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Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F), new vice-chair of CIQS board of directors

Markham, ON, April 6, 2021 – The Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS) is pleased to announce that Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F) was appointed to the position of vice-chair by the CIQS board of directors last month.

“The vice-chair position remained vacant after Erin Brownlow, PQS, moved into the chair’s position last year to allow the board to review and improve the board’s succession requirements for the executive positions. With Erin and Arif at the helm of the CIQS board of directors, the Institute is in great hands as we maneuver new norms,” said Sheila Lennon, CAE, chief executive officer of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

Arif started on the CIQS board of directors in 2015 as an observer through his role as managing editor of the Construction Economist and has been a dedicated director since 2019. In his role as director, he works on a variety of portfolios, such as the Member Engagement portfolio which includes a variety of committees focusing on raising awareness for the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and the QS profession as well as developing new initiatives to engage members and expand on the member benefit programs.

“This is an exciting time for construction economics in Canada and our profession is well positioned to support a construction industry that has shown dynamism despite adversity. Our members continue to increase their reputations as trusted professionals that espouse solution led approaches,” said Arif.

When asked how he felt about his new position on the board, he responded that he is “delighted to have been entrusted to the position of vice-chair of the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS). It is great to see members of CIQS continue their deep history of supporting most aspects of public and private sector projects from inception, completion and into operations.”

He looks forward to working closely with the chair, board, advisors, chief executive officer and staff to deliver our strategic plan which is founded on building long term relationships, increasing visibility, engaging members and enhancing education programs to progress us to a profession of choice.

Arif gained his Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) designation in 2009 and was presented with the Fellowship Award at Congress 2019 in Quebec City. He is the founder and president of Lakeland Consulting Inc. and has over 35 years of experience in the construction and engineering industries.

Arif undertook a 5 year articleship in quantity surveying with John Laing Construction Ltd in the UK and then with the support of his employer went on to earn his BSc (Hons.) in Building Economics and Quantity Surveying from the Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, UK. He then took a position as a management surveyor with AMEC. In his 18 years at AMEC, he worked in the UK, Hong Kong, US, and Canada and rose to the position of commercial director. He has extensive experience working on initiatives in the Power, Process, Energy, Mining, Industrial, Infrastructure, Construction and Nuclear business streams.

His industry expertise on the local, national, and international stage, matched by his business operations acumen and extensive network will be great assets in Arif’s new role on the CIQS board of directors.

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