**Report of the Chair and CEO & Registrar**

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*(Photo by Paul Daly)*

**General Update**

With the conclusion of the June 14, 2013 Annual General Meeting, Conference and Awards Dinner, PEGNL and its Board of Directors has brought closure to another successful year. The June 14 AGM & Conference had an excellent line up of speakers and was well attended. The first meeting of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors was held in August. A listing of the current members of the Board can be viewed through the following link:

http://www.pegnl.ca/about_us/council/index.htm

At its October meeting, the Board brought closure to the redefinition of PEGNL’s goals, or as they are called under our governance model, ‘Ends’. The previous Ends were defined by earlier Boards and have held PEGNL in good stead over a number of years. The new Ends focus PEGNL more on its regulatory role and sets out more specific things to be achieved. The Ends can be viewed on PEGNL’s web site at [www.pegnl.ca](http://www.pegnl.ca) under Board of Directors’ policies.

**Annual Renewal Time**
PEGNL’s annual license renewal process starts on November 1, 2013, with the issuance of renewal information and invoices to members and permit holders. For members the renewal has three components: (1) update of member information; (2) payment of fees; and (3) submission of annual professional development reports. Member renewals can be done either through submission of documents by postal mail, in person, or electronically through the member login site.

Also, please note that on this year’s annual invoice we have identified any permits to practice under which you are currently registered as a member-in-responsible-charge. We ask that you notify the PEGNL office should this information require correction.

Also new for 2014, PEGNL has implemented an online Permit Renewal System. Permit holders can change their contact information; review the members listed in responsible charge and confirm any changes required; upload a new certificate of Professional Liability Insurance; and pay annual permit fees. In order to take advantage of this system please visit www.pegnl.ca, click on the Register button, and follow the steps to create your company’s online account. Once you have established the account, click on the Log In button.

2014 fees remain the same as 2013 fees.

**Limited License to Practice Engineering and Geoscience – Limited Licensed Issued**

Since the implementation of the revised Engineers and Geoscientists Act and the associated Regulations, PEGNL has established processes to enable us to offer two new categories of licensure and membership: the limited license in the practice of engineering (Eng.L.) and the limited license in the practice of geoscience (Geo.L.). Implementing these new licenses required both significant revisions to PEGNL’s registration Guidelines and establishing a new Limited License Assessment Committee.

At present PEGNL has two registered limited licensees in the practice of engineering. Both are technology graduates from Newfoundland & Labrador colleges. One transferred from Alberta under the Agreement on Internal Tradewhere a similar licensing arrangement exists, and the other person had
qualifications reviewed by PEGNL’s limited License Assessment Committee and was approved by the PEGNL Registration Committee. Please see the more detailed article in this November Dialogue regarding limited licensure.

If you know of someone who may be interested in achieving a limited license, please direct that person to PEGNL.

**Membership Increasing**

With increased professional work in or for the province, and with increased compliance activities, PEGNL has seen a significant increase in membership again this year. Membership growth during 2011 and 2012 was approximately 12% in both years. Higher growth was experienced in ‘permit to practice’ numbers with a growth rate of 16%. To date, membership growth in 2013 is on the order of 7%, with permit growth also somewhat reduced from last year.

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

As part of its support of students through scholarships and bursaries, PEGNL is in the third year of a bursary program focused on helping engineering and geoscience students in financial need. This year the Endowment Fund Committee has determined that a payout from the fund of $21,000 is in order. It will be allocated as one $5,000 scholarship and 8 bursaries of $2,000 each.

Applications have been solicited from students and funds will be paid out before year end. Please consider a donation to the fund as part of your annual payments of fees, and for further information please read the attached article.

Please read the other articles noted in this edition of Dialogue. Hopefully you will find them interesting and useful!