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Chair and CEO Report

Welcome to our third edition of Illuminate.



Neil Cleary, P. Eng.
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Report from the PEGNL Board of Directors

At its first meeting of the 2016-2017 year, held in August, the PEGNL Board established its plan for the year with Board members being appointed to the various committees of the Board.



Geoff Emberley, MBA, P. Eng., FEC
CEO & Registrar

In addition, the Board established two topics that it wishes to analyze in more detail throughout the year and plans to make contact with others to solicit their input on these matters. These are items that could potentially change the goals of the organization. The two topics chosen were 1) Infrastructure and 2) Advocacy in the Public Interest.

At its August meeting, the Board approved the following appointments to the Disciplinary Panel

- o Andrew Blunden, P. Eng., FEC, extended for a further 3 year term
- o Lorne Boone, P. Eng., P. Geo., FEC, extended for a further 3 year term
- o Dr. John Quaicoe, P. Eng., FEC, appointed for a 3 year term
- o Rod Churchill, P. Geo, FGC, appointed for a 3 year term
- o Elizabeth McPhail, P. Eng., appointed for a 3 year term

PEGNL Accommodations

PEGNL has extended its lease in the Baine Johnston Centre for a further five years. As well, PEGNL is extending the space it occupies within the building to accommodate the requirements for volunteer committee meetings, staff, and filing and storage facilities. These changes will include resizing meeting rooms and associated finishings, especially in line with our new branding.

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License renewal packages have been issued November 1 as is our normal practice. The Act requires those licensed by PEGNL to pay the required 2017 annual license fee and to submit their 2016 Professional Development (PD) reports before year end.

PEGNL's annual licensing fees for 2017 will remain unchanged. PEGNL fees have not increased since 2006. For comparison we provide the following link that compares professional fees both within the province and across the country. ([link](#))

Permit to Practice renewal packages (for companies, partnerships, proprietors, etc.) have also been issued as of November 1. In order to renew for 2017, permit holders must sign the renewal form, pay the 2017 renewal fee, submit a valid certificate of professional liability insurance (if the current certificate is not valid) and provide an updated permit holder profile.

Within PEGNL's own disciplinary processes, currently PEGNL's Professional Standards Director is investigating seven preliminary matters which may or may not lead to formal allegations and further steps in the discipline process. In 2016, five allegations have been resolved through registrar resolution and one matter remains in that process. Four allegations are currently with the Complaints Authorization Committee (CAC). There are no matters currently subject to a disciplinary hearing. Further information on PEGNL's Disciplinary processes may be viewed through this [link](#).

The Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists of Newfoundland and Labrador (AETTNL)

AETTNL has made a proposal to government for right to title legislation only. PEGNL has always indicated to the group that it would support right to title legislation, but not right to practice legislation. The technologists indicated that PEGNL's limited license has reduced the pressure within its organization for it to achieve right to practice legislation. PEGNL is supportive of this initiative by AETTNL.

Professional Development Update

For Professional Development (PD), 2015 was a transition year. Previously license holders were required to report a minimum of 60 professional development hours (pdh) in any single year while totalling 240 pdh over three consecutive years. Presently 80 pdhs are required each year. If a person does not report 80 pdh, he/she is asked to sign a one year contract to achieve 80 pdh in the coming year and also recover the deficient pdhs in that year. The previous 60/240 requirement caused confusion among those licensed and was administratively inefficient to manage.

As part of administering its PD processes in 2016 for 2015 reporting, PEGNL removed 87 license holders from its register for not providing a PD report at year end and removed 27 license holders for not reporting the required minimum number of PD hours. Many of the foregoing eventually met the PD requirements and re-registered. However those that didn't were contacted and tracked to ensure they are aware that they are not permitted to practice or use the associated titles without being licensed.

As you prepare your PD report for 2016, please take the time to properly record your pd for 2016 and get in it on time. As you plan for 2017, please ensure that your PD for 2017 keeps you current and up to date with respect to your area of practice. Up to date professionals providing the best quality practice is important for you, the profession and society.

PEGNL introduces a new brand

In 2015 PEGNL developed a communications plan. The plan identified a number of strategies to improve how PEGNL communicates with license holders, governments, stakeholders, the general public, etc. Among the recommendations included in the plan was for PEGNL to consider strengthening its brand.



