



Minutes

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, May 8, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

PEO Offices - Room 1A

Members:

Bob Dony, P. Eng. (Past Chair)

George Comrie, P. Eng. (President-Elect; Ex-Officio Member)

Bill Kossta

Ewald Kuczera, P. Eng.

Sharon Reid, C. Tech.

Regrets:

Roydon Fraser, P. Eng.

Thomas Chong, P. Eng. (President; Ex-Officio Member)

Staff:

Josie D'Aluisio, Administrative Assistant

Bernie Ennis, P. Eng., Director, Policy and Professional Affairs

Jordan Max, Manager, Policy

Johnny Zucco, P. Eng., Deputy Registrar, Tribunals and Regulatory Affairs

1. PROCEDURAL

1.1 Past Chair's Remarks and Orientation for New Members

As past Chair, B. Dony called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m., and thanked everyone for putting their name forward for membership in the Legislation Committee. For the benefit of the new members, he provided a general overview of the purpose of the Legislation Committee. He stressed that the Committee is not the subject matter expert when it comes to policy development, but the Legislation Committee's job is to ensure that the processes are followed, and that policy intents are clear and meet the requirements for the government's new *Preliminary Regulatory Impact Assessment* for submitting Regulation changes.

The Committee members were referred to the documents included in the agenda package, and were provided a brief overview of each document.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that B. Dony continue as Acting Chair pending the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair (Agenda Item 1.2).

1.2 Approval of Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made to nominate R. Fraser as Chair.

Moved by: B. Dony Seconded by: E. Kuczera CARRIED

A motion was made to nominate B. Dony as Vice-Chair.

Moved by: B. Kossta Seconded by: E. Kuczera CARRIED

Action: Staff to provide the names of the Chair and Vice-Chair to PEO's Volunteer Management Group for Council ratification/approval, in accordance with the Committees and Task Forces Policy - Reference Guide.

In the absence of the newly-elected Chair, B. Dony took over as Acting Chair of the meeting.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The members were asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. No additions or changes were provided.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Moved by: E. Kuczera

Seconded by: B. Kossta

CARRIED

1.4 Review of Approved Minutes of April 10, 2015 Meeting

The members were referred to the Minutes of the April 10, 2015 meeting included in the agenda package, which were approved by the members of the previously constituted Committee.

There was a brief review of the previous Minutes in order to bring the members of the newly constituted Committee up to date.

1.5 Action Items Update from April 10, 2015 Meeting

The members were referred to the Actions Items Update document included in the agenda package.

Item 1: J. Max reported that the Proclamations list had been updated and posted on the Legislation Committee site on SharePoint.

Item 2: J. Zuccon reported that both OACETT's and PEO's Communications plans had been posted on the Legislation Committee site on SharePoint.

Item 3: B. Ennis reported that the planned practice standard dealing with supervision, and which will describe the responsibilities of licence holders identified in a Certificate of Authorization, is pending.

2. FOR DECISION

2.1 Proposed Monthly Meeting Schedule for Committee Year 2015-2016

The Acting Chair referred to the proposed meeting schedule included in the agenda package. As way of background for the benefit of the new members, Acting Chair Dony advised that the past Committee found that monthly meetings held on a Friday commencing at 11:00 a.m. worked best for the members. After discussion, it was agreed to amend the proposed schedule to delete the July meeting and change the date of the September meeting.

Action: Staff to revise the meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 Committee year and send to the Legislation Committee members.

3. WORK IN PROGRESS

3.1 Work Plan for Resolving Council Policy Motions - Academic/Examinations Category and Experience Category

The members were referred to the documents included in the agenda package. J. Max provided a recap of the process and decision categories for the Legislation Committee's review of the outstanding TK-17 Council motions. The Academic/Examinations and Experience Categories are outstanding for review.

The Committee began review of the Academic/Examinations category and focused on the core of the motions, namely, the proposal for a "breadth and depth" of knowledge equivalence to a CEAB-accredited engineering program.

G. Comrie stated that the Licensing Process Task Force's policy intent was to provide more consistency to assessment of academic knowledge between CEAB-accredited graduates and non-CEAB-accredited graduates. The January 2008 Council revisions to those motions added "breadth and depth" equivalents.

In further reviewing the current Section 33(1) of Regulation 941, two problems arise: sub-paragraph i refers to a university program, whereas CEAB has now accredited Conestoga College, and it is unclear what "equivalent educational qualifications" in sub-paragraph ii means as it does not refer to examinations that are required in the Act to be specified in the Regulations.

It was concluded that there is a need for greater clarity of the policy intent of these Council motions to get to the core of what the precipitating problem is, and why "breadth and depth" is the solution. It was concluded that the matter should be sent to the new Licensing Committee ("LIC") as subject matter experts ("SMEs") to provide more direction in specifying academic qualifications in the Regulation, as required by Section 14(1)(c) in the Act.

Action: That the Legislation Committee requests the SME Licensing Committee ("LIC") to develop the policy intent that will effectively meet the legislative requirements of Section 14(1)(c) to specify the academic qualifications as requirements in Regulations.

3. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.