

# BIMONTHLY PSB BULLETIN

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# CHAIR'S REPORT

Over the past six months, the PSB and its various committees and subcommittees have been exceptionally busy, as reflected in the APC, PEEC, and SAC reports below. This level of engagement would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our many volunteers, to whom we extend our sincere thanks. Thanks to each of the PTIAs and CIP as well, for their contributions to some of our larger initiatives.

The PSB is looking forward to the strategic planning process later this month as well.

We also take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy spring and hope you are enjoying the longer days.





# ACCREDITATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (APC)

## Site Visit Guide Update

One of the major projects for APC this year is a refresh and rewriting of the Site Visit Guide for University Planning Program Accreditation. This project is to provide Site Visit Team Members and University Programs with information on the process, requirements, and expectations for Site Visits.

As you may be aware, site visits are intended to include a discussion with the PTIA. However, we have identified a lack of clarity regarding the scope and purpose of this conversation. To address this, the consulting team will be reaching out to PTIAs to request input on what you believe the PTIA's contribution to the accreditation review should entail.

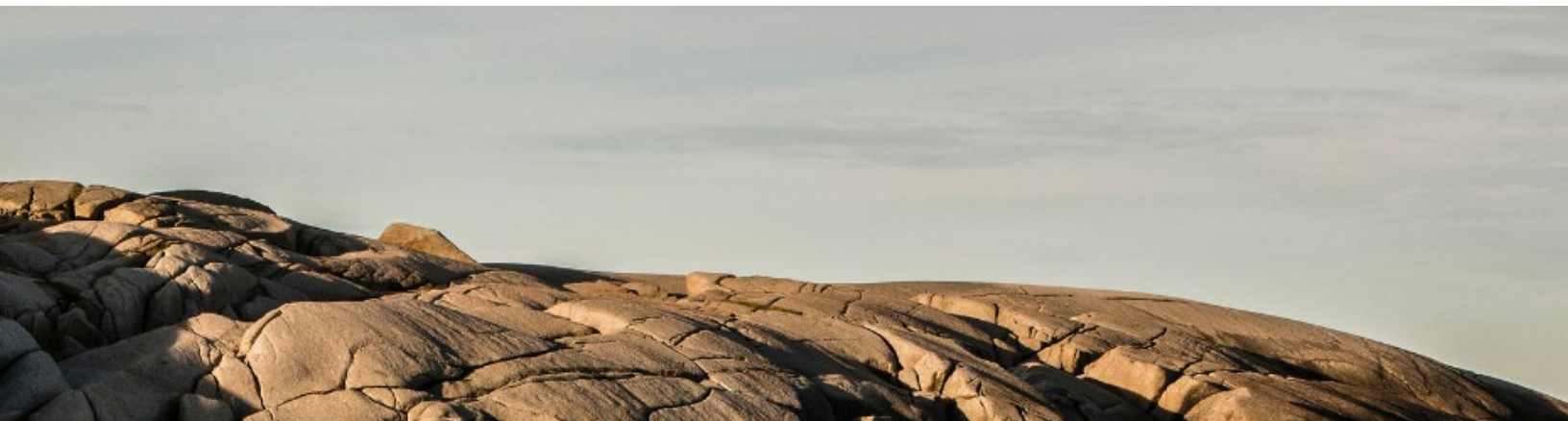
Our objective is to establish a shared understanding of the PTIA's role and input during site visits and throughout the accreditation review process.

The PSB has hired a consulting team of Pam Shaw, Meaghan Norman, and Autumn Dawson to undertake this project. Pam, Meaghan, and Autumn are all well experienced with Site Visits. You can expect to receive a survey requesting your input and feedback.

This is an important update for the PSB, the University Planning Programs, the Site Visit Team Members, and the PTIA's. We greatly appreciate and value your input to this update. Thank you in advance for your insights.

The PSB accreditation of the Vancouver Island University program ends **April 30, 2026**.

The APC is also receiving new program applications, making this an extremely busy time for site visit team volunteers.





# PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE (PEEC)

The recent professional exam this March had a total of 265 Candidates participate, with a pass rate of 84%. This was the largest exam sitting to date, more than the prior largest which was 244 Candidates.

The next Exam Question Writing Group will take place in **Toronto May 30th**.

As we build process around removing the requirement for employment in planning, a form will be available in the portal for candidates to acknowledge as part of the application process.

## NEXT ISSUES WILL BE

June 5th  
August 7th  
October 2nd  
December 4th

## CIRCULATION

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





# STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

SAC continues to make progress across multiple priorities, including a presentation delivered to JAG in February.

## **Ethical Standards Subcommittee**

The Code of Conduct and Ethics has been approved and is ready for rollout in collaboration with CIP. This will include a release and implementation plan and we intend to partner with our organizational members to make sure everyone knows what this update means for our numerous PSB stakeholders.

## **Definition of Planning Task Force**

The Definition of Planning Task Force has completed substantial work on a new definition, which will be circulated shortly for review and comment.

## **Competencies Subcommittee**

The Competencies Subcommittee has established a new work plan, completed background research, and is preparing an RFQ for a competencies consultant to support its efforts.

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

The PLAR Task Force has conducted a comprehensive scan of PLAR processes across other professions and planning organizations internationally and is now preparing additional support materials for prospective PLAR candidates. The PSB supports the SAC PLAR Subcommittee's recommendation to maintain the PLAR system as-is for 2026 based on its comparison of PLAR-type systems in other professional organizations, and it also intends to revisit this issue in 2027 to dig deeper into member organization concerns.

## **Communications and Outreach Subcommittee**

The Communications and Outreach Subcommittee continues to support SAC initiatives through the development of communication and infographic materials.





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