

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Brent Smith, FEC, P.Eng., Appointed Engineers Canada President**

Ottawa, ON., May 27, 2011 – Engineers Canada is pleased to announce the election of Brent Smith, FEC, P.Eng., as its president for the 2011-2012 term. Mr. Smith and the Engineers Canada Board will help guide the organization and its members through many initiatives, including the implementation of a revised governance model and working with the engineering profession's leadership to enhance the profession and improve its responses to the needs of Canadians.

A graduate of the University of New Brunswick with a BSc in mechanical engineering, as well as a masters' certificate in project management from the Schulich School of Business at York University, Mr. Smith started his career with Reinforced Plastic Systems Inc. in the design and manufacturing of fibreglass reinforced plastic products for various industries.

Moving on to the New Brunswick Power Corporation's Engineering and Construction Division to work on various projects from new construction to plant maintenance, Mr. Smith's career then took him to the New Brunswick Power Nuclear Corporation where he has been working in increasing areas of responsibility within the Technical, Fuel Handling and Maintenance Departments. He is currently managing the implementation oversight for the Point Lepreau Generating Station and the retube contract of the reactor as part of the station's refurbishment project.

An Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick member since 1990, Mr. Smith served as a councillor, vice-president, president and past-president. He has also been active on various Engineers Canada committees and task forces, including as chair of the Synergy Task Force, Green Meetings Task Force, finance and audit committees.

Mr. Smith will be joined by the following members of the Executive Committee: President-Elect Catherine Karakatsanis, FEC, P.Eng. (PEO); Past-President Zaki Ghavitian, FIC, ing., M.ing. (OIQ); Paul Amyotte, FEC, P.Eng. (Engineers Nova Scotia); Margaret Li, FEC, P.Eng. (APEGBC); Digvir S. Jayas, FEC, P.Eng. (APEGM); and Engineers Canada's Chief Executive Officer Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env. They, along with the other Board directors and advisors, will be supported by the Engineers Canada staff in Ottawa.

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