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**PROFESSIONAL
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Chair's Report

The PSB would like to extend our sincere thanks to the PTIAs and the CIP for their timely attention to the updated model ethical standards proposal. As the review begins for the new model definition of planning, it is encouraging to see these important initiatives continuing to gain momentum. We greatly appreciate the collaboration and commitment that will help move this work forward.

You may still have some questions regarding the draft model ethic standards or definition, about the competencies work (see article below), or about other PSB activities, including university planning program accreditations or candidate certifications. Our Executive Director, Phae Eckhart, and Operations Manager, Ryan Jones, are excellent sources of information in this regard. Or, if you want to discuss the PSB's activities from a governance perspective, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, Greg Birch, as PSB Chair. I will not have all the answers but can likely connect you to those at the PSB who do. This invitation is especially extended to the PTIA and CIP council chairs and presidents.

Meanwhile, the PSB's strategic planning initiative we told you about at the Annual General Meeting in Montréal is continuing, with the expectation that we will complete it this year. Five draft strategies have been identified and we are currently working on the tactics necessary to achieve them. This process includes drafting initial work plans that outline steps to achieve the tactics, their timing, and the resources required. We will keep you posted.

Here's wishing you a wonderful Canadian Thanksgiving on behalf of the PSB's directors and staff. We truly live in a special country.

Accreditation Program Committee (APC)

The Accreditation Program Committee is completing a number of key priorities over this fall.

The new Site Visit Guide for university planning programs is close to being finalized. This will be a complete set of guidelines and templates for both site visit team members and the university team preparing the submission. Training on the new guide will also be provided.

There are three programs that will have site visits this academic year. The new undergraduate program at Nipissing University will have a pre-accreditation review. The University of Toronto and York University will be part of the renewal of accreditation reviews for each of their programs.

The APC is also pleased to announce that Nikita Kheterpal from the City of Calgary is now the APC Vice Chair. Thank you Nikita and congratulations!



Professional Education and Examination Committee (PEEC)

The fall sitting of the professional examination was held on September 14th, marking another significant milestone in the certification process. A total of 245 candidates successfully met the examination requirements and are now eligible to join the profession as new Registered Professional Planners (RPPs). This represents the highest number of successful candidates in the history of the examination.

As part of the continuous improvement process for the examination program, the fall Question Writing Group will meet in Alberta. The session will also focus on developing new questions to ensure the examination remains robust, current, and reflective of evolving practice requirements.



Standards Advisory Committee (SAC)

The PSB Board has approved the below timeline for the Competencies work.

Please note that the timeline for the PTIA review is currently scheduled for April 2027. To help ensure the review process proceeds efficiently and remains on schedule, we kindly ask that your working group be prepared to receive, assess, and provide feedback on the materials as promptly as possible. Timely review and input will be important in supporting overall project timelines and facilitating any necessary revisions or follow-up discussions.

Task	ShiftED Phase	
PSB AGM in Montreal		2026 JUL
Hire competency Consultant		2026 AUG
Bulletin Update (August 7)		2026 AUG
Preparation	Kick-Off	2026 AUG
Preparation	Training and Methodology	2026 AUG-SEP
Drafting	Competency Drafting	2026 SEP-DEC
SUB-COMMITTEE IN PERSON MEETING	In Person Meeting	2027 JAN
Finalization	Quality Assurance Review	2027 JAN
Finalization	Stress Testing	2027 FEB
Final Recommendations (1st Draft Competencies)		2027 MAR
Sub-Committee review 1st Draft Competencies		2027 MAR
Modifications as required		2027 MAR
Forward 1st Draft Competencies to PSB		2027 APR
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Forward 1st Draft Competencies to PTIAs/CIP/ACUPP for review and comments		2027 APR

REVIEW BY PITAs/CIP/ACUPP		2027 APR/MAY
Modifications to Draft Competencies report based on comments		2027 JUN
Sub-Committee review comments – prepare 2nd Draft Competencies		2027 JUN
Circulate competency report to SAC		2027 JUN
Modifications as required		2027 JUN
Presentation of 2nd Draft Competencies to PSB, PAF, JAG, ACUPP (Victoria National Conference)		2027 JUL
Send to PTIAs/CIP/ACUPP for second review		2027 JUL
Final Amendments		2027 SEP
Approval by SAC		2027 SEP
Send final version to PSB for support/ratification		2027 OCT
Send approved version to PTIAs/CIP/ACUPP		2027 OCT
Forward final competencies to members		TBD





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