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EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EDU)

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
PEO, 40 Sheppard Ave W, Toronto, ON
Dinner, Room 8B: 6:00-7:00pm; Meeting, Room 8A: 7:00-9:00pm
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Chair: Samer Inchasi, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair: John Hazel, P.Eng. (teleconference)
Attendees: Radomir Grigorov, P.Eng.
Paymon Sani, P.Eng.
Ravi Peri, P.Eng.
Hao Li
Priscilla Williams, EIT (teleconference)
Richard Hui, P.Eng. (teleconference)
David Steeves, P.Eng.
Karen Cain, P.Eng.
Guests: Tomiwa Olukiyesi, P.Eng. (Councillor)
Staff Advisors: Tracey Caruana, P.Eng.
Sami Lamrad, EIT
Regrets: Adeilton Ribeiro, P.Eng. (PEO)

1.0 Call to Order

Sam Inchasi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm when quorum was obtained.
John Hazel was confirmed as the meeting evaluator.

1.1 Welcome to Council Liaison

Sam Inchasi welcomed the EDU Committee Council Liaison, Tomiwa Olukiyesi. Each member of the committee introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

John Hazel moved to approve the Agenda. Ravi Peri seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2.1 Approval of Minutes of the 09 November 2017 Meeting

Radomir Grigorov moved to approve the minutes of the 09 November 2017 meeting. Hao Li seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2.2 Action Register Review

Tracey Caruana reviewed the action items on the Action Register with the Committee and updated accordingly.

Action: Tracey Caruana to confirm if EDU outreach material can still be ordered before the end of 2017.

Action: Tracey Caruana to discuss with GLP who would authorize the PEO-OSPE Math Position Paper and put forward to the government.

Action: Sam Inchasi to send a reminder to OSPE regarding signatures on the Math Paper cover letter and to set up a meeting with the GLC Chair, preferably before February to discuss the position paper.

Action: Radomir Grigorov to upload content (EIR report or content from last EDU Conference) on the EDU Forum and start a topic of discussion. The website can be used for the 2018 EDU Conference.

Action: Sami Lamrad to resend e-blast regarding EDU Forum again in the new year.

3.0 Terms of Reference

Sam Inchasi reviewed with the committee the revisions made to the Terms of Reference. The term limits state that the Chair and Vice Chair may be re-elected to serve for a maximum of three (3) consecutive years. In addition, committee members may be re-appointed, but shall retire from the committee for at least six (6) years after ten (10) years of cumulative committee services.

4.0 Work Plan

The EDU Committee Work Plan must be revised to align with the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. It was suggested that members of the committee meet with members of the council to discuss further and clarify expectations of the Work Plan. The focus of the EDU Work Plan will continue to be on regulatory.

The planned presentation to council at the upcoming plenary session will focus on the Work Plan. A sub-committee will be set up to work on updating the Work Plan and presentation. Currently Radomir, Karen, John, and Ravi have volunteered.

Action: Sam Inchasi to set up a meeting with Councillors and agree on a plan to link the Work Plan with the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan.

5.0 Succession Plan

John Hazel will be putting together a sub-committee to manage succession planning for the EDU committee. Karen Cain will be assisting John. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held in the new year and names will be put forward.

Action: John Hazel to contact each EDU Committee member separately to find out their interest in positions for the Committee, specifically the Chair or Vice Chair positions.

6.0 Sub-committee/Project Updates

6.1 Engineer-in-Residence (EIR)

Ravi Peri provided an update on EIR. There are 206 EIRs paired with 197 schools as of the end of November. The Committee would like to invite EWB to the next face-to-face EDU meeting in the new year.

Ravi Peri has completed an EIR evaluation with the input of the EDU committee members and PEO staff advisor. A couple suggestions for the EIR program was to “educate the educators” and to have a PEO regulatory awareness component.

The committee discussed the TDSB agreement. It was confirmed that an agreement must be in place to volunteer in any TDSB school. The agreement is still in discussion and will be finalized in the new year.

Action: PEO to review the EIR Evaluation sheet that was completed by the EDU Committee.

Action: Tracey Caruana to extend an invite to EWB to attend the next face-to-face EDU meeting in the new year.

6.2 Engineering Innovation Forum (EIF)

No new updates were provided regarding the EIF. George Comrie will be chairing the EIF. Next steps are to approach volunteers and start planning the event for the upcoming year. The venue will be the Japanese Cultural Center. The theme in discussion is “security and digital infrastructure”.

6.3 Education Conference

The EDU Conference kick-off meeting took place on November 21, 2017 at the PEO office. Paymon Sani provided a brief outline of the meeting. Approximately 20 participants attended and have expressed interest in taking part in the 2018 planning committee. The next teleconference will be held in early January 2018.

The Committee has discussed a budget for the Ontario Wide Challenge. Paymon Sani prepared a cost breakdown for the support of a Province Wide Challenge.

Paymon also gave a brief update on the education event that he attended with the Education Minister, Hon. Mitzie Hunter on November 30. There was a discussion around the current problem with the math education in Ontario, and Paymon suggested engaging members from PEO with the review of the current math curriculum and the opportunity to help with the development of a new and enhanced curriculum.

Action: Paymon Sani to continue putting together a proposal for the Province Wide Challenge including budget, venue, travel costs, etc.

Action: Tracey Caruana to send invite for the first January 2018 teleconference.

6.4 Education Committee Presentation

The EDU Committee has been requested by Council to prepare a presentation on the purpose of the committee and current and past projects. The Council requested that the EDU Chair present this at an upcoming Plenary session. The target date is February 2018. Sam Inchasi will continue to work on the presentation.

Action: Sam Inchasi and EDU Committee to prepare presentation.

7.0 Chapter Liaison Report

There were no updates for the Chapter Liaison Report.

8.0 Meeting evaluation

John Hazel provided an evaluation of the meeting to the EDU Committee.

9.0 Next meeting and Adjournment

John Hazel moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 pm. David Steeves seconded the motion. The next EDU Committee meeting date is scheduled for early 2018 at the PEO office. The 2018 schedule will be distributed to the committee before the new year.