



Minutes

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, April 10, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

PEO Offices - Room 1A

Members:

Bob Dony, P. Eng. (Chair)
Annette Bergeron, P. Eng.
George Comrie, P. Eng.
Sharon Reid

Regrets:

Roydon Fraser, P. Eng.
Dave Adams, P. Eng. (President; Ex-Officio Member)
Thomas Chong, P. Eng. (President-Elect; Ex-Officio Member)

Staff:

Josie D'Aluisio, Administrative Assistant
Bernie Ennis, P. Eng., Director, Policy and Professional Affairs
Johnny Zuccon, P. Eng., Deputy Registrar, Tribunals and Regulatory Affairs

1. PROCEDURAL

1.1 Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone and noted that this was the last official meeting of the Legislation Committee as currently composed. A new slate of members will be forthcoming after the Council meeting at the AGM. He then thanked everyone for their work and contributions, with many thanks to those who helped get the Regulation changes filed. He noted that the Regulation changes are part and parcel of Regulation 71/15, as filed, and available on E-Laws. Some amendments came into force on the filing date of April 2, 2015, while others will come into force on July 1, 2015. Furthermore, any consequential changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* stemming from the amendments brought forth under the *2010 Open for Business Act* will also be proclaimed on July 1, 2015.

Action: Staff to update the Bill 68 Proclamation List.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The members were asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. No additions or changes were provided.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Moved by: A. Bergeron Seconded by: S. Reid CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2015 Meeting

The members were asked if there were any additions or changes to the Minutes. No additions or changes were provided.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting as written.

Moved by: G. Comrie Seconded by: A. Bergeron CARRIED

1.4 Action Items Update from March 6, 2015 Meeting

The members were referred to the Actions Items Update document included in the agenda package.

It was noted that Items 1.4 (a) and (b) are still outstanding due to more recent priorities. Item 1.4 (c) will be addressed when the Professional Standards Committee resolves the “Prime Consultant” issue.

As stated under Item 1.1 - Opening Remarks, the Regulation changes were filed on April 2, 2015 and are part and parcel of Regulation 71/15, and are available on E-Laws.

It was remarked that PEO’s Communications group is working on a communication plan for the new Regulations. OACETT will also be producing its own communication piece in cooperation with PEO.

Action: Staff to confirm that PEO’s Communication group is aware of OACETT’s plan and that PEO’s plan be provided to the Legislation Committee members.

2. WORK IN PROGRESS

2.1 Work Plan for Resolving Council Policy Motions - Certificate of Authorization Category, Academic/ Examinations Category, Experience Category, Character Category, Registration Category, Governance Category

The Committee members were reminded of the objective for reviewing the outstanding motions and agreed that the Legislation Committee would provide PEO Council with a recommendation on each motion, in accordance with one of the following three options:

- (1) Proceed to draft the regulations as required with the motion.
- (2) Rescind the motion(s) with rationale.
- (3) Send the motion to subject matter experts for review and information.

Based on that, the Committee reviewed the Certificate of Authorization category.

Fee Structures: (Option 3)

- Send to the Finance Committee for fees that should be applied based on the Council directive in the motion.

Limitations by Area of Practice: (Option 2)

- Rescind the motion part 1 as the evidence data does not support the problem requiring limitations on the number of Certificates of Authorization that any licence holder can be listed under.
- Part 2 of adding additional information is good, but will require a Regulation change as the Application for a Certificate of Authorization document is now referenced in regulations, and any change in that document requires a change in regulations.
- Part 3 is currently the state of affairs and captured in the form.

Awareness of Responsibility: (Option 3)

- Support the spirit of the motion that informed consent should be obtained, but suggest that PEO look at alternatives to achieve the obtaining of the consent as getting everyone listed to sign may prove to be very cumbersome and not workable. Perhaps there is an IT solution.

Action: Staff to provide a document describing their responsibilities to each P. Eng. signatory of a Certificate of Authorization.

Professional Working Conditions: (Option 2)

- Rescind as this is outside the scope of the authority under the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Discipline Specific Licensing: (Option 2)

- Parts (a) and (b) are not practical to implement. To be relevant, it needs to be open to emerging disciplines and the current licensing framework does not issue licences based on syllabi. There is no requirement that scopes of practice be directly linked to academic formation. The competencies of a practitioner may evolve over time from the initial academic formation.

Professional Liability Insurance - Compulsory Disclosure: (Option 2)

- Rescind. The objective can be accomplished without resorting to any Regulation change. Add the insurance information on the C of A public directory. The public is served by the information provided.

Declaration of Competency: (Option 2)

- Rescind as the issues have now been superseded by the work of the Continuing Professional Development, Competence and Quality Assurance Task Force.

Due to lack of time, the Academic/Examinations Category and Experience Category were postponed until the next meeting.

3. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., which is dependent on the availability of the members of the newly composed Legislation Committee.