

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

June 6, 2026: Questions & Answers

Question:	Submitted By:	Answer:
<p>Good morning, it's a bit difficult to have the first experience for new associates members.</p> <p>Some points to improve accessibility?</p>	<p>Guy Bertrand Ngoche Tinguem</p>	<p>OACETT is always open to suggestions to enhance your AGM experience. Please share your recommendations at agm@oacett.org.</p>
<p>Not sure about CPD approval, but I think Linx might be a venue where others both "students" and "mentors" could set up a form of study group for specific topics like ACAD, Revit, studying for BCIN etc.?</p>	<p>Christine Johnston</p>	<p>OACETT will be using Linx to facilitate a formal mentorship program later this fall. And the Belonging and Inclusion Committee will be supporting the creation of Member Resource Groups, which could definitely include study groups on different topics. Watch for more information in the fall!</p>
<p>On that note, is there a pathway for "mentors" and "Students" who do set up a learning group on Linx to qualify that time for CPD?</p>	<p>Christine Johnston</p>	<p>Yes, mentorship will be eligible for CPD - when the program is launched, the details of what can be claimed will be shared.</p>
<p>Who won the 50/50 Draw?</p>	<p>David Saunders</p>	<p>The winner is Dave Bose, C.E.T., a Technology Education Teacher with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.</p>
<p>I have passed PPE exam many years ago, but couldn't get Canadian experience to complete the C tech process. I have 12 years of international experience including one seaport construction in Middle East. We should launch some volunteer work which can be used as Canadian experience. Thanks.</p>	<p>Ram Parmar</p>	<p>In 2016, OACETT removed the requirement for 1-year of Canadian work experience. Demonstration of an understanding of Canadian standards and codes were achieved through successfully passing OACETT's Internationally Educated Professional Practice Exam which was used as an equivalent to one year of Canadian work experience. More recently, provincial legislation has changed so that Canadian work experience is no longer a requirement.</p>
<p>What is the management team plans to does us outside Canada to fully participate in the OACETT activities?</p>	<p>Benjamin Okachi</p>	<p>As part of our plans to better support international members, a virtual chapter is being developed to enable those outside Canada to access some additional OACETT activities. The virtual chapter, along with</p>

<p>When will does of us outside Canada gain or have access to Linx App?</p> <p>Is there any plan for those of us outside Canada interested in joining a chapter?</p>		<p>related access and tools, is currently planned to go live in August.</p>
<p>Has the conference for next year been announced yet?</p>	<p><i>Salvadore Ingraldi</i></p>	<p>As was communicated during the AGM, the conference model is being reimagined over the next three years to move away from a single multi-part event with the goal of enhancing the engagement opportunities for individual members. The model will include a Workforce and Innovation Expo, three regional hub events, a stand-alone awards gala and a dedicated Chapter Leadership Summit where two representatives from each Chapter will continue to be funded to come together for regional meetings and an expanded program for leadership development. A graphic with timing is included on slide 45 in the AGM slide deck.</p>
<p>Any honorary memberships for retired members?</p>	<p><i>Oldo Sykora</i></p>	<p>We do offer significantly reduced dues for retired members, but not honorary memberships. Here is the link to the information for retired members on our website: https://www.oacett.org/members-area/retired-members.</p>
<p>Why this year's conference is the last?</p>	<p><i>Vicente Catilo</i></p>	<p>It is only the last conference in its current format. As noted above, a more distributed model is going to be evaluated over the next three years with a goal of providing more opportunities for members to engage. The current model has attracted approximately 100 member registrations this past year, so a different approach is being explored, given the significant investment.</p>
<p>There are intermittent issues during the voting period, hopefully it can be improved next year.</p>	<p><i>Kang Po Patrick Lau</i></p>	<p>We always conduct a debrief with our platform provider each year to see if there is anything that can be improved. It is unrealistic to expect to be completely issue-free with so many members using different types of technology and browsers. GetQuorum was very responsive during the meeting in responding to members who were having challenges.</p>

