



# BIMONTHLY PSB BULLETIN

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# CHAIR'S REPORT

The PSB strategic planning work is well underway. Each of the three PSB committees are participating, as well as recent RPP graduates, planning schools, the PTIAs and CIP. The PSB will meet in Halifax in April to review all feedback and identify top priorities. This is a gentle reminder to set up time with Meredith Low Consulting to contribute to the conversation.

Some PTIAs have recently made inquiries about the Standards Advisory Committee's (SAC's) budget. We intend to provide quarterly updates on SAC financials to our PSB member organizations beginning this spring, and separately address some questions about the recent 2025 refund. Stay tuned.



# ACCREDITATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (APC)

The APC has accepted RFP submissions for the redevelopment of the Site Visit Team Guidebook. The working group will review and evaluate the submissions and will present its recommendations to the committee.

We are pleased to announce the recent re-accreditation of the University of Saskatchewan for a five-year term.

There are four upcoming spring re-accreditations:

University of BC  
University of Northern BC

McGill University  
Dalhousie University



# PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE (PEEC)

The next Professional Examination is set for **March 16** and we have a online prep session scheduled for February 11. In addition to delivering the Examination, PEEC has been focused on developing support materials. We now have a Mentorship Handbook finalized and will be preparing for distribution. The Handbook will not only provide a support for Mentors and Mentees but will help standardize the candidate process (while still retaining flexibility for each Mentor and Mentee to make individual adjustments).

Also be on the lookout for our revised Ethical Foundations online course in both French and English. We have also expanded the online question bank which should be available after committee review.

## UPCOMING BULLETIN DATES:

April 2026  
June 2026

## CIRCULATION

PSB Members & EDs  
PEIIPP Chair & ED  
NBAP Chair & ED  
NLAPP Chair & ED  
OUQ President & ED  
CIP



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# STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

The SAC has just completed a weekend working session in Toronto. The Committee discussed current initiatives, work plans and next steps to support the committee's ongoing work. The following is a short update on the current initiatives:

## **Ethical Standards Subcommittee**

The PSB is pleased to announce that the ethical standards updates have been adopted. They will be effective as of March 17th and a communication strategy and implementation plan is underway.

## **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Task Force**

SAC will present their recommendation for the PLAR process to the PSB Board on March 2nd, 2026.

## **Competencies Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee is completing work to provide to the Members on the scan of competencies, a revised work plan and a report on the direction for the competency review.

## **Quebec Liaison**

With the adoption of the MOU to recognize Quebec school graduates as coming from accredited schools, the function of the SubCommittee is shifting to ongoing liaison with OUQ as we all work through competencies, emerging topics and changing legislation.

## **Definition of Planning Task Force**

A plain language consultant was hired to review the proposed definition. It will be presented to the PSB Board shortly for revisions and approval.

## **Communication and Outreach Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee continues to support all of the initiatives. The SAC has considered new initiatives to include in the workplan for 2026 and 2027, which will be presented to the Members upon finalization.



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