PEGNL Licensing Fees Comparison

From time to time, license holders ask us about the level of PEGNL fees and how they compare to fees across the country, and for other similar professions within the province. Below is a comparison of professional fees and it shows that PEGNL does compare favourably.

For those offering engineering or geosciences services to other entities, the Engineers and Geoscientists Act., 2008 requires a Permit to Practice license, or as some other organizations call it, a Certificate of Authorization, and there is also a fee associated with having a registered permit.

At present, there is no plan for PEGNL to increase fees and the last fee increase was in 2006.

The Board of Directors considers PEGNL's overall mandate as "Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL) exists for the protection of the public interest with regard to the practice of engineering and geoscience in accordance with the Engineers and Geoscientists Act, 2008 (the Act) but not limited to the Act, at a cost that demonstrates good stewardship of membership resources.

The level of PEGNL fees is based on what is required to properly regulate the professions. Within that framework, PEGNL strives to ensure stewardship of license fees.

The following table is a comparison of the fees of some of the other professional groups in the province. The annual fee shown is the one applicable to fully-qualified professional members in that organization. Fees noted do not include taxes.

We have added columns for advocacy or union groups associated with some of the professions. In some cases, membership in the advocacy or union organization is mandatory for some or all of those licensed with the licensing & regulatory board. For example, in order for an architect to be licensed with the NL Licensing Board for Architects, the architect must also be registered with the NL Architects Association and pay fees to both.

Some PEGNL members may be members of advocacy or union groups, but there is no single advocacy group or union group for Professional Engineers or Geoscientists in Newfoundland & Labrador. In the table, we have classified each organization as either as a Licensing & Regulatory Board or Advocacy / Union. These organizations may have roles other than the ones noted. However, we believe the classification shown is their primary function.

Listing of professional individual licensing fees assessed by provincial engineering and geoscience licensing and regulatory organizations across Canada

Licensing & Regulatory Board	Annual Fee (\$)
PEGNL (Newfoundland & Labrador)	246.40
Engineers PEI	300.00/400.00
Engineers Nova Scotia	262.40
Geoscientists Nova Scotia	450.00
Engineers & Geoscientists New Brunswick	286.00
OIQ (Quebec)	325.00*
OGQ (Quebec)	593.00
PEO (Ontario)	220.00
APGO (Ontario)	420.00
APEGM (Manitoba)	363.19
APEGS (Saskatchewan)	450.00
APEGA (Alberta)	356.25
APEGBC (British Columbia)	378.81
NAPEG (Northwest Territories and Nunavut)	340.00
APEY (Yukon)	252.00

(*) May or may not include taxes

Listing of Newfoundland & Labrador Professional Licensing Fees

Professions	Licensing & Regulatory Board	Annual Fee (\$)	Advocacy Group or Union	Annual Fee (\$)	Total
Architects	Licensing Board of N&L Architects	\$467.24	NL Architects	\$467.24	\$934.48
Chartered Professional Accountants	Chartered Professional Accountants Canada & Chartered Professional Accountants NL	\$1,120.00	-	-	\$1,120.00*
Engineers & Geoscientists	Professional Engineers and Geoscientists NL	\$246.40	--	-	\$246.40
Lawyers	The Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador	\$1,870.00	The Canadian Bar Association NL Branch	\$607.10	\$2,477.10
Medical Doctors	College of Physicians and Surgeons NL	\$1,750.00*	NL Medical Association	\$2195.00**	\$3,945.00*
Nurses	Association of Registered Nurses of NL	\$413.61	NL Nurses' Union	\$780.52*	\$1,194.13*

(*) May or may not include taxes



National News



In this section we provide you with highlights of what is happening elsewhere in Canada with respect to engineering and geoscience. We focus on organizations that have a similar role to that of PEGNL in the other provinces and territories, as well as with the national organizations which the provincial and territorial regulatory bodies have formed to further our regulatory goals at the national level.

Engineers Canada

Changes to criminal record check process may affect federal construction and real property contractors

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) - who handle the criminal record checks of federal government contractors - is retiring name-based record checks in favour of mandatory electronic fingerprinting. This means that contractors working in construction or real property activities in the federal government will have to be fingerprinted as part of the security screening process.

More information on this change can be found on the [Public Works and Government website](#).

Engineers Canada submits community infrastructure recommendations to federal government.