<p>When is the next time we will review this 3-year CPD agenda revision to a rolling model?</p>	<p><i>Kyle Place</i></p>	<p>Since the launch of the new CPD program, the focus has been on ensuring members are aware of the recent changes and answering members' questions. As we are only in year two of the implementation of the new model, no major change to the program will occur until all three cohorts have been through the system with the new model. In the meantime, a survey will be sent out later this year to gauge how members like the CPD changes and their interest in changing to a rolling cycle. The survey will include the costs to adapt OACETT's systems to a rolling model, to ensure that responses are appropriately informed.</p>
<p>For Christine's question would she not just bring a formal members motion with a seconder and have it voted on at the Member's meeting?</p>	<p><i>Robert van den Berg</i></p>	<p>As per our Meetings of Members policy GP 401, additions to the agenda are invited in the format suggested and then the President determines whether the items are appropriate to add to the AGM for members' decisions. In this case, the item belonged appropriately with the CPD Subcommittee and had been referred there in advance of the AGM.</p>
<p>What is the present status of the next iteration of the 2023 Chapter Operations Manual, now three years in the making?</p>	<p><i>Peter Nicholas</i></p>	<p>Video and content are currently being created and the modules will be released for review and Chapter feedback by the end of 2026.</p>
<p>I would like to know what strategies the organization is currently implementing to support newcomers, especially those with C.Tech designation, in overcoming the barrier of limited Canadian work experience and in accessing employment opportunities within the industry to obtain their C.E.T. designation.</p>	<p><i>Neulie Kanta Manefo Kenne</i></p>	<p>We do have our newly launched Career Edge program (here is a link to some preliminary information – we are in the process of developing a landing page for the OACETT website) and our yearly Internationally Educated Professional (IEP) event. We also have yearly career fairs built into our new event model. Joining and being active in your chapter is also a good way to network and discover employment opportunities.</p>
<p>For members who already have several years of professional work experience in Canada, the licensing process can still involve language testing and additional costs. Is OACETT considering any changes or alternative pathways to make this process easier and more accessible for experienced</p>	<p><i>Ilya Asghari Niari</i></p>	<p>The requirement for language testing is standard across all regulators in Ontario for those whose original language of instruction was not English. A list of countries exempted from requiring a language exam is listed here on the OACETT website. If Ontario college courses were taken where an entry English language test was required, OACETT would accept the college English test in place of</p>

<p>professionals? Thank you.</p>		<p>paying for an additional language test. OACETT is not presently looking to make changes to this requirement.</p>
<p>Has there been any consideration to extending the TTC Subway Technician type qualification for C.Tech. to other sectors such as automotive as repair for vehicles with higher technology becomes necessary?</p>	<p>Robert Geniole</p>	<p>We definitely see the TTC SVT program as a model for partnerships with other companies and sectors. This will be one of the focuses of our developing Corporate Connections program.</p>
<p>My question is regarding the C.E.T. certification process. I am currently registered as a C.Tech. and am working toward obtaining my CET designation.</p> <p>I would like to know whether it is possible to use a proposal that I previously completed at Seneca College as my proposal submission for the C.E.T. application. One of the requirements for the C.E.T. designation is the submission of a proposal, and I am wondering if my academic proposal would be acceptable for this purpose.</p> <p>Thank you for your assistance.</p>	<p>Hussein Ali</p>	<p>Technology proposals and reports completed in school and less than 5 years old can be submitted for approval by the OACETT Admissions Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Information on technology report requirements is available here.</p>
<p>I was wondering if OACETT has any plans to add Welding as a recognized discipline or category within the organization. With the increasing importance of welding inspection, quality assurance, and welding engineering technology across various industries, I believe it would be a valuable addition for members working in this field. Has there been any discussion or consideration regarding this?</p>	<p>Kelvin Agboro</p>	<p>Technology Accreditation Canada is working on a Canadian Technology Standard (CTS) for welding. Once it goes through the various approval stages and becomes a recognized standard, OACETT will use the CTS to assess any welding submissions. The biggest challenge is distinguishing appropriately between the qualification for the trades and what is required for technicians and/or technologists.</p>
<p>What is the reason for temporary withdrawal of AB & BC from TAC? Also explain the emerging role of TAC.</p>	<p>Arjun Rana</p>	<p>Alberta and BC have not withdrawn from Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC), only Technology Professionals Canada (TPC) and the reasons for the withdrawal from TPC were</p>

