

Key Activities

There has been continued focus on working with NRCan and members on the CGHG program engagement, supporting the year-end requirements, the Retrofit Refresh Training content development and training deliverables, advocacy and Stakeholder outreach efforts, and member recruitment and renewals.

Committee/Working Group Reports

Technical Committee

- The committee will reengage the discussions around the window analysis once the window sensitivity analysis is completed.
- The committee will present a Tech Committee Update webinar on March 24th for members. I assisted in creating the PowerPoint for the presentation delivered by the cochairs.
- The committee may issue a survey to members to get direction for the committee's focus.
- There has been a request to do a change request to NRCan related to Climate Zones.
- The committee will have an update from CHBA at each meeting to consider where they may be collaboration and mutual support.

Education Committee

- The education committee is working on the following topics:
 - A cross country panel address decarbonization strategies with the City of Vancouver, The City of Toronto and Efficiency One (might have someone from Alberta)
 - "Let's talk aboutBlower Doors" This is a supplier member perk where the first part of the session is high level, educational, technical and the second part breaks the audience into break out groups to have smaller discussions with the suppliers.
 - The Business of Being an EA – could be a recurring theme with different topics
 - PV webinar in May agreed to embrace a formal structure starting at the next meeting.
 - June MURBS
 - No webinars July and August
- The committee will review other industry training opportunities to look for synergies and potential presenters for CACEA and/or EA versions of their training, e.g. HRAI.
- The committee will start to consider what is needed for a one day event in February 2023 in conjunction with the NZ Leadership Summit. CACEA would also hold their AGM at this time.
- Facilitated a webinar with Steven Koch, Electricity Canada March 10th.

Retrofit Refresh Working Group

- The group is finalizing the content,. The course will not be delivered until Spring.

Mentoring Program Committee

- The Kick off event was held March 7 with the 6 pairings.
- Kristi Owens and Jack Zhou are co-chairing this initiative
- The program was extended to finish in August.

Ontario Issues Focus Group

- A planning group has been struck to explore opportunities to engage Ontario AHJs and explore ways to contribute to the OBC and other programs and policy decisions.
- The group will provide an overview webinar on EAs and their impact as well as the NBC.
- The group wants to have an Ontario Forum to address challenges that engages ON CACEA member, ministries and other AHJs.

New Directors' Board Orientation

- Met with new board members to provide an overview of CACEA governance and board focus.

Membership and Member Services

- At the end of February, non-renewals were considered lapsed and can no longer access member benefits.
- The Home page now highlights the supplier members. They are also included in the Support page.
- Panasonic is in the process of becoming a CACEA member
- There have been conversations about membership with Daikin, Dupont and iFlow.
- Continue to do “info-mercials” about CACEA for stakeholders and training groups.
- Several conversations with candidate EAs and EAs to promote membership.
- Leveraging content with stakeholders on Becoming EAs
- Developing content on the value of EAs.
- Coordinated a well-attended, well received Annual Meeting event.
- Produced and posted the Annual Report on the website, in the Webinar section of the website and will feature in the e-News this week.
- Held an Early Career Forum. While attendance was small, there was good conversation and networking.
- In discussions to add to the Member Affinity Discount program.
- Coordinating in person networking for CACEA members at Building Knowledge Canada’s Spring Camp before the event starts and the BCBOA Spring Conference.

Stakeholder Relations

PRESENTATIONS

- April 7 – will do a presentation for the Clean Air Partnership on Being an EA. The audience should include municipalities across Canada.
- May 17th, 1-2:30 BC Building Officials Association Spring Conference in their Energy Step Code Stream. Mark Bernhardt will present on being an EA and IDP per presentations that I have made in the past.

ADVOCACY

NRCan – Greener Homes

- CACEA is part of the bi-weekly SO meetings with the Greener Homes team.
- Meet weekly with Ruth Talbot and Kimberly Jansen as a touch point.
- Created a feedback form to collect potential scenarios for retroactive engagement for secondary suites and heat pump rebates.
- Exploring opportunities to address capacity, upskilling and career pathways with NRCan to ensure smart capacity building and quality services.
- NRCan has restructured to a more “linear structure” with better oversight by the new Assistant Deputy Minister. More details to come.