The recommendations center around five key areas:

More comprehensive understanding of climate vulnerabilities and risk; Incorporating climate resilience into infrastructure codes standards and related instruments; Improving climate science and the use of climate tools; Funding for infrastructure on First Nations reserves and in remote communities; Support for public safety and emergency preparedness strategies.

The complete submission is available on the [Engineers Canada website](#).

Engineers Canada calls on federal government to convene national dialogue to modernize maternity and parental leave. ([link](#))

Engineers Canada updates the National position statements on Climate Change ([link](#)) and Infrastructure ([link](#)).

Engineers Canada renews agreement with Texas to facilitate international mobility of engineers

On June 16, 2016 Engineers Canada renewed its Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

The renewed agreement demonstrates Engineers Canada's commitment to facilitating international mobility for licensed engineers. The five-year agreement is intended to permit the recognition of professional credentials (P.Eng. and P.E.) for engineers looking to relocate.

For more information, refer to the full text of the agreement on the Engineers Canada website. ([link](#))

Ordre des ingenieurs du Quebec

Orders Arising from OIQ Disciplinary Matters

The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingenieurs du Quebec strikes Vincent Boulet off the roll for a period of 20 weeks ([link](#))

The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingenieurs du Quebec strikes Patrice Laporte from the roll for a period of six months ([link](#))

Contract sharing scheme in Quebec City : The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingenieurs du Quebec strikes Eric Tremblay from the roll for a period of 20 months ([link](#))

Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA)

APEGA 2016 Salary Survey Highlights ([link](#))

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO)

The collapse of the Elliott Lake Mall

The criminal trial of the former engineer associated with the collapse of the Elliott Lake Mall, Robert Wood is ongoing. ([link](#)) Wood had been removed from the PEO register prior to the Elliott Lake Mall collapse on a matter unrelated to the Elliott Lake Mall collapse. He continued to practice and had his partner, Gregory Saunders sign off on Wood's Elliott Lake report. Saunders license was removed from the PEO register as a result. PEO was an active participant in the inquiry into the collapse and the inquiry report made a number of recommendations to PEO. ([link](#)) Associated with the media coverage in the trial PEGNL released a notice regarding the use of titles such as professional engineer and engineer by those unauthorized to use them. ([link](#))

Nipigon River Bridge failure being investigated by regulating body for professional engineers. ([link](#))

PEO responds to the Elliott Lake Recommendations. ([link](#))

Former engineering firm and principal fined \$10,000 for website and social media content. ([link](#))

Other

Report describes engineering infrastructure challenges in Canada's northern oceans and waters

The Canadian Academy of Engineering Task Force on Engineering in Canada's Northern Oceans issued its final report on July 14, 2016. The report focuses on the unique conditions of Northern Waters and the infrastructure challenges this presents. Read more in the CAE report. ([link](#))



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in the news

(These are notable events for PEGNL licensees or PEGNL-related people that we have become aware of since the last issue of Illuminate)

Randy Gillespie, P. Geo., FGC appointed Fellow of Geoscientists Canada for his contribution to PEGNL and the Geoscience community. The presentation was made at the recent Connections east luncheon by Jeff O'Keefe, P. Geo., P. Eng. who is chair elect of Geoscientists Canada.

Rick Tiller, P. Eng., FEC was recently elected chair of The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Canada (ACEC). Rick succeeds Perry Mitchelmore, P. Eng., FEC also a PEGNL professional member. ([link](#))

Jennifer Williams, P. Eng., FEC appointed Vice President Production at Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. ([link](#))

Dr. Ray Gosine, P. Eng., FEC, FCAE has recently been appointed to the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. This is the body that accredits engineering programs in Canada. He has also been appointed VP Research Pro Tempore at Memorial University.

David Goosney, P. Eng. has recently been appointed to the Board of the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association.

MUN engineering student Katy Warren, winner of Canada's smartest person contest, is working as co-op student at BlackBerry. ([link](#))



The following received their professional status certificates at the recent Connections East Luncheon: Bryon I. Bennett, P. Eng., James W. Nugent, P. Eng., Stephen C. Meaney, P. Eng., Jason R. Baggs, P. Eng., Melissa C. Gale, P. Eng., Andre David Bouillon, P. Eng., Michael John O'Keefe, P. Eng., Dr. Bruce W.T. Quinton, P. Eng., Dan Li, P. Eng., Brent E.H. Marsh, P. Eng., Patrick J. Murphy, Eng. L.