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Four new members appointed to BPEQ

Four new members have been appointed to the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (BPEQ) following approval by the Governor-in-Council.

Evelyn Storey, Sarah Hansen, Yvonne Pengilly and Peter Evans join BPEQ in place of departing members Greg McLean, Julie Mitchell, Mike Brady and Michael Duff.

Ms Story has been appointed as deputy chair and Engineers Australia representative; Ms Hansen is the community representative; Ms Pengilly is the construction industry representative; and Mr Evans is the elected registered professional engineer.

Chair Dawson Wilkie thanked outgoing Board members and congratulated the new appointees.

“Greg, Julie, Mike and Michael have been active and committed Board members, making a difference to this organisation and the profession of engineering in Queensland”, said Mr Wilkie.

“Special mention should go to Greg McLean who this year reached 13 years’ service on the Board.

“The current Board has worked extremely well together over the last two years and I wish to place on record my thanks and best wishes to Greg, Julie, Mike and Michael.

“With change comes opportunity and I look forward to working closely with Evelyn, Sarah, Yvonne and Peter.

“Each of the new appointees bring significant experience in their respective fields and I’m confident that the new Board will continue to operate effectively in carrying out its legislative obligations, but also to improve the registration system, BPEQ’s services and work positively for the profession”, said Mr Wilkie.

The four new appointments are for a period of three years commencing from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019.

Mr Wilkie and fellow Board members Professor Simon Biggs and Adam Stoker continue in their respective roles.

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Board members as at 1 July 2016

Dawson Wilkie

Chair and regional representative

BE Civil, FIE Aust, FIPWEAQ, RPEQ, GAICD

Dawson Wilkie was appointed to the Board as Chair and regional representative in January 2015. A qualified civil engineer working in private consultancy, Dawson has worked in the profession for more than 35 years. Graduating from the Queensland Institute of Technology in 1979, Dawson went on to work with the New South Wales Department of Main Roads and then in local government with Dubbo and Townsville city councils. Dawson was the managing director of a medium sized construction company and then the chief executive officer at an engineering firm before moving into private consultancy.

Evelyn Storey

Deputy Chair and Engineers Australia representative

BSc (Civil Engineering), DipEm, CPEng, NPER, RPEQ

Evelyn Storey is the Board's newly appointed Deputy Chair. She is a highly experienced structural engineer, technical director and business unit manager, with 30 years' experience in Australia and overseas. Educated at the University of London; Evelyn has been involved in and directed projects such as terminal expansions at Brisbane and Gold Coast airports; UQ's Advanced Engineering Building; QUT's Science and Technology Precinct; and the Cross Rail project in London. She currently manages Aurecon's Built Environment business unit in Brisbane and was a member the Consult Australia Queensland Committee between 2011 and 2013.

Professor Simon Biggs

Academic representative

FREng, CEng, FIChemE, FRSC

A Board member since January 2015, Simon Biggs is the Executive Dean for the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at the University of Queensland. He spent the previous 12 years at the University of Leeds (UK) where he worked in the Chemical Engineering School. His specific areas of interest are in the behaviour of solids in liquids and he has worked extensively on nuclear waste management, minerals processing and the manufacture of complex formulated products. A Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Simon is well regarded for his significant achievements in the application of colloid and interface science.

Adam Stoker

Legal representative

LLB (Hons), MTax, BMedSc

Adam Stoker was appointed to the Board as legal representative in January 2015. Adam has provided legal advisory services in private firms and in-house roles for over 13 years in Australia, Asia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Completing his legal studies in 2002 and graduating with honours from the University of Technology, Sydney, Adam has extensive experience in governance, project construction and delivery and commercial areas of practice. Currently, Adam works as in-house counsel in Queensland's resources industry.

Sarah Hansen

Community representative

Sarah Hansen is the Board's community representative. She started her career as an estimator in 2003, before progressing to contracts administrator and project manager. Sarah has successfully delivered over 33 projects for major supermarket chains, religious organisations, education providers, government and other commercial entities. Sarah is known for her pragmatic and collaborative approach to building and has developed a good reputation and positive working relations with a range of stakeholders throughout her career. She is currently a project manager with major Queensland building firm, Hutchinson Builders.

Yvonne Pengilly

Building and construction industry representative

BTech (Civil Engineering), QBCC Open Builders Licence, MAICD

Yvonne Pengilly is the Building and construction industry representative on the Board. Yvonne has extensive experience as a consultant, contract administrator, project manager, builder and managing director working in north Queensland. Yvonne currently owns and manages Myown Constructions, where she combines her role as managing director with construction manager and consultant. She has studied at the Queensland University of Technology and is a member of Women in Construction, Queensland Master Builders Association and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Yvonne has been awarded on a number of occasions by QMBA for her work and service in the building industry.

Peter Evans

Elected RPEQ representative

BE Civil, MBA, FIEAust, RPEQ, GAICD

Peter Evans was elected to the Board in March 2016. Peter started his career in local government, before joining DTMR in 1982. He served as area engineer, project engineer, manager and regional director in Barcaldine, Rockhampton, Warwick and Roma and managed or directed projects in water supply and sewerage systems and road works. Since 2010, he has held the position of Deputy Chief Engineer in DTMR and co-manages DTMR's \$3.6 million annual research program. Peter was educated at the University of Queensland and is a member of several professional organisations, including Engineers Australia, Professionals Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.