



Minutes

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TASK FORCE MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference and Adobe Connect

Members:

Diane Freeman, P. Eng. (Chair)
Christian Bellini, P. Eng. (Vice-Chair)
Roydon Fraser, P. Eng.
Ross Judd, P. Eng.
Kathryn Sutherland, P. Eng.

Regrets:

Tony Cecutti, P. Eng.
Santosh Gupta, P. Eng.

Guests:

Christina Comeau, Engineers Canada

Staff:

Josie D'Aluisio
Bernie Ennis, P. Eng.
Johnny Zuccon, P. Eng.

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. due to lack of quorum at meeting start-time.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were provided.

Moved by: R. Judd Seconded by: K. Sutherland CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2013 Meeting

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the Minutes. No changes were provided.

Moved by: K. Sutherland Seconded by: R. Judd CARRIED

4. Action Items Update from October 18, 2013 Meeting

The Chair referred to the Actions Items Update document included in the agenda package and advised that all action items had been carried out.

5. Review of Outstanding CFL Elements for Concurrence

5.1 Code of Ethics

The Chair referred to the Task Force's proposed response to the concurrence document for this element, which was drafted by staff and included in the agenda package. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that a motion should be made to Council, via a Briefing Note, for approval at its March 2014 meeting, with a recommendation not to concur with this element. Also, the Task Force's key issue is to apprise Council of their position that a Code of Ethics is, by definition, not enforceable.

Action: Staff to draft the Briefing Note to Council and forward to the Task Force members for approval and, subsequently, forward to the Secretariat for inclusion in the March 2014 Council agenda package.

5.2 Titles, Rights and Responsibilities

The Chair referred to the Task Force's proposed response to the concurrence document for this element, which was drafted by staff and included in the agenda package. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that a motion should be made to Council, via a Briefing Note, for approval at its March 2014 meeting, with a recommendation not to concur with this element.

Action: Staff to draft the Briefing Note to Council and forward to the Task Force members for approval and, subsequently, forward to the Secretariat for inclusion in the March 2014 Council agenda package.

6. Review of New CFL Element and Consultation and Responses

6.1 Standard of Professional Conduct

The Chair referred to the documents included in the agenda package. After review and discussion, the Task Force members made the following proposed revisions to the Standard of Professional Conduct element document.

Key Considerations

Key Consideration 1: Proposed new wording: ***“It prescribes the minimum standard of ethical and professional practice conduct for licence, certificate and permit holders.”***

Key Consideration 2: Proposed new wording: ***“It is enforceable. Violations constitute professional misconduct and are subject to discipline.”***

Key Consideration 3: Proposed new wording: ***“It includes tenets that specify the ethical principles applicable to specific situations and any expected behavior in each situation, but is not limited to:”***

[Task Force Commentary: We agree with the concept of a list of examples, prioritized (see G. Andrews references on Page 6) and organized into broader groups, e.g. Disclosure, Legal Responsibility, Conflict of Interest Promotion of the Profession, and Whistleblowing]

Due to time constraints, the Task Force was unable to complete review of this element and agreed to schedule another meeting within a few weeks time to continue their review.

7. Other

7.1 Proposal to Create Standing Committee on Licensing Policy

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed; deferred to the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., and will be held via teleconference and Adobe Connect.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by consensus.