

So You Want to Be an OACETT Leader – February 3, 2026: Question & Answer

Question:	Submitted By:	Answer:
Which committee review education for certification?	Dorota Kuciej	The Registration and Professional Practice Committee oversees everything related to OACETT's designations and certifications.
As an Associate Member can I join my Hamilton chapter as a volunteer?	Sufyan Arif	There are some positions that require members to be Certified (e.g. Chair, Treasurer) but there are certainly opportunities for Associate members to serve on Chapter Executives.
I am also planning to get my C.E.T. or C.Tech license so chapter will help me to prepare myself for exams.	Sufyan Arif	While not formally a Chapter role, you may well find mentors within your chapter who could assist with your preparation. OACETT also offers preparation webinars - watch your email for information or go to our website for more information.
Thanks Christopher/Stephanie, As a member for the 3 decades... I am considering giving back to the association. I'm curious is there an 'entry' level position that may be suggested? i.e.: Committee member to get familiar with the governance of the association and get to know your chapter board.... Thank-you	Raymond Lau	Definitely both the Chapter Executives and the provincial level committees and subcommittees are great ways to make a start in a leadership role within OACETT. Chapter roles are available almost right away as it's the time of year that the Annual Chapter Meetings take place. Recruitment for the provincial level committees will be open again in the spring of 2027.
I'm similar to Christopher, a member for 38 years and have been in the Civil Engineering field for 49 years. I've found that I've trained many P.Eng.'s over my career albeit we are still viewed differently, too bad we can't still have the iron ring (or similar) to recognize all the hard work we do, with that said would still consider being an SME if needed.	David E Melnyk	Just want to make sure that members are aware that rings are available for purchase by Certified members of OACETT, available at the link below under the "Rings & Frames" section towards the bottom of the page: https://www.oacett.org/members-area/members-toolkit In fact, Technology rings can only be ordered by OACETT Certified members. The engineers' iron ring is conferred upon graduation from a university program and does not necessarily mean the wearer is a licensed P.Eng. If you are interested in being part of an SME group, contact David Terlizzi at dterlizzi@oacett.org .

<p>Hi... I would like to know if OACETT has included any strategies to increase the recognition a C.Tech. or C.E.T. member gets in the community for career opportunities?? It's not a denying fact that when comes to professional exhibition, many organizations prefer Professional Engineer recognition over others...</p>	<p>Jini Sheeba John</p>	<p>OACETT has multiple ongoing strategies across many sectors to enhance recognition of the C.E.T. and C.Tech. designations. By way of an example, we have a significant campaign planned for 2026 to reach out to the Human Resources community (who typically manage recruitment and job ads) to encourage their understanding and recognition of the value of seeking C.E.T. and C.Tech. as desired or required credentials when posting job vacancies. We are also working on regulatory and policy recognition (Qualified Person eligibility) and on defined scopes of practice. Finally, we have regular employer-facing advocacy via lunch & learns to educate employers and municipalities on the value of certification.</p>
<p>Someone mentioned that membership is on the decline, is that so?</p>	<p>Adityanand (Ram) Persaud</p>	<p>OACETT's membership has actually been stable for the past several years, not increasing or decreasing. The reference made to a drop from 25,000 to 21,000 was actually the outcome of OACETT moving to our new Member Portal, which required a significant clean-up of member data. There were duplicate records and records for individuals over 120 years old who were clearly deceased which needed to be removed. Therefore, the 25,000 figure was actually artificially inflated, and we have been stable at the 21,000 since we made the database change. In addition, it is important to acknowledge that a portion of natural attrition is demographic in nature. OACETT, like many other associations, has a significant cohort of long-term members who are retiring or aging out in the workforce. We have ongoing efforts now focused on increasing our membership pipeline to compensate for these factors.</p>
<p>Just thinking, but are there actual resources one can look at to understand positions if interested?</p>	<p>Steven Sek</p>	<p>Here is a link to resources like Terms of Reference and the Chapter Manual, under the "Reference Documents & Downloads" section: https://www.oacett.org/about-us/governance/policies. Please feel free to contact president@oacett.org or cfarrow@oacett.org if you have further questions.</p>

<p>Will we get an update to the website? And a potential mobile application? It just seems super out of date and very clumsy and just difficult to navigate.</p>	<p>Haseeb Malik</p>	<p>OACETT's website was completely overhauled two years ago in consultation with members, volunteers and staff. The update included mobile optimization, greater use of graphics, a more streamlined navigation system and features on the home page to allow for regular refreshing of content. That said, a website is always a work in progress and if there are specific recommendations for changes, members are encouraged to share them with their Member Engagement and Services Committee representative or reach out to services@oacett.org. OACETT does have a mobile communications app called OACETT Linx which members can access.</p> <p>To access the OACETT Linx Platform, you would have received an email from oacett@mn.co containing your designated chapter space link. Please click the link to register. You may then access the platform via the website at oacett.mn.co or by downloading the app:</p> <p>To download the app on Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mightybell.oacett&hl=en_CA</p> <p>Download the app on the Apple App Store: https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/oacett-linx/id6744759855</p> <p>If you have not received your link or have any questions, please contact services@oacett.org. For more information about OACETT Linx, please visit our dedicated page on the OACETT website: https://www.oacett.org/members-area/oacett-linx.</p>
<p>Do you believe that the increase in membership fees is a major contributor to the loss of members? Are OACETT membership fees in line with professional organizations in the other Provinces?</p>	<p>Gino Cunti</p>	<p>OACETT regularly benchmarks itself against our counterparts across Canada, as well as other aligned professional associations. OACETT's dues sit in about the middle of the provincial dues and fees, lower than Alberta and British Columbia, the other two large associations. We do know that some members struggle with the dues - there are installment plans and compassionate relief available upon inquiry and eligibility.</p>

<p>Can we please work on a process that can get us a P.Eng. if we've had our C.E.T. for X amount of years and worked Y amount of years? I am willing (and I'm sure others are too) to make a pathway for this and work on a way. In many cases we will train P.Eng. candidates and members.</p>	<p>Bogdan Stanciu</p>	<p>There used to be a process, in theory, for C.E.T.'s to get their P.Eng., though in practice it