

REPORT TO ASTTBC COUNCIL

December 19, 2018

1. **SUBJECT:** CEO Report for January 17, 2019 Council Meeting
2. **PURPOSE:** To provide Council with a summary of ASTTBC's activities for the period of October 23 – December 19, 2018
3. **DISCUSSION:** This Report focuses on the approved Strategic & Operations Plan, which includes both key strategic directions developed by Council and 'operational' outcomes set by the CEO for the period of October 23 – December 31, 2018.

Greater detail of ASTTBC ongoing operations will be found by: reviewing the monthly ASTT eNEWS; CONNECT, 'What's New' on the ASTTBC website and of course by following ASTTBC on Twitter, YouTube and other social media; and, regularly browsing the ASTTBC website.

Strategic Priority #1 – Professional Legislation & Regulation

Professional Governance Act

On December 6, 2018 CEO McCurry travelled to Victoria to begin discussions with Ministry about the timeline to introduce regulations for the new Professional Governance Act (PGA). Throughout December 2018 Ministry hosted 4 webinars, which CEO McCurry attended.

ASTTBC held two webinars for members about the new PG Act and have requested all members with a special request to all committee member provide their input into the MoE Intentions Paper. On December 3, we also shared government webinar information with members.

With Council's input, in early December ASTTBC released a perspective paper which provides ASTTBC perspective on the major topic areas covered in the Intentions Papers.

ASTTBC-EGBC-ACEC BC Government Proposal

I received a confidential notice in December that we were successful in securing provincial government funding for our two-year pilot project that will address the recruitment and retention of women in STEM. I am pleased to say that Heather Robertson has agreed to participate as a member of the Governance Committee. She is one of three women who are currently working in the field who will be on this important Committee.

Our first negotiation meeting was on December 11 with a deadline of December 21, for additional information. Contract negotiations started on December 27. A signed contract was submitted by ASTTBC in early January 2019 and a final contract should arrive at the end of January.

House Inspection & Licensing

Discussions with government continue regarding the type of model that could be created to enhance the protection of consumers and the professionalism of home inspectors. ASTTBC is the logical and most appropriate organization to issue licenses, as we have a highly developed infrastructure to manage the many legislative requirements and ASTTBC hold's our certified home inspectors to a higher level of professionalism including for education, qualifications, continued professional development as well as our Code of Ethics and discipline. Government has confirmed with the new Professional Governance Act legislation that ASTTBC is recognized as having the considerable expertise to regulate its members where we are clear with our gatekeeper function, we ensure competencies and education are appropriate for the

work undertaken, that we have a number of mechanisms in place to ensure that ethics are upheld and a fair and rigorous processes are in place to conduct audits, investigations and dispense disciplinary actions when needed.

ASTT Regulation Review

As we delayed meeting until we could confirm that the PGA was to receive Royal Assent, work will continue on updating key areas. We are working closely with Government to determine exactly what type of work needs to be done on our regulations.

Strategic Priority #2 – Rights to Practice

Right to Practice

Outlined in the Overview paper issued by ASTTBC in early December, we spent a great deal of focus on the right to practice. As ASTTBC will submit a more detailed response to government by March 2019 there will be much focus on independent rights to practice as well as definitions of a Qualified Professional and request to include ASTTBC as a QP where we are not currently recognized.

Strategic Priority #5 – Member Services

Member Survey

We closed our updated member survey on November 30 and received input from more than 1300 members, which doubles the participate rate from the previous member survey. With the holiday break in December we expect to have initial results in by February 2019.

Member Meetings

We are busy planning our next member meeting for January 23, 2019 in Prince George.

Webinar – ASTTBC Update

As referenced above we held two-member webinars on November 8 and November 13, 2018 which covered Professional Governance legislation, government Intentions Paper and the new CPD policy.

Strategic Priority #6 – Technology Educations & Careers

Educational Institutions

ASTTBC met with many students this fall including:

September 28 – December 19

- Okanagan College, Regional Dean's Board Presentation –Sept. 28
- Science World Community Celebration; Sept. 29
- Immigration Canada Community Consultation Workshop; Sept. 28
- Okanagan College, Student Member Presentation – Civil Eng; Oct. 10
- Okanagan College, Student Member Presentation – Water Eng; Oct. 11
- Okanagan College, Student Member Presentation – Construction Management; Oct. 12
- Okanagan College, Student Member Presentation – Electronic Eng; Oct. 23
- Construction Safety Conference, Burnaby; Oct. 25
- Okanagan Career Fair; Nov. 4
- CSO Certification Board Meeting; Nov. 7
- CSO CPD Event Live and Webcast at CLAC Facility, Langley; Nov 8
- Info night for 300 BCIT students, co-hosted with EGBC; Nov. 14
- Okanagan College, Program Advisory Board Presentation – Civil Eng; Nov 21

- Okanagan College Bursary Awards Evening; Nov 22
- Okanagan College, Student Member Presentation – Mechanical Eng; Nov. 26
- Okanagan College, Dean Science and Technology Briefing re Prof Reliance Status; Nov
- Camosun Presentation with EGBC to approx. 100 students
- EGBC Meeting re CPD and Local events; Nov. 29
- Community and OC Rep update /planning meeting; Nov
- Selkirk College, Student Member Presentation – Dec. 5
- Selkirk College, Faculty Briefing re Prof Reliance Status – Dec. 5
- Okanagan College, Program Advisory Board Presentation – Water Eng; Dec. 5
- Okanagan College Capstone Presentations – Water and Civil Eng; Dec. 6
- Thompson Rivers University Eng Faculty Briefing re Prof Reliance Status; Dec 2018
- Robocup Challenge Event; Dec. 7
- Lower Mainland Career Coordinators Meeting presentation about encouraging students to consider a career as a Technologist or Technician; Dec. 13
- Camosun Electrical and Electronics Capstone Project presentation event; Dec. 14
- Okanagan College, Regional Dean’s Board Prof Reliance Status Presentation – Dec. 14
- Okanagan College Continuing Education – CPD Model; Dec. 19
- Planning Meeting with Okanagan College; Dec. 19

Community Workshops and Functions

- Back in Motion Career workshop for skilled immigrants; Oct. 23
- Science World Girls in STEM event where ASTTBC had a booth with member volunteers; Nov. 3
- Attended launch of SYMBIOSIS at Science World; Nov. 3
- Science World CSC Terrace, organized by 5-member volunteers; Nov 17
- Monthly committee meeting supporting Science World with SYMBIOSIS and developing the mentoring module of the online STEAM education and mentoring ecosystem that Science World is developing with the provincial STEAM community; Nov. 21
- BCSOW (BC Science Outreach Workshop) committee meeting at Science World. ASTTBC asked to present at the event in March. Event is about inclusive hiring initiatives; Dec. 6
- South Fraser Career Coordinators Meeting presentation about encouraging students to consider a career as a Technologist or Technician; Dec. 7
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. FCR (Foreign Credential Recognition) Loan Project - Project Advisory Committee Meeting (kick off) with EGBC, AIBC, Law Society, CPA Association, KPU and BCIT also at the table; Dec. 10
- Back in Motion Career workshop for skilled immigrants per signed agreement (13 people), seven potential members; Dec. 18

Strategic Priority #7 – Public Policy

TechAbility/Disabilities in the Workforce

ASTTBC has hosted the first cohort of participants in this research study. Placing some participants in multiple job shadow placements.

Women in Technology

BCWiT continues their regular meetings and now has two Co-Chairs to help manage the work. The committee will be actively engaged with our sector labour market project

Strategic Priority #8 – Governance & Management

Cancellation of Non-Paying Members

ASTTBC has allowed some members to be chronically late in paying their dues which exposes ASTTBC to inherent risk, as it does for those members because they are not stricken from the Registry until July.

Members received notice of payment for 2019 dues in early November, those who have not paid in January will be told that they have until the end of January to pay their dues. For those members who have still not paid their dues by February 1, they will receive cancellation notices in February and will be stricken from the Registry by the end of February/early March. This is an important shift in our operations so to reduce risk for ASTTBC, the members and the general public for whom we serve.

AMS Database Project

ASTTBC has now signed a contract with a vendor to provide a cloud-based database. The discovery phase of the project begins in January and will run at least three months. Another professional association in BC is using the same vendor and we have agreed to work with them as they are just completing their discovery phase of the work.

TARC 2018

Held at the Westin Hotel in Vancouver on November 10 the event was a great success. A record breaking \$14,000 was raised for the ASTTBC Foundation.

ASTTBC Foundation

A very solid year of performance and support as the Foundation raised \$70,000 from member and corporate donors, with an additional \$10,000 from ASTTBC a grand total of \$80,000 raised in 2018.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

That the November – December 2018 CEO Report be received for information.

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