ABOUT CIQS

The Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) was founded in 1959 and has a national office in Markham with six regional chapters representing BC & the Yukon; the Prairies (AB, SK, MB & NWT); ON; QC; the Maritimes (NS, NB & PEI) and Newfoundland & Labrador which offer member events and benefits on a local level.

CIQS works on behalf of its members to promote the profession to the construction industry, its allied professions and government officials.

It has developed reciprocal agreements with a variety of industry organizations and is a member of the International Construction Measurements Standards. ICMS is a group of over 40 professional and not-for-profit organizations from around the world working towards global consistency on construction cost analysis.

MISSION AND VISION

CIQS is a self-regulatory, professional body that sets the highest standard for construction economics in Canada. Designated Professional Quantity Surveyors (PQS) and Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) professionals counsel building owners, developers, government bodies, designers and contractors at every stage of the design, procurement and construction process to help ensure a return on investment is delivered.

The mission of CIQS is to:
- Promote and advance professional quantity surveying and construction estimating
- Establish and maintain national standards
- Recruit, educate and support our members.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

First a message to all our members: The CIQS board is made up of directors from across Canada, and those individuals cover a wide range of professional skills and experience. The CIQS board’s primary mandate is our mission statement:

- to promote and advance professional quantity surveying and construction estimating;
- to establish and maintain national standards; and
- to recruit, educate and support our members.

The motto posted at each board meeting states “For the good of the Institute”, to remind our directors that regardless of where we come from, or where our expertise lies, our discussions and decisions should be focused on representing our membership as a whole.

This is my third and final time chairing the CIQS AGM as I will be stepping down to Past Chair at the conclusion of this meeting. I started on the National board as a director in July 2013 and since then I have served as a director, treasurer, vice chair and most recently as your chair. I served on a number of committees, including the CPD, Social Media & Website, International Relations, PAQS, PAQS BIM, External Stakeholder Relations and Executive Committees. I became president of the former CIQS - Maritimes Association in 2014 and currently serve as chair of the CIQS - Maritimes Chapter. I have also penned the CPD committee chair message and the national chair’s message for The Construction Economist since 2013.

In September 2017, I moved from the role of vice chair to chair to fill a vacancy on the national board in the midst of a second CIQS governance restructuring. A lot of hard work was done by many helping hands to make that a success and I am proud of my part in the process.

Some of the highlights of my three years as chair include the completion of the CIQS national governance restructuring; CIQS presentation and acceptance of membership into FIRPAC, CIQS proposal and acceptance of association membership with the CEEC.

I would be remiss if I did not highlight the work completed behind the scenes by volunteers from the board and our membership to promote the advancement of the association. The education committee has worked tirelessly to review and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the education program and has provided the board with guidelines for improvement.

A lobbying plan was also implemented in the last few years and the dedicated work from those volunteers has opened doors previously unobtainable.

Our PR & Marketing team has been working on some exciting future programs and we will need volunteers to help them get off the ground.

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The Construction Economist has evolved under the guidance of the editor, a growth that now included assistant editor volunteers who continuously seek out topical articles for the benefit of our readers.

The list of accomplishments is long but the ones above are some of the highlights. The main takeaway from this list is that every one of our committees and projects are in need of volunteers.

"One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time"

We encourage our members and stakeholders who wish to volunteer to reach out to the National office and let us know where your interests lie.

We have seen real, tangible results wherever we have had strong volunteer engagement. To those members and stakeholders who volunteer their time, experience and wisdom, thank you for contributing to the promotion of the profession and the growth of the association.

We, CIQS and our members and stakeholders, have gone through some tough times as of late due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Chair, I have been in contact with representatives from CEEC and PAQS association members to discuss the pandemic’s impact.

Generally, we are all struggling with the same challenges, but we have also heard that the quantity surveying profession has been engaged on a higher level in collaboration with government agencies and the private ownership groups for support and for input on what comes next to regain economic stability through the as-built environment. We have seen the same here in Canada from various government agencies and public feedback wanting more transparency on the use of public funds.

Our profession has an opportunity to answer that call and CIQS, through the strategic plan, has put in place programs like the external stakeholders committee who meet regularly to address inquiries and provide input to stakeholders on how our profession can be a part of the solution to economic stability and future growth of the as-built environment.

David Dooks
David Dooks, PQS(F)
Chair, CIQS

FOR THE BEST OF
THE INSTITUTE
This has never been truer than where my national staff and contractors are concerned. When the government mandated our office to close, they did not miss a beat when they were asked to turn their daily routines upside down and work from home for the unforeseeable future.

We all had to find ways to maintain productivity to continue offering our members and stakeholders the same level of service they have come to expect from the National team. Weekly video conference staff meetings brought our team closer together despite being farther apart.

My sincere thanks to everyone on the National team for their dedication and hard work over the past year. The strength of the organization is due to the tremendous team that we have in place at the national office.

I would also like to extend a special welcome to Sharon Lui who joined us in October as our Executive/Events Assistant. She has been the driving force behind the National events and completed every task with enthusiasm. She also fell right in step with the various chapter executives as she helped them plan their local events. Thank you to our chapter volunteers for everything you do for your regions and for giving Sharon such a warm welcome.

"We are more resilient than we think and when faced with adversity, we adapt, thrive and succeed"

Reflecting back over the past year, I am extremely proud of everything that we have accomplished since our last annual meeting in Quebec City last July.

We are well on our way of fulfilling our current Strategic Plan’s mission which states that CIQS will "promote the professional status and gainful employment of Institute members by maintaining high standards of competence and ethics, furthering their education, and encouraging the
Looking ahead at what’s to come, there are several exciting projects in the pipeline for next year. We are gearing up to launch our Leadership Development and Mentorship programs; working to increase the IT efficiency at head office and overhaul our education and membership programs to ensure that we continue offering stellar programs to our members and stakeholders.

