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EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EDU)

Thursday, February 5th, 2015, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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Chair: Samer Inchasi, P.Eng.
Vice-chair: Michael Arthur, P. Eng.
Attendees: Ravi Peri, P.Eng.
Wanda Juricic, P.Eng.
Priscilla Williams, EIT
Staff Advisor: Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.
Staff Coordinator: Gonzalo Piñeros, EIT
Regrets: Ramy Ghattas, P.Eng.

1. Call to Order

Sam Inchasi called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

2. Action Register review

Sam Inchasi reviewed and updated the action registrar.

3. 2015 EDU Conference (Wanda Juricic)

Wanda Juricic did a quick summary of the team of 10 people that will organize the conference this year. Formal planning will start next week.

4. EDU postcards update

Michael Arthur has corresponded with two e-mails and will follow up with a call tomorrow with the U.K.

Action Item: Michael Arthur to follow up with call to U.K.

5. EIR Update

Ravi Peri provided a brief update of the EIR program in the start of the year. Options are being discussed to bring new schools into the program. The issue with the EIR payments to EWB has been resolved.

6. Engineering Change Lab

Jeannette Chau participated in the Engineering Change Lab, co-convened by EWB and Engineers Canada, that took place at the Engineers Without Borders conference in January 2015. The Change Lab is looking at initiatives to help solve problems in the engineering profession. At the Engineering Change Lab Jeannette took the initiative to propose the possible expansion of the EIR program. At the Engineering Change Lab, Lisa Cole, consultant at Durham School Board, committed to enroll her schools in PEO's EIR program. All present at the EDU meeting supported this initiative.

7. EDU Newsletter/ HR Student Rep

Sam Inchasi will speak to Megan Smith, student representative, to request an update on the EDU newsletter initiative.

Action item: Sam Inchasi to contact Megan Smith.

8. Special Funding Requests

Gonzalo Pineros presented the Niagara Chapter Special Funding request. Wanda Juricic moved to approve it, Michael Arthur seconded the motion, all present approved. The motion is pending until Ramy Ghattas' approval of the request is received.

Action Item: Jeannette Chau to follow up with Ramy Ghattas.

9. Miscellaneous Items

The Committees and Task Force Annual Report is due March 2nd.

Action Item: Sam Inchasi to write about the EIR program and the successful transition to a new service provider.

The HR Canvass has been issued.

The Briefing Note for a PEO/OSPE Joint Paper on the Math curriculum has been produced, and Sam Inchasi will present it to Council.

Action Item: Sam Inchasi will present the Briefing Note to Council at their next meeting.

The EIF sponsorship payment of \$6,000.00 has been issued.

10. Other Business

No other business was raised.

11. Adjournment

The next Education committee meeting will be held on March 5th, 2015 7:30-9:00pm via teleconference. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.