



Minutes

Consulting Engineer Designation Committee

- Meeting: October 24, 2019, Thursday
- Present: Doug Barker, P.Eng.
Christian Bellini, P.Eng. (teleconference)
Gord Debbert, P.Eng.
Shawn Gibbons, P.Eng. – Chair
Richard Kamo, P.Eng.
Andrew Lawton, P.Eng.
Donald Plenderleith, P.Eng. (teleconference)
John Rosenthal, P.Eng.
Steve van der Woerd, P.Eng. – Vice Chair
- Regrets: Ross Eddie, P.Eng.
Adrian Pierorazio, P.Eng.
Bruce Matthews, P.Eng.
Chris Redmond, P.Eng.
- Staff: Faris Georgis, P.Eng.
Imelda Suarez

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:05am.

1. Minutes

Andrew Lawton added to the list of attendees of the August meeting. John Rosenthal moved to adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting as amended. Seconded by Gord Debbert.

CARRIED

2. Regional Sub-Committee Reports – Designation/Redesignation

2.1 Western Region

Gord Debbert moved that applicants 1.1 to 1.2 from the Western Subcommittee report be recommended for **designation**; seconded by Andrew Lawton.

CARRIED

Richard Kamo moved that applicants 2.1 to 2.5 from the Western Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Steve van der Woerd.

CARRIED

2.2 Eastern Region

There were no applicants for **designation**.

Andrew Lawton moved that applicant 2.1 from the Eastern Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Steve van der Woerd.

CARRIED

Applicant 3.1 from the Eastern Subcommittee report, Alaa Salah, will be invited for interview. Andrew Lawton will be recused from said interview because applicant was a former employee.

2.3 Toronto

John Rosenthal moved that applicants 1.1 to 1.6 from the Toronto Subcommittee report be recommended for **designation**; seconded by Steve van der Woerd.

CARRIED

John Rosenthal moved that applicants 2.1 to 2.13 from the Toronto Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Steve van der Woerd.

CARRIED

2.4 Southern Region

There were no applicants for **designation**.

Steve van der Woerd moved that applicants 2.1 from the Southern Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Donald Plenderleith.

CARRIED

2.5 Northern Region

There were no applicants for **designation** or **redesignation**.

3. Permission to Use the Title "Consulting Engineers"

Steve van der Woerd moved that applicants 1.1 to 1.2 be **approved** for the Permission to Use the Title "Consulting Engineers"; seconded by Andrew Lawton.

CARRIED

4. Activity Reports

4.1 Christian Bellini reported on the following:

- The high-level implementation plan for the recommendations made in the Cayton Report was passed by Council.
- The 2020 budget was approved.

4.2 There was no report from Engineers Canada.

4.3 There was no report from Consulting Engineers Ontario.

5. Legal Opinion on the Authority of PEO to withhold CofA for businesses with “Consulting Engineer” in Business Name

The legal opinion is that, based on current Act and Regulations, this is not likely to be enforceable and does not add to the regulatory mandate of PEO to protect and be in the interest of the public.

Steve van der Woerd moved that applicants 1.6 and 1.10 from the previous meeting, Musleh, Abeer (o/a) Plan Design Build Consulting Engineers and Silkatech Consulting Engineers Inc. respectively, be **approved** for the Permission to Use the Title “Consulting Engineers”; seconded by Andrew Lawton.

CARRIED

6. Legal Opinion on Franco di Giovanni application

The legal opinion is that limited licencees are not members. The CEDC has to be comprised of members, so a limited licencee cannot be a member of the CEDC. The subcommittees do not have this requirement.

Steve van der Woerd moved that we cannot accommodate Mr. di Giovanni in the CEDC, and that the subcommittees do not require any new members at this time. We have advised the volunteer committee to look at options for the applicant. Seconded by Gord Debbert.

7. Workshop

The CEDC will hold a workshop on February 6, 2020. It aims to develop a case to highlight CEDC’s regulatory function and the relevance of the designation.

8. Work & HR Plans

The committee reviewed the Work and HR Plans. The CEO representative was changed from full member to visitor.

Steve van der Woerd moved to approve the Work and HR Plans as amended; seconded by Gord Debbert.

John Rosenthal moved that the past chair be a full voting member of the CEDC; seconded by Gord Debbert. The committee requests that the ACV recognize this change.

CARRIED

9. Toronto Subcommittee Motion

John Rosenthal moved that in view of the Cayton recommendations and the PEO action plan, the Toronto subcommittee requests the CEDC to request an opportunity for the CEDC to participate in the PEO review of committees; seconded by Andrew Lawton.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59am.

Appendix A

September 03, 2019

Ms Nancy Hill, P.Eng.
President, Professional Engineers Ontario
101-40 Sheppard Avenue West
Toronto, ON M2N 6K9

Re: Letter from CEO dated August 13th, 2019
PEO's Regulatory Performance Review

Dear Ms Hill;

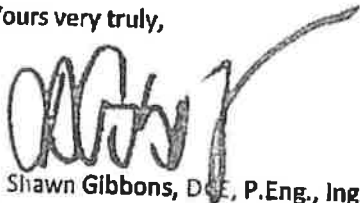
I am writing to provide comments to you regarding the recent letter from Mr. Bruce Matthews, CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario. These comments are derived from input from the Consulting Engineers Designation Committee (CEDC) and are provided for your consideration with respect to your response and next steps.

1. The tone of this letter and some of the previous correspondence from Mr. Matthews is completely inconsistent with the prior relationship between CEO and PEO. The CEDC has always welcomed CEO participation at their meetings; a CEO representative regularly attends CEDC meetings.
2. We completely disagree with the assertion that the Consulting Engineering Designation provides no value. This is patently incorrect as the initial designation and subsequent re-designations are peer reviewed and insure that the individual has the experience to offer services directly to the public. The Consulting Engineer Designation benefits the mission of PEO and fits with the goals of the Cayton report.
3. Mr. Matthews would do well to acquaint himself with CEO's own by laws and the name of the organization that he leads. CEO's by-laws require that his own board be drawn from the ranks of Designated Consulting Engineers in this province.
4. We have read the Cayton report and agree that measures need to be taken to continuously improve any organization. However, we find no language that would suggest dissolution of the CEDC as suggested by Mr. Matthews.
5. At the August meeting attended by Mr. Matthews, we offered to work with CEO to enhance the Consulting Engineering Designation. That offer is still open and we still await his response.

The CEDC membership draws from senior corporate membership from across the province. We question why Mr Matthews seems to be flagging this as an issue as it is completely out of proportion with other challenges facing our industry. To use his language, this is not "the solution to a problem" that should be at the top of his list.

The Consulting Engineers Designation committee would be pleased to assist PEO, as appropriate, to address this issue. Please keep CEDC advised of PEO's action as this matter moves forward.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gibbons', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

J. Shawn Gibbons, DCE, P.Eng., Ing.
Chair CEDC

Cc: CEDC