

REPORT TO ASTTBC COUNCIL

Meeting date: March 11, 2021

1. SUBJECT: Registrar Report for March 2021 Council Meeting

2. PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a summary of ASTTBC's Registrar activities for the period of January 21, 2021 to February 25, 2021.

3. DISCUSSION:

Transition

The past month has been an exciting time at ASTTBC. February 5 was "PGA Day" and the official beginning of our new journey as a regulator. The period between January 21 and February 12 was dominated by bylaw finalization and other preparations for transition under the *PGA*.

We remain hard at work on operationalizing our responsibilities under the *PGA*, *PGGR*, *ASTTR*, and bylaws.

Statutory committees

A draft procedure for the appointment of committee chairs has been prepared for council's approval. Once it is finalized, a call for applications will be sent out and regular meetings will proceed once chairs are appointed.

Staff are currently preparing on-boarding and training materials and opportunities for statutory committee members. We are also working on recruitment and training of the individuals who will be appointed to assist committees in their work. These include the "qualified individuals" who will assist the registrar and credentials committee in reviewing applications for registration, "assessors" who will work with the Audit and Practice Committee to perform audits and reviews, and "inspectors," who will assist the Investigation Committee in conducting investigations.

Change management

We have held internal and external webinars regarding changes for registrants and staff under the *PGA*. These have been received favorably and engagement has been high. Registrants have expressed interest in the duty to report under the *PGA*, and the OSPG has provided guidance on that issue:

<https://professionalgovernancebc.ca/app/uploads/sites/498/2021/02/2020-GD-14-Duty-to-Report-Guidance-for-registrants-web-20210205.pdf>.

Staff continue to display resilience in the face of change and enthusiasm as they learn more about our future as a regulator.

Communications and information infrastructure

Website content and information infrastructure are being reviewed in order to enhance harmonization with the *PGA* and bylaws. This includes the structure of the register, or "registrant directory" of all current and past registrants of ASTTBC, as well as applications for registration and renewal.

Registration

Harmonization of registration requirements to the requirements of the *PGA* has been a complex undertaking, and will continue to consume significant resources for some time. Operationalization of new requirements, such as the criminal record check required of all new applicants, is also underway. The Credentials Committee will likely hold its first meeting in early March.

ETPLMI

On February 24, 2021, a 90-minute presentation of the Expediting Technology Professionals Labour Market Integration (ETPLMI) project provided a preview of the new national gateway website. The Registrar and/or Chief Executive Officer and other key staff members of every province except Newfoundland and Labrador attended the presentation via Zoom. In addition to an overview of project progress to date, the presentation included a preview of information available for applicants that align with one of four pathways to apply for certification and registration. In addition to the pathway for graduates of Canadian post-secondary education programs there are special features for foreign educated technology professionals, Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans and reservists and other potential applicants that have been working in a technical occupation but do not align with the other certification pathways.

The national gateway website is designed with intuitive navigation for a user journey designed to guide applicants from initial exploration through to determining the appropriate registration level, discipline and province of registration to submit an application. The anticipated completion date of the new national gateway is March 31, 2021.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

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

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