		<p>shared live during the AGM. TAC's role really has not changed significantly since it was created 12 years ago, which is to establish standards for engineering technician and technologist disciplines and to audit and accredit college and polytechnic programs against those standards across the country.</p> <p>For those interested in more information about</p> <p>TPC: https://www.technologyprofessionals.ca/about-tpc/ TAC: https://www.technologyaccreditation.ca/home</p>
<p>How much has the participation of industry partners and technology companies' participation helped in lowering the expenses of the annual conference? Is it expected to hold true with this new model?</p>	<p><i>Michel Jerome</i></p>	<p>The main intent of industry partners and technology companies is to increase awareness of the need for OACETT certification and build relationships and career pathways. Having said this, it has opened the door to new sponsorship opportunities and lunch and learn opportunities, which we expect to hold true and even expand with the proposed new model, as there will be more opportunities with multiple events to engage potential sponsors.</p>
<p>Is there a program for the active members who lost the jobs in current market scenario where members can get the resume build service and any kind of online supports?</p>	<p><i>Pragneshkumar Patel</i></p>	<p>We have our career fair, and a discount on Resume Target services is included in OACETT's Member Perks program. Typically the on-line portion of our Internationally Educated Professionals (IEP) Career Summit also includes these kinds of supports – watch for registration details for early October.</p>
<p>The great thing about the Conference is that it was centralized and held at a specific time late spring/early summer, so everyone could plan ahead and book time off work to attend. With these new Hub Event model it seems like there will be more pressure put on chapters and more time commitment required from chapter executive in that region to participate and to attend these events. At the end of the</p>	<p><i>Oleksandr Kushnarenko</i></p>	<p>The intent of the regional events is more for corporate, government, college and local stakeholder engagement, as well as the general membership at large. While local chapters will be invited to participate in any hub event in their region, there is no requirement or expectations for chapter executives to attend all events.</p>

<p>day many members have their full time jobs and will not be able to fully participate or to attend these multiple micro events and either random people will be assigned to go, or even worse nobody from chapter executive will be able to attend. So basically my question is what kind of involvement from chapters will be expected in this new Hub Event model?</p>		
<p>I would like to ask for clarification regarding the experience requirement for certification. If an applicant has been in the same position for over two years but is still missing approximately six months of required experience in a specific category, how can that remaining experience be properly acquired or recognized?</p> <p>In cases where the job duties have remained consistent, is it possible for additional experience to be credited based on ongoing work, provided it is properly documented and verified by an employer?</p>	<p><i>Kelvin Agboro</i></p>	<p>OACETT is looking for demonstration of competencies at the certification level the member is looking to achieve. It is understood that job descriptions do not always show what we are looking for. With that knowledge, OACETT has started to use competency-based assessments as a way to illustrate experience by asking for detailed evidence against the level of work expected of a technician or technologist. If experience at that level has not been demonstrated based on the review of your file, then it is recommended that you discuss with your supervisor the upgrading of your work opportunities/job description to include appropriate experience. Continuing to do the same role for many years while not being able to demonstrate the competency required to achieve a certification level does not change the experience requirement needed to achieve that certification.</p>
<p>Is there any possibility in future that OACETT Cert will count towards Immigration CRS points in OINP like the added score in Certificate of Qualification (COQ) in skill trades specially the OINP program have been revamp last month.</p> <p>If this could happen in future , then it might attract thousand of potential new candidates to join the org while they are still studying as International</p>	<p><i>Jan Andrew Sy</i></p>	<p>This has been identified as a national advocacy issue and Technology Professionals Canada will be developing a submission to the federal government.</p>

<p>Students / and or recent graduates already working and building their tech careers in Ontario</p>		
<p>There are certain control engineer roles that do require C.E.T. or P.Tech., but PEO, however, the traditional utilities companies across Canada, only entertain P.Engs. Is there any way we can approach them and include CET in their job description?</p>	<p><i>Rushi Shah</i></p>	<p>We are always happy to support members in making the case to their employer in situations like this that we would classify as "over credentialed", where a P.Eng. is being requested for a role that could be performed by a technologist and may have been held by a technologist in the past. Please reach out to corporateconnections@oacett.org and let us know the right people to speak with in your organization.</p>
<p>The BCIN topic peaked my interest. Is there an official proposal somewhere that members can reference? Personally, I am in the process of writing BCIN exams, but don't want to waste time/ energy to write exams that may be in the process of becoming exempted.</p>	<p><i>Jeremy Bullen</i></p>	<p>We are currently submitting a proposal to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing too grant certain exemptions for specific exams. Legislative changes of this nature do not typically proceed very quickly, so it is important to be mindful of your own career requirements in terms of the timeliness of proceeding with these exams.</p>
<p>Could you please explain why the membership fee is so high?</p>	<p><i>Pedram Zamani</i></p>	<p>As part of the annual budgeting process, OACETT benchmarks the membership dues against both our provincial counterparts and against other similar associations in Ontario. Our dues remain consistently lower than Alberta, Quebec and British Columbia by a significant amount, particularly considering that OACETT continues to be the only province, other than Quebec, that supports a Chapter network. We do hear questions about why our dues are higher than PEO's dues and we remind members that PEO serves only as the regulator for professional engineers. To truly compare with the services that OACETT offers, you need to add together PEO and OSPE dues. OACETT does have a policy of increasing dues on an annual basis in line with the cost of living as reflected by the Consumer Price Index.</p>