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Licensing Committee

October 26, 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee (LIC) held in the offices of the association, 40 Sheppard Avenue West, North York, Ontario, on October 26, 2017 commencing at 3:15 pm.

In attendance:

Licensing Committee Members:

George Comrie, Chair
Barna Szabados, Vice-Chair
Santosh Gupta (in person @ 3:20pm)
Christian Bellini via teleconference
Ravi Gupta
David Kiguel

Regrets: Chee Lee, Bob Dony, Roydon Fraser

Staff: Michael Price, Deputy Registrar, Licensing and Registration
Becky St Jean, Senior Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The Chair, George Comrie called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Barna Szabados and seconded by David Kiguel to approve the agenda.

Ravi Gupta added an item to Other Business – Reinstatement of Licenced Engineers

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Action: Becky St. Jean to create an Action Log.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was moved by Barna Szabados and seconded by Ravi Gupta that the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

(a) Monitoring in the Experience Guide

The Committee reviewed the PEO Guide to the Required Experience for Licensing and the Professional Standards Committee Draft Guideline titled "Assuming Responsibility and Supervising Engineering Work"

The Committee agreed that the main issue was with item 5 in Section 2.5.2 of the Experience Guide. Discussion ensued.

Motion: It was moved by Barna Szabados and seconded by Santosh Gupta that the suggestion to remove item 5. subsections i, ii, and iii under section 2.5.2 from the Experience Guide be referred to the ERC for peer review and endorsement.

CARRIED

(b) Appeals of academic determinations

Not Discussed

(c) Financial Credit Program

George Comrie discussed referred to the concern raised at the past AGM regarding the availability of the Financial Credit Program (FCP) to applicants with refugee status. This matter has been referred by Council to the LIC. He noted that LIC had earlier commenced a review of the overall value of the program, as well as its applicability to applicants on student visas.

Michael Price noted that the FCP had originally been approved by Council in 2007. The FCP applied to individuals who were either (i) CEAB graduates who applied within 6 months of graduation, or (ii) immigrants to Ontario who applied within 6 months of landing in Canada. In all cases the applicant also had to submit proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency for both cases, as well as transcripts that indicated that they had at least a Bachelor Degree in Engineering. In 2010 Council removed

the residency requirement for P. Eng. Licences, but the residency requirement was not changed for the FCP.

An issue was also brought forward by the Universities that students with International Visas are being rejected because they are not permanent residents.

The Committee referred to a document provided by Michael Price regarding the number of CEAB and Non-CEAB applications and licences approved over a 100-year period. Discussion ensued.

Michael Price suggested that PEO should contact Engineers Canada to determine how many graduates there are from CEAB programs in Ontario each year. This can be used against the number of applications to establish a baseline.

Action: George Comrie to initiate a conversation with Registrar McDonald to discuss the seamless transition data and the annual number of Ontario CEAB graduates.

5. 2018 Annual Workplan and Human Resource Plan

It was decided by the Committee to leave the current roster as is and to amend it at the next meeting.

6. EIT Requirements

Not Discussed

7. Engineers Canada General Direction for the Draft Guideline on Limited Licences

George Comrie asked the Committee to review the documents provided by Michael Price and provide feedback at the next meeting.

8. Other Business – Reinstatement

Not Discussed

9. Adjournment

It was moved by Santosh Gupta and seconded by Barna Szabados that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM
Next Meeting: November 23, 2017