

Message from the Chair and CEO

As we approach the end of 2017 and look forward to 2018, we are providing license holders with this update regarding PEGNL activities.

During 2017, PEGNL added approximately 100 new license holders, which now brings the total number of license holders, including life members, to over 5,100. This is a net of approximately 400 registrations and approximately 300 resignations during the year. We thank the Registration Committee volunteers and staff for their work in evaluating these new registrations.



We have renovated the PEGNL office which provides additional space for committee members, volunteers and staff. Additionally, we hired a Communications Advisor, to assist us in interacting and engaging with our stakeholders.

Going forward, we will communicate with license holders primarily through our weekly listserv, license holder releases, Message from the Chair and CEO, as well as through our twitter account. The weekly listserv will provide information about industry, conferences and professional development opportunities. The license holder releases will provide information to license holders such as training courses, legislative changes, or new initiatives of PEGNL. The Message from the Chair and CEO will provide information on the activities taking place at PEGNL. As another tool to reach license holders, our stakeholders, and the general public, we have created a twitter account - [@peg_nl](#). If you are on twitter, we encourage you to follow us! The Twitter feed will also be shown on our website when we update it shortly.

We are pleased to have recently launched an [online ethics training course](#). The course can be completed in both 2017 and 2018 and once completed, license holders can print a certificate and claim five professional development hours. If you have not yet completed the course, we encourage you to do so.

Additionally, we have compiled an updated professional licensing fee listing for other occupations throughout Newfoundland and Labrador as well as fees charged by other Engineering and Geoscience Regulatory Bodies throughout Canada. A link to those listings can be found [here](#).

In 2018, we will begin working toward our revised primary goals, which we refer to as “Ends”, created by the Board of Directors. Our work will be focused on three Ends:

1. Licensed, Competent and ethical practitioners of engineering and geoscience;
2. Stakeholders understand and value the professions; and
3. Sustainability and relevance of the professions.

For a listing of all Ends and sub-ends please click [here](#).

We are also looking forward to offering the option of digital signatures for stamping drawings early in the New Year and additional information on this new initiative and our implementing partner, Notarius will be forthcoming. Additionally, guidelines on authenticating professional drawings will be reissued incorporating the use of digital signatures.

As another year concludes, we thank our license holders for your professionalism and dedication. We also thank our over 200 volunteers who give tirelessly to assist us in fulfilling our mandate and whose efforts are critically important to the success of our office. We hope that each of you enjoy spending quality time with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,



Chair
Gerard Dunphy, P. Eng.



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