holders looking to reinstate their licences are subject to rules under Regulation 941.

If you have resigned your licence or it has been cancelled for nonpayment of fees, there is a graduated reinstatement system in place. Fees and obligations increase based on the length of time your licence has been cancelled.

For full details, see *Reinstatement Requirements—An Information Guide* under Reinstatements in the Forms & Publications section of [www.peo.on.ca](http://www.peo.on.ca).

