



# Minutes

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## Licensing Committee

**May 1, 2017**

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee (LIC) held in the offices of the association, 40 Sheppard Avenue West, North York, Ontario, on May 1, 2017 commencing at 3:20 pm.

### In attendance:

#### Licensing Committee Members:

George Comrie, Chair *via teleconference*  
Barna Szabados, Vice-Chair  
Bob Dony *via teleconference*  
Santosh Gupta  
Christian Bellini *via teleconference*  
Ravi Gupta  
David Kiguel

**Regrets:** Chee Lee  
Roydon Fraser

**Staff:** Michael Price, Deputy Registrar, Licensing and Registration  
Marsha Serrette, Administrative Assistant

## 1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair, Barna Szabados called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by David Kiguel and seconded by Santosh Gupta to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was moved by Santosh Gupta and seconded by David Kiguel that the minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Barna Szabados reported that a CIE applicant with a Political Science degree has provided additional information. The applicant has an additional degree in Psychology. According to this new information the applicant meets the academic requirements for a Limited Licence.

The Chair of the Registration Committee, Vinni Sahni has decided that a follow up meeting with the LIC is no longer necessary. The issue regarding conflict of interest will be decided by members of the REC. If the REC decides that they will no longer have a representative on the LIC the terms of reference will be amended. This item will be further discussed once correspondence from the REC is received.

The Ontario Fairness Commission has sent their revised report. There are now 12 recommendations to address. A meeting is scheduled with the OFC on June 6, 2017.

**5. Appendix B Professional Standards Committee Review Update**

It was decided that the committee will wait for feedback from the PSC before proceeding further with this matter.

**6. Communications Infrastructure Engineering**

George Comrie suggested that one more review meeting should be scheduled with the working group to discuss the status on the progress of applications in CIE.

## 7. Financial Credit Program

Michael Price reported to the committee that PEO was getting enquiries from Ontario universities on who is eligible for the Financial Credit Program. The concern was expressed that PEO was sending a letter to CEAB graduate classes but were only allowing Canadian Citizens and holders of Permanent Residents status to be eligible for the program. Therefore, making Visa/International students ineligible. The committee reviewed the origin of the FCP and uptake of the program.

Michael Price also mentioned to the committee that there were two motions at the AGM, one of which specifically related to the FCP:

*Therefor it be submitted that the Engineering Intern Financial Credit Program (FCP) be expanded to include refugee international engineering graduates.*

Committee Members discussed the following issues about the FCP:

- Has it had its desired affect? When it was instituted, it was part of the seamless transition to encourage Canadian university students to apply.
- How many free applications does PEO want to give out? Currently, almost 50% of all PEO applications are free. If you add visa and refugee students the numbers will increase.
- Should the FCP continue?
  - Is it encouraging those who would not apply?
  - Is it making any difference to licensure?
- It was suggested by Barna Szabados that committee members should bring this discussion to the ERC and ARC for their input on this topic.
- If application numbers are up but licenses are not up, we are not achieving the goals of the program.
- George Comrie suggested that the program could be modified and fees could possibly be reduced.
- Options to consider with the FCP include.
  - i. Cancel the program completely
  - ii. Leave it as is
  - iii. Expand the program to not look at residency status for all CEAB graduates

It was agreed to consult the ARC and ERC and discuss further at a future meeting.

8. **Structured Internship under the Provisional Licence**

Deferred to next meeting.

9. **Appeals Process**

Barna Szabados reviewed the history of the appeals process with the committee, including rationale of different proposals around admission appeals, independent determination reviews, and the mandate / role of the Registration Committee (REC). Barna gave the highlights of this paper and will circulate via email to the committee members. The committee also reviewed the document *Possible Scenario For An Appeal Process*.

The committee agreed that the first challenge going forward is to define precisely the problem(s) we are trying to solve.

- One of the main concerns is using the REC as the main appeals avenue. There could be a large number of people requesting registration hearings to “appeal” their academics or experience.
- One of the problems for the REC currently is that most of its cases involve the applicant’s academic requirements, yet it lacks the power to rule on any specific licensing criterion in isolation. (The REC has jurisdiction to decide only whether or not an applicant receives a licence).
- A solution that could work is anyone who applies to PEO applies as an EIT first. Then, the Regulations could be changed so an applicant must meet the academic requirements for licensure to be registered as an EIT.
- This could assist with both the seamless transition to licensure and the appeals issue.

The LIC decided to further discuss EIT requirements at the next meeting.

10. **Specialist Designations/Certifications**

Deferred to next meeting

11. **Temporary Licence**

Deferred to next meeting

**12. Provisional Licence**

Deferred to next meeting

**13. Other Business**

No items to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM  
Next Meeting: June 15, 2017