



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 19, 2024

Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Board of elected registrants and public representatives meets throughout the year. The following are the highlights of its April 19, 2024 meeting.

BOARD ELECTION BYLAWS AND POLICY UPDATED

The Board approved a series of amendments to Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Bylaws related to the Board election. The intent of the amendments is to adjust the election timing (moving it forward by approximately one month) to allow for a longer runway to onboard new Board members ahead of the Annual General Meeting.

Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Election Policy was also updated to reflect these timing changes. In addition, updates were made to the policy to reflect current practice, clarifying when the voting period opens and how long it is to remain open, adjusting the close of voting and method for publicizing election results.

Following the meeting, the Bylaw amendments were submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance for review.

Engineers and Geoscientists BC's current Bylaws are available at:
egbc.ca/About/Governance/Legislation-Bylaws.

BOARD REMUNERATION POLICY UPDATED

Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Board Remuneration Policy was introduced in 2022 and is scheduled for review every two years. The Governance Subcommittee reviewed the policy this year as part of the organization's budgeting cycle.

Following an in-depth analysis of the current policy by staff, the Governance Subcommittee recommended to the Board that the remuneration rates be maintained for another two years, and made some updates to the policy to add flexibility to the types of Board-related activities that are eligible for remuneration.

The Board also approved that a more broadly-scoped review be conducted in two years' time.

ADVOCACY BODY FUNDING DISCUSSED

At the 2023 AGM, a motion was passed requesting: "That the Board consider that a larger seed fund be given to the new advocacy body to be spent on expenses of existing programs being transferred to it, plus a reasonable staffing budget for those programs."

Following an initial discussion by the Finance and Audit Risk Committee, the Board considered the information it would need from the advocacy body – recently named the BC Society for Engineering and Geoscience (BCSEG) – to determine the business case for additional funding, as well as any financial constraints it would need to consider.

The Board affirmed its commitment to supporting the success of BCSEG and will provide this information to the advocacy body to inform any future requests they may bring forward for funding.

OTHER REPORTS PRESENTED

The Board received reports from staff and representatives on the following additional topics:

- A presentation on Engineers Canada’s Strategic Plan, the proposed National Statement of Collaboration that aims to strengthen regulation and overcome barriers, and a motion to approve an updated per capita assessment fee that each member regulator pays to Engineers Canada.
- A financial forecast for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, reporting a financial surplus driven by higher than anticipated exam volume and increased applications.
- An update from the Audit and Practice Review Committee, reporting findings and trends from the first 18 months of firm audits as well as progress to date on individual audits.

APPOINTMENTS

Discipline Committee

Thomas Morrison, P.Eng. (non-practicing)
David B. Wende, LL.B., CPA (Hon.) – Lay Member

Investigation Committee

Kimberly Corea, CPA – Lay Member

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