



## Minutes

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

#### Meeting of March 18, 2016

#### PRESENT:

##### Members:

R.Subramanian, Vice Chair	Stelian George Cosh
Barna Szabados	Jacqueline Stagner
Juri Silmberg	George Nakhla
John Yeow	Allen Stewart
Joe Lostracco	Gosha Zywno
Ross Judd	Bob Dony
Judith Dimitriu	Remon Pop-Iliev
Roydon Fraser	Seimer Tsang
Waguhi EIMaraghy	Amin Rizkalla

##### Staff:

Michael Price, Deputy Registrar  
Lawrence Fogwill  
Pauline Lebel  
Irene Zdan  
Anna Carinci-Lio  
Esther Kim  
Moody Farag  
Marsha Serrette

##### Absent:

Leila Notash, Chair  
Medhat Shehatat  
Suresh Neethirajan  
Meilan Liu  
Shamim Sheikh  
Amir Fam  
Sanjeev Bhole

##### Guests:

David Kiguel  
Santosh Gupta

#### 1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Ramesh Subramanian at approximately 10:35 AM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Vice Chair, R. Subramanian, requested that the following items be added to the agenda.

Item 8.10 PPE Results

Item 8.11 Limited Licence

Item 8.12 Communication Infrastructure Engineering

Item 8.13 Canadian Experience

Item 8.14 P. Eng expectations

**MOTION:**

It was **moved** by Bob Dony and **seconded** by Juri Silmberg that the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2016 Meeting

**MOTION:**

It was **moved** by Ross Judd and **seconded** Bob Dony that the minutes of the February 19, 2016 meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

4. Matter(s) Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

None Reported

6 Deputy Registrar's Report

Michael Price, Deputy Registrar reported on the following items:

- There was a motion passed at the last council meeting to make Communication Infrastructure Engineering a part of PEO's strategic plan. A meeting has been scheduled with members of the ARC, ERC and emerging disciplines taskforce.
- Licensing Committee has referred a question on how long applications should be kept open? The LPTF in 2007 had recommended an overall timeframe for application to be opened of eight years. This will be an item of discussion for future ARC meetings, regarding the timeframe for closing files and timelines.
- PEO is implementing a new database; it is scheduled to go live the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>.

- The Deputy Registrar will be attending a meeting with Engineers Canada admission officials regarding admission standards on March 21, 2016.
- Congratulations extended to Bob Dony on his PEO Council election win.

## 7. Endorsements

### 7.1 Reading Assignment of Technical Reports/Synopses

Title: Electrical optimal control design and configuration of automated VFD Water booster pumping Station. Bob Dony will review.

### 7.2 Issues Arising from ARC/Deputy Registrar Recommendations

No issues to report

### 7.3 Issues Arising from ERC Recommendations for Applicants Referred by ARC

No issues to report

### 7.4 PPE Results

Item 8.10

## 8. Procedural and Related Matter(s)

### 8.1 Licensing Committee Update

B. Szabados reported that at the last LIC meeting the committee discussed the timing of examinations and file closures. The committee believed that the main problem with this issue is putting an absolute value to the system and instead of doing an absolute value it should be based on progress. ARC members are requested to review this policy as it will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Professional Practice Exam (PPE) there are three categories to consider:

1. Leave it as is, status quo.
2. There should be no limit on applicants. They can write it at anytime.
3. Applicants need some experience before writing. After 1-year Canadian experience an applicant can write the PPE.

There are two parts to the PPE one being the law the other being the ethics. The idea suggested would be the law part can be written anytime and the ethics part can be written after one-year Canadian experience. LPTF recommendation is to close the file after 8 years. This does not allow for the different exam programs of applicants. It needs to be modified and the LPTF recommendations need to be rescinded and/or changed. The committee discussed at length these issues and will continue discussion online using the e-chat forum.

**MOTION:**

The PPE as a principle should be taken as soon as possible after meeting the academic requirements. It was moved by Waguith EIMaraghy and seconded by Al Stewart.

**MOTION:**

To table the motion moved by Roydon Fraser and seconded by Judith Dimitriu.

**CARRIED**

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

8.2 EChat Forum

No item for discussion

8.3 Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) Update

Bob Dony reported that the name of the CEAB has been changed to Engineers Canada's Accreditation Board. The name change was approved by the CEO of Engineers Canada, It has now been referred to the engineers Canada Executive Committee for a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

There is a proposal for the remaining 405 AU's to be equivalent to the k-factor which does not change our accreditation process.

8.4 Canadian Engineering Qualification Board (CEQB) Update

Roydon Fraser reported that the next CEQB meeting is in April. The name change of this committee to Engineers Canada Qualification Board will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting.

8.5 Legislation Committee (LEC) Update

Roydon Fraser reported on a request from the LEC. The LEC wants to know from the ARC and ERC, what is the problem in regards to an appeal process? In 2010 an appeals process act change was approved by council but, the committee did not submit any changes at that time. The problem is not clear to the LEC and they need a reminder of the issue to go forward.

8.6 Special confirmatory Exam Program

Deferred to next meeting

### 8.9 McMaster Transcripts

Moody Farag reported on receiving a letter from the Director of McMaster University B.Tech program. The issue is regarding applicants who apply to PEO before convocation. The registrar at McMaster University can provide a letter that indicates that the degree will be conferred in future. Many students finish their degree requirements in December, while convocation is in June. The dates of convocation should not delay an applicant from applying for licensure. If their degree requirements have been met they would not be delayed.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Ross Judd and seconded by Judith Dimitriu that graduates of the McMaster Engineering Manufacturing Technology program upon receipt of a letter from the Registrar indicating that they have satisfied the academic requirements shall be permitted to begin the process of writing examinations as prescribed by the program for Manufacturing Technology graduates.

**AMENDMENT:** To remove restriction from only McMaster, and the motion will apply to all Canadian B. Tech programs. It was moved by Al Stewart and seconded by Waguith ElMaraghy.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Judith Dimitriu and seconded by Ross Judd to amend to graduates from an Engineering or Technology program who have been assigned technical exams.

**CARRIED**

For next meeting CEAB grads writing the PPE prior to degree conferred will be discussed.

### 8.7 Appendix H

Deferred to next meeting.

### 8.10 PPE Results

Anna Carinci Lio presented the results of the February PPE sitting. 58 people wrote the exam and 44 passed with no third time failures.

### 8.12 Communications Infrastructure Engineering Programs

Bob Dony updated the committee that council approved a motion that a new strategy 2.4 Communication Infrastructure Engineering outreach and licensure would be added to the 2015 to 2017 PEO strategic plan. A committee of members of ERC, ARC and LIC will meet today to develop and implement a strategy to licence these practitioners.

8.11 Limited Licence

Deferred to next meeting

8.14 P. Eng. Expectations

Deferred to next meeting

10. Other Business

Jacqueline Stagner reported on a file where two applicants submitted conflicting transcripts. There were numerous gaps in the first transcripts that they submitted. Upon receiving an exam schedule they were able to present new transcripts with additional courses. Moody Farag will send a request to the university to directly send PEO their transcripts.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Waguith EIMaraghy and seconded by AI Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meetings: April 15, 2015  
May 13, 2016