Federal Government - General

- Mark Rosen, Michael White and I met with Blaire Oliver, Sr. Policy Advisor, Min of NRCan, Kyle Fox, Policy Advisor, Min of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion and Vick martin, CMHC.
- An information session about EAs, the different business relationships in the sector, training process and high level discussions about advanced engagement with CACEA and the community on programs such as the CMHC loan program, etc..
- There is interest to continue engagement.

BC Engagement

- Expanding engagement with BC stakeholders.

PROJECTS AND COLLABORATION

Owens Corning Higher Performance Project

- This project will continue in 2022 and providing two (ON and West) IDP sessions.
- OC is creating a video to serve as a case study for the building community.
- CACEA will do a webinar in the summer with OC to present the IDP and builder case study.

IDP Facilitation Training Program

- The program is nearing completion with IDP expert observed Design Charette sessions conducted by candidates.
- There has been one “graduate” to date.

DISCUSSIONS AND OUTREACH

Retrofit Training Network Meeting

- CACEA participate in a multi-stakeholder group focused on retrofit programs and training.
- **Municipalities are interested in a webinar to understand EA work and potential contributions.**
- It is a useful network that has expanded CACEA’s brand and the work that we are doing.

CHBA

- Met two new members of the CHBA team – Ejaz Hussain-Farook who will be working on the LEEP initiative and Lynne Strickland who is working on the retrofit project.
- We continue to explore opportunities where CACEA can engage with CHBA projects where there is alignment.

Owens Corning

- CACEA will meet quarterly with the OC team to review accomplishments and next steps for 2022.

City of Vancouver

- Provided Einar Halbig and Cindy with their draft policy for existing one and two family homes – both new and existing to get input and engagement.
- We noted some EAs have certification to complete HLHG calculations through HRAI and that there will be another training session focused on an EA audience Nov 14-17.

CanREA Touch Point

- Continued discussion about potential synergies and opportunities
- Will introduce me to potential PV suppliers for CACEA membership
- Will collaborate on a PV webinar to members.
- CACEA to provide a presentation on EAs, what we do and how we can work together. Date to be determined.

BC Building Designers

- There is an informal organization of BC Building designers
- They are currently focused on ensuring that their work is recognized by the BC Building Code as there is a change to the role of architects.
- There is interest in doing an interactive discussion where our respective members have a good understanding of our respective roles as well as start discussions about IDP.

VEAP

- Continue to support this initiative and to try to find assistance for the EA probationary requirements
- The program will be expanded and offered again in multiple regions.
- CACEA has been asked to continue its engagement with this program.

BC Hydro Touch Point

- Regular touch point exploring potential opportunities for CACEA and its members.

Fortis BC Touch Point

- Regular touch point exploring potential opportunities for CACEA and its members.

EnerQuality Touchpoint

- Touchpoint with Monica Curtis on potential synergies and opportunities for CACEA and its members.

Globe and Mail

- Andy Oding and Cindy Gareau were interviewed by the Globe and mail related to the point of sale mandate by the Federal government.

NAIMA

- NAIMA is updating their Insulation Manual
- CACEA has been asked to assist with providing content as well as a letter of support curate/create.

Electricity Canada

- Will continue to consider potential future engagement

Focus for the Next Month

- **With board assistance, continue to promote and grow members with a focus on encouraging your network to renew and/or add additional members from their organization. outreach.**
- Finalize event requirements for engagement in Ontario.
- Develop a business plan to support the Strategic plan refresh for 2022.
- Create an operation plan for a CACEA continuing education credit program for members – launch in the summer
- Develop an operational plan for a master EA professional designation (MEA) exclusive to CACEA members and start the certification mark process
- Market the Retrofit Refresh training program
- Continue to have conversations with stakeholders across Canada and seek opportunities for synergies and projects.
- Consider proposal/project opportunities with NRCan and additional stakeholders.