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February Board of Directors' Meeting

On February 18-19, 2004, CCPE held its Board of Directors' Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario. There was much discussion and progress at the meeting. Some of the key outcomes include:

- Encouraging CEAB to work with universities in Canada to ensure that undergraduate curricula place an importance on industry-based engineering standards;
- Accepting the motion to approve the Mutual Recognition of Qualified/Licensed Engineers by jurisdictions of Canada and Hong

Kong to facilitate mobility;

- Approving a motion to appoint a task force to develop terms of reference for the Executive Committee and bring it forward for approval at the May 2004 meeting; and
- Carrying forward a motion that the Board of Directors meet four times per year and reviewing the timing and participation of the meetings.

In addition, Marie Lemay presented the CEO's report to the Board. In

her discussion, she talked about two exciting infrastructure projects currently underway; the Technology Road Map and Engineers for a Safer Canada. Both projects involve partnerships with other key stakeholders.

The Board also approved revisions to some of CCPE's finance policies including changes to CCPE's travel, reserve, and investments policies.

The next meeting of CCPE's Board of Directors is scheduled for May 14-15, 2004 in Charlottetown, PEI.

Import and Export of Engineering Work

As part of a study on the import and export of engineering work, CCPE's Research Committee (RC) met in January to discuss the study's findings, identify recommendations, and develop formal actions for the Board of Directors.

The study summarizes the findings from 37 interviews with engineering managers and practising engineers. Several key areas were discussed in the report, including:

- Trends in the Import and Export of Engineering Work;
- Methods of Importing and Exporting Engineering Work; and,
- Factors behind the Import and Export of Engineering Work, including technical, costs and policy-related issues.

Several issues, which have implications for professional practice, were brought forward as recommendations for consideration by the CCPE Board of Directors. The following recommendations were approved at the February Board of Directors meeting:

- CCPE, via the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB), is to work with Canadian universities to ensure that industry-based engineering standards become an element of undergraduate curricula.
- CCPE's Board of Directors, in partnership with its member associations/ordre, will showcase and promote Canada's role in research and development through future "Team Canada" trade missions.

Two additional report recommendations regarding continuing professional development and championing open sourcing as a principle in international trade agreements were not supported by the Board of Directors. The Board asked that the open-sourcing recommendation be further developed and brought back to a future meeting.

Recommendations to come for FC2I

Work on Phase II of *From Consideration to Integration* (FC2I) is continuing on all fronts, with a goal of presenting recommendations to CCPE's Board of Directors and Members at the Annual General Meeting in May.

The objective of FC2I is to facilitate the timely licensure and employment of IEGs, without compromising public safety or lowering professional standards. Doing this successfully means that the initiative is also looking at activities that take place prior to immigration.

The project is fully funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Launched in January 2003, there are three phases to FC2I. In Phase I, the project focused on understanding the IEG experience and in Phase II - currently underway - the project is determining where the process of integration needs improvement, developing solutions and building consensus among stakeholders on the proposals.

Those proposed solutions are the result of work done by several sub-committees. Details are still being worked out, but the proposals focus on:

- ❑ research (undertaking steps to better understand IEGs and the labour market environment);

- ❑ information (providing enhanced information about licensing and employment to immigrants pre-application whether they are in their home country, or in Canada);

- ❑ licensing; and,

- ❑ employment (helping IEGs gain the skills to find engineering employment in Canada).

These proposals will be tested through focus groups with external stakeholders and consultations with the associations in March.

The revised recommendations will be presented to the Board and members in May.

CCPE Sponsors Canadian Engineering Competition

CCPE's John Kizas, P.Eng., Manager, Strategic Development, recently attended the Canadian Engineering Competition, a division of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) and hosted by McMaster University in Hamilton, ON, on March 4-5, 2004.

John judged the Editorial Communications Competition and presented the Social Awareness Award at the closing banquet. In addition, CCPE's Doris Yee, EIT, Officer, Engineering International Education Assessment Program, answered student questions on the profession and the P.Eng. designation and distributed promotional materials during the Career Fair to the more than 100 students who visited CCPE's booth.

2004 Canadian Engineers' Awards Recipients Selected

The CCPE Awards Committee recently selected the 2004 recipients of the Canadian Engineers' Awards. The recipients will be announced during the Awards Gala, held in Charlottetown, PEI on May 15, 2004.

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