

2008 Membership Survey

Each year, Engineers Canada surveys its members, the provincial and territorial engineering regulatory bodies, to collect demographic data about the engineering profession. This data represents a national view, in addition to demonstrating trends in the profession; the number of women in engineering, and academic credentials of members. The [2008 Membership Survey Report](#) is now available on the members' only side of Engineers Canada's website.

Leading a Canadian Future: The New Engineer in Society

The Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum held the first National Engineering Summit, entitled Leading a Canadian Future; The New Engineer in Society, in Montréal, Québec from May 19 to 21, 2009.

The summit brought Canadian engineers together with experts from a broad range of sectors and disciplines to consider key trends, critical issues and future projections related to a number of areas.

The conference provided an unprecedented opportunity for the engineering profession to identify how it can contribute to a healthier, cleaner, safer, more competitive and sustainable Canada.

Emerging from the summit, the Canadian engineering profession presented a [declaration](#) to take collective action in the following areas: health, the environment, safety and security, global competitiveness and quality of life.

2009 Annual General Meeting

On May 22, 2009, the Engineers Canada Board of Directors convened in Montréal to report on Engineers Canada's initiatives and further chart the organization's objectives forward.

Highlights of the meeting included appointing Zaki Ghavitian, ing. (OIQ), as the president-elect of Engineers Canada; the From Consideration to Integration Task Force standing down; approving the concept of a national framework for membership and licensure; and approving the Guideline for Assessment of Engineering Work Experience, developed by the Admissions Issues Committee.

Further highlights included extending the Indigenous Peoples Outreach Task Force's mandate to May 2010 to further the work outlined in its proposed strategy; extending the mandate of the Women in Engineering Task Force to May 2010 to provide guidance on the implementation of its recommendations; and approving the preliminary 2010-2012 budget.

Future objectives include a review of Engineers Canada's strategic plan during the next six months, moving forward on the licensure framework by the Qualifications Board; training volunteers for the Bridging Government and Engineers program; and developing and updating national position statements.

Washington Accord Meeting in Kyoto, Japan

Representatives of the signatory countries of the [Washington Accord](#) met in Kyoto, Japan from June 15 to 19, 2009, in conjunction with the [International Engineering Alliance](#) meetings. A unanimous approval for the addition of the Board of Engineers Malaysia as a signatory to the Accord resulted from the meeting. Working group papers were also reviewed and discussed, including a paper on distance education.

The Washington Accord monitoring of the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board was successfully completed. The Accord accepted the recommendation made by the monitoring team for the accreditation system to be operated by Engineers Canada for six more years.

Monitoring team members acknowledged comments and issues analysis made by the Accreditation Board, in addition to expressing their appreciation and recognition of Board members for preparing the Accreditation Board meeting. The monitoring team's suggestions for improvements will be reviewed by the Accreditation Board during their September 2009 meeting.

Moreover, an Accreditation Board volunteer will be selected to be part of the evaluation team to the Russian Association for Engineering Education. This visit is expected to be scheduled in late 2009 or early 2010.