We are continuously nurturing relationships with our external stakeholders, building our brand and increasing our exposure and value to the government.

I am excited to build on the revitalized Congress program that was launched last December and which, sadly, needed to be placed on hold due to COVID-19. We decided to push our Congress in Ottawa for one year to allow us to be back in Winnipeg in 2021 and I hope to see you all there!

This has been such an eventful year and I am honoured to be leading our organization through these spectacular times. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers for the time and expertise they lend so freely to help our organization grow and flourish. Thank you to our national board for providing direction and strategic guidance. Last, but not least, I wish to thank our members and stakeholders for their loyal support of CIQS.

I look forward to when we can all meet again in person.

THE CIQS HUB

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- Government Relations

I am pleased to announce that we started working with a new public affairs firm this past year. Currently, they are drafting our advocacy principles and developing our prebudget submission and letter to the Prime Minister’s office.

We have continued our membership with FIRPAC (Federal/Industry Real Property Advisory Council) and are active participants at their meetings in Ottawa.

We also contributed to a recent Request for Information from Public Services and Procurement Canada.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE
TO BETTER ENGAGE OUR MEMBERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE INSTITUTE WILL FOCUS ON RECONNECTING AND REBUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE BOARD, CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

EDUCATION
WE WILL WORK TO IDENTIFY AND IMPROVE UPON THE WEAKNESSES AND STRENGTHS OF THE CURRENT COURSES AND SYLLABUS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PROGRAMS.

IDENTIFY & RESOLVE RESOURCE DEFICIENCIES AT CIQS
WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE NOW MANAGING OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS ALL CHAPTERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES ARE IN PLACE WHERE NEEDED.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN
WE WILL FOCUS MORE ON COMMUNICATIONS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT ABOUT OUR INDUSTRY AND THE BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH A CEC OR PQS.
CIQS members and stakeholders are key to expanding awareness of quantity surveying throughout Canada, and the important role we play in the construction process. Join CIQS and begin your journey towards earning one of our designations, the Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) or the Construction Estimator Certified (CEC). Joining our organization as a member or stakeholder (Associates and Students) opens up the door to highly specialized continuing professional development programs, services and networking opportunities.

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**Professional Quantity Surveyor - PQS**
Individuals who have completed the TPE for the PQS/ECA designation, or are Fellows (FRICS) or Members (MRICS) with RICS and whose primary discipline is quantity surveying.

**Honorary Life Member**
This is awarded to Members for their long-standing service to CIQS and are exempt from paying membership fees.

**Retired**
Retired members are PQS and CEC who have permanently retired from active employment in quantity surveying

**Fellow**
Fellowship is awarded to PQS and CEC members who have served the CIQS in a meritorious capacity. They may use PQS(F) and CEC(F)

**Construction Estimator Certified - CEC**
Individuals who have completed the TPE for the CEC or has equivalent qualifications; have acquired the mechanical or electrical requirements; or have been admitted to pursue their PQS via the Mature Candidate pathway.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

**Associate**
Individuals who have not completed the TPE for either the PQS or CEC; have attained the equivalent of the PQS/CEC overseas; or are gainfully employed or self-employed in, or associated with, the construction industry.

**Student**
Individuals who are registered in a full-time approved program of studies.
The Young Quantity Surveyor (YQS) Program was established for CIQS members under 40 to network, build relationships and share ideas that can help them grow into the future leaders of the industry.

The main goals of the YQS committee are:
- professional and leadership development
- sustainability of the profession
- networking and knowledge sharing
- offering resources and support
- providing opportunities for young professionals
- community involvement

The committee will accomplish this in part by planning in person events and webinars on a local, regional and national level.

YQS Bursary Benefactor Program

The YQS Bursary Benefactor Program helps to sustain and grow the YQS Bursary Program to ensure we can continue sending qualifying young quantity surveyors to Congress (all expenses paid) for years to come.

Email marketing@ciqs.org to learn how you can help our leaders of tomorrow develop their network and leadership skills.

“What we have in CIQS is great, and I hope we can keep nurturing it to greater heights for the future generations of quantity surveyors”

Gabriel Effing Esu, PQS
2019 YQS Bursary Recipient
The 2019-2020 Exam Awards, Fellowship Awards & Gordon Pattison Award of Merit were presented at the 2019 Congress in Quebec City, Quebec.

### Exam Awards

**Frank Helyar Memorial Award**
- Oscar Ian Estillore
- Prairies & NWT Chapter

**Graham Randall Award**
- Jonathan Corr
- Prairies & NWT Chapter

**Buster Vermeulen Memorial Award**
- Della Roussin
- BC Chapter

### Fellows

- Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F)
- Michael Gabert PQS(F)
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### Gordon Pattison Award of Merit

- Roger Ward, PQS(F)
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Newsletter Director
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Directors-at-Large
Kevin McGill, PQS
Sudhir Jha, CEC(F)
We are living in a truly extraordinary time where every person, business and industry is learning how to navigate our ‘new normal’. Our national office may be closed, but our staff is still working with members who are pursuing their designation to make sure they are not impeded by pandemic roadblocks.

COVID-19 emergency measures forced CIQS to implement alternate solutions to the way we do business. Our national staff learned to collaborate virtually while working remotely. In-person events and meetings were replaced with virtual ones (video conferencing and webinars). A dedicated COVID-19 webpage (click here) and communications plan were designed and implemented to keep our members and stakeholders updated on the pandemic during these unprecedented times.