



Canadian Geotechnical Society
Société canadienne de géotechnique

Committee Report

2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Section 1: General

Name of CGS Committee: Professional Practice Committee

Date of report: July 7, 2015

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Committee Chair: J. Suzanne Powell

End of Term of Chair: 2017

CGS website address: http://www.cgs.ca/committees_professional_practice.php?lang=en

Last time your Committee's CGS website was updated: 2013

If the Section has a separate website please provide address:

Is there a link to the CGS website?:

Section 2: Executive members and their employers or, if students, universities - what should be published on the CGS website

Chair: J. Suzanne Powell

Past Chair: Kent Bannister

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

Members: Roger Skirrow, Bob Patrick, James Blatz, Rodney McAfee, Pierre Boulanger, Yves Cormier

Section 3: Number of members

Executive members: 8

Total members: 8

Comments (point form)

- Continuing to look for new members to join and participate
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Section 4: Committee is affiliated with which other organizations

National affiliates (e.g. CIM for the Mining Geotechnique Committee) and names of CGS representatives (list)

- N/A

North American affiliates and names of CGS representatives (list)

- N/A

International affiliates (e.g. ISSMGE TC306 for the Education Committee) and names of CGS representatives (list)

- N/A

Comments (point form)

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Section 5. Finances

As of (June 30, 2015)

Balance: \$ N/A

Comments (point form)

- The professional practice committee does not have an operating budget.

Section 6. Annual Conference / Board of Directors Meeting

Are you planning to attend the GéoQuébec 2015 conference? Yes

Do you have any specific questions or issues that you would like to suggest for the BOD meeting agenda?

- Discussion on EOR for Tailings Dams and the role of CGS and the Professional Practice Committee.
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Section 7. Activities (point form)

- Organized one specialty session at the CGS Annual Conference in Regina (Finding Common Ground: Are Ethical and Legal Obligations the Same?). The presentation was given by Neil Abbot a lawyer with Gowlings.
- Two specialty session slots for GeoQuebec.
 - Neil Abbot was interested but able to present due to conflict with Yom Kipper holiday. We do have him penciled in for the Vancouver conference in 2016.
 - One session will be on the Charbonneau Commission by Stephane Bilodeau (details to be worked out in the coming weeks)
 - Another session by XL Catlin on limiting professional liability or related (details to be worked out in the coming weeks)
- Conference calls as required
 - March 4, 2015
 - April 1, 2015
 - June 26, 2015

Section 8. Additional information or comments