

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

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This report is presented to Council for information purposes. The report is for two months from September 1 to October 31, 2020.

Preparing for Transition

Activities in September and October 2020 were dominated by transition and preparing for change. The penultimate meetings of the Board of Examiners, Practice Review Board and 8 technical specialist certification boards were held in September. The agenda for each meeting included an update on the implementation status of the *Professional Governance Act (PGA)* and reinforcement of the fact that existing boards will be discontinued when the ASTT Act is repealed and we are under the PGA, regulations and bylaws.

In September, a request for volunteers resulted in approximately one hundred expressions of interest of which more than half were registrants that are not currently volunteers. The list of volunteers will be reviewed to identify registrant members of statutory committees, working groups or to assess applications for registration.

On September 21, 2020, Phillipa Stanaway started a 6-week orientation in preparation for the transition to Registrar effective November 1, 2020. Introductory meetings were held with staff, the ASTTBC Council, a past Presidents meeting, the Technology Education Careers Council (TECC); the Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) Standards Council and the Expediting Technology Professionals Labour Market Integration (ETPLMI) project team including a consultation meeting with registrars or designates from 7 provinces.

During that time, she also began work on key projects for transition under the *PGA*, including Terms of Reference for statutory committees, investigation procedures, and the publicly available register, or "registrant directory."

Registrant Directory Accessible to the Public

The September 2020 Registrar's report to Council included proposed changes to the directory of registrants (register) accessible to the public on the ASTTBC website. Currently, investigation outcomes are published "anonymously" (without registrant identifying information) on the website, with the exception of disciplinary hearing outcomes, which are published with registrant identifying information. In future, under the *PGA* and new bylaws, investigation outcomes will be published with registrant identifying information when:

- a) a citation for discipline hearing is issued;
- b) a matter is resolved by consent order prior to a discipline hearing; and
- c) when allegations are proven in a discipline hearing;

unless the hearing is to be held *in camera*. Remedial actions by consent, and other matters resolved by means short of a citation for discipline hearing, will be published "anonymously." ASTTBC hopes to work collaboratively with other *PGA* regulators to develop a consistent policy approach to "information to be publicly available" under section 82 of the *PGA*.

Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC)

In October 2020, TAC requested ASTTBC to distribute a public survey to determine the extent of mathematics and statistics required for technologists and technicians to effectively practise. All ASTTBC practising AScTs and CTechs were invited to complete the survey administered by the Portage Group. The closing date for the survey is November 6, 2020. The results will help guide the revision of the mathematics and statistics requirements as part of the program accreditation standards.

Expediting Technology Professionals Labour Market Integration (ETPLMI) Project

On October 23, 2020, the Registrars or their designates from seven provinces participated in a three-hour consultation on the key issues related to the various components of the ETPLMI project including development of a website as the single national gateway to access information on registration as an applied science or engineering technologist or technician and employment in Canada. The feedback from the consultation will be used to confirm commitment to the project and to refine some aspects of the project.

A critical deliverable for the ETPLMI project is creation of a national gateway website that will be structured with sophisticated search engine optimization (SEO) to create the highest link/click through profile on google, bing and yahoo searches. Improved meta tagging will ensure higher site ranking and increased visitor traffic to the site. We expect to go from hundreds of hits per month on various existing sites to thousands per month on the national gateway. This will increase ease of access by potential applicants, awareness of opportunities, increase in applications, and click throughs to province sites enabling higher visitor to registration conversion. The site will be mobile optimized which means the site will adapt to various devices and screen sizes ensuring best practices in presentation and navigation.

The detailed statements of work and master services agreements have been negotiated and signed for the national gateway and for updating the existing technology registrations Canada (TRC) application processing software. Work on the development has started and the scheduled completion dates are in May and June 2021.

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