

REPORT TO ASTTBC COUNCIL

November 19, 2020

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1. **SUBJECT:** CEO Report for September 2020 Council Meeting
2. **PURPOSE:** To provide Council with a summary of ASTTBC's activities for the period of August 22 – November 3, 2020.

3. **DISCUSSION:**

This Report focuses on key activities during the above-mentioned time period. Greater detail of ASTTBC ongoing operations will be found by: reviewing CONNECT, 'What's New' on the ASTTBC website and of course by following ASTTBC on Twitter, YouTube and other social media.

Goal 1: Professional Legislation & Regulation

Professional Governance Act Implementation

Staff continue to meet with the OSPG staff and other regulators for the regular monthly meetings as well as additional meetings to sort out items for our bylaws, titles, definition of practice to name a few. At this time of writing this report not all ballots have been counted for the recent election and government has not yet formed. We do not have a confirmed timeline on when ASTTBC and the other regulators will be moving under the Professional Governance Act.

Current priority work for the OSPG has been:

- Participated in the OSPG Advisory Committee.
- Finalizing ASTTBC bylaws for review by OSPG. Additional policy and guidelines are being developed for discipline and investigations as well we are review PGA requirements that need to be included in the database upgrade and registrations upgrade.
- Updating content for the online register.
- Participating on the Regulation of Firms Joint Advisory Group.
- CABRO has posted the notice of position for lay committee members which we will be reviewing soon.

Goal 2: Qualified Professionals

Continuing Professional Development

Indigenous CPD training is required under the PGA, I have selected a potential partner to assist us in providing content for our registrants to access.

In October all staff and most of Council attended an introductory two-hour presentation by on strengthening Indigenous relations webinar, facilitated by Indigenous Public Servants. During the session the following topics were discussed:

- Events initiated by government policies and legislation
- How colonization, policy and legislation have impacted Indigenous peoples over the last 150 years in BC
- Resiliency of Indigenous peoples
- A strengths-based approach to Reconciliation
- Indigenous Relations Behavioral Competencies
- Simple and meaningful Acts of Reconciliation

Goal 3: Professional Harmonization

A national meeting for Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) took place in October with much preparation taking place beforehand with President Campden and VP Sparanese. TPC issued an announcement on October 7, signalling that additional provinces had joined the organization. ASTTBC has a link on its website about this news.

Goal 4: Registrant Services**Ensuring Access for All Registrants**

Advancing women as technology professionals

The ASTTBC project, Advancing Women in Engineering and Technology (AWET), finished its official activities and is now in the heavy research and evaluation phase. A sustainability plan has been created and the website was revised and newly launched sections were revealed in late October. As part of the sustainability plan four webinars have been planned to take place in November and December.

Goal 5: Governance**2021 Annual General Meeting & Conference**

Planning has started for our AGM next year in May. This will also be a virtual meeting. Vendors have been interviewed and pricing submitted. It is worth noting that vendor pricing has increased 110%-150% since early 2020.

IT Modernization

The discovery work that has taken place the past nine months or so, has come to a slow as we review the requirements with a PGA lens. We have put this work on hold as our new registrar brings wonderful experience in this area and will review what we have collected to date. I expect that we will need to delay this work by two months for a proper review.

The Technology Registrations Canada portal also under went a discovery review of work needed as we upgrade from Drupal 7 to Drupal 8. This is a critical upgrade and rather complex with additional needs because of our legal requirements for the PGA. This registration system will also need to add flexibility required for other organizations to use it as their registrations platform.

ASTTBC Website

A new design has been selected, an updated site-map has been created, IT is working on the infrastructure and content writing will begin before mid-November. A soft launch is expected in the first quarter of 2021.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

That the ASTTBC CEO report be received by Council for information.

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