



# Minutes

## Consulting Engineer Designation Committee

Meeting: February 11, 2021, Friday (via Zoom)

Present: Gordon Debbert, P.Eng.  
Ross Eddie, P.Eng.  
Shawn Gibbons, P.Eng.  
Santosh Gupta, P.Eng.  
Richard Kamo, P.Eng.  
Andrew Lawton, P.Eng.  
Adrian Pierorazio, P.Eng.  
Steve van der Woerd, P.Eng. – Chair  
Matt Weaver, P.Eng.

Regrets: Don Plenderleith, P.Eng.

Staff: Cliff Knox, P.Eng.  
Ian Daniels, P.Eng.  
Imelda Suarez

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:03 am.

### 1. Minutes

Gord Debbert moved to adopt the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting; seconded by Santosh Gupta. CARRIED

## 2. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 2.1 Engineering Dimensions article by Doug Barker

- Santosh Gupta moved that Doug Barker's letter to the editor be submitted; seconded by Shawn Gibbons. CARRIED

### 2.2 Chapter Strategy FAQ

- Chapter Manager agreed to circulate the FAQ sheet to chapters. A member of the CEDC should attend the chapter meeting to provide more information regarding the designation, taking bullet points from the Engineering Dimensions article so everyone has the same message.

### 2.3 Briefing Note to Council for "DCEng."

- No update. Steve van der Woerd to meet with Cliff Knox to look into this.

### 2.4 E-Forms

- No update.

### 2.5 Recognition by Insurance Companies

- Andrew Lawton reported that the insurance companies see no value in this since Ontario is the only province to do it.

### 2.6 Chair to meet with CEO (now ACEC-Ontario)

- Steve van der Woerd and Shawn Gibbons met with ACEC-Ontario's Don Hollands and Bill Allison. ACEC-Ontario sees no value in partnering with the CEDC. Board re-affirmed that PEO should abandon governing the designation, and that there was no interest in participating on a workshop on the issue.

## 3. Regional Sub-Committee Reports – Designation/Redesignation

### 3.1 Western Region

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

CARRIED

Gord Debbert moved that applicants 2.1 to 2.15 from the Western Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Ross Eddie.

CARRIED

### 3.2 Eastern Region

Andrew Lawton moved that applicant 1.1 from the Eastern Subcommittee report be recommended for **designation**; seconded by Santosh Gupta.

CARRIED

Andrew Lawton moved that the **designation** application of applicant 2.1 from the Eastern Subcommittee report, Geoffrey Hempel, be declined because he does not currently meet the requirement for designation with respect to being “primarily engaged” as captured in Section 60(a)(b) under Regulation 941 and as outlined in the interpretive guideline; seconded by Ross Eddie.

CARRIED

Andrew Lawton moved that applicants 3.1 to 3.3 from the Eastern Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Santosh Gupta.

CARRIED

### 3.3 Toronto

Ross Eddie moved that applicants 1.1 to 1.7 from the Toronto Subcommittee report be recommended for **designation**; seconded by Shawn Gibbons.

CARRIED

Ross Eddie moved that applicants 2.1 to 2.49 from the Toronto Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Andrew Lawton.

CARRIED

The redesignation application of applicant 3.1, Juan Carlos Zapata, be **deferred** until applicant is able to provide additional information.

Ross Eddie moved that the **redesignation** application of applicant 4.1, John Conforzi, be **declined** because the applicant does not currently meet the requirements for redesignation with respect to being currently engaged in the practice of professional engineering as captured in Section 57 (2)(b) under Regulation 941; seconded by Gord Debbert.

CARRIED

### 3.4 Southern Region

The designation application of applicant 1.1 from the Southern Subcommittee report, Thomas Rankin, be **deferred** until applicant is able to provide recent project information.

Adrian Pierorazio moved that applicants 2.1-2.3 and 2.5-2.6 from the Southern Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Shawn Gibbons. CARRIED

The redesignation application of applicant 2.4 from the Southern Subcommittee report, Laurentiu Popa, be **deferred** until the applicant is able to provide 2 engineer references. Retired engineers will be acceptable.

### 3.5 Northern Region

There are no applicants for designation.

Richard Kamo moved that applicants 2.1 to 2.5 from the Northern Subcommittee report be recommended for **redesignation**; seconded by Matt Weaver. CARRIED

## 4. Permission to Use the Title “Consulting Engineers”

Adrian Pierorazio moved that applicants 1.2 to 1.13 be **approved** for the Permission to Use the Title “Consulting Engineers”; seconded by Ross Eddie. CARRIED

*Staff Note: The committee asked for a better description of professional engineering services which the applicant provided after the meeting. Applicant 1.1, 1810093 Ontario Inc. o/a Induspec, was approved by the committee via email.*

## 5. Activity Reports

5.1 PEO Council: Cliff Knox reported on the initiatives for online review of academic files and online interviews for experience files. He also mentioned Marisa Sterling’s email on Council representation on certain committees. They are looking at the separation of the governance function from the operational function of committees.

5.2 Report from ACEC-Ontario: None.

5.3 Report from Engineers Canada: None.

6. New Business

6.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Shawn Gibbons is the Chair for this section of the meeting. Shawn Gibbons called for nominations for Chair. Santosh Gupta nominated Steve van der Woerd; seconded by Richard Kamo. There were no other nominations. Steve van der Woerd continues as Chair of the committee. CARRIED

Shawn Gibbons nominated Andrew Lawton as Vice Chair; seconded by Gord Debbert. There were no other nominations. Andrew Lawton continues as Vice Chair of the committee. CARRIED

6.2 Random Reference Checks for Redesignation Applications

Ross Eddie reported the Toronto Subcommittee's new practice of checking references on a random 20% of redesignation applications. The subcommittee found this helpful in reviewing an applicant's file. Ross Eddie moved that this practice be adopted as a policy for all subcommittees; seconded by Gord Debbert. CARRIED

6.3 Letter to Discipline Committee

Ross Eddie will be sending a letter to the Deputy Registrar of Regulatory Compliance regarding findings that came up during the review of a redesignation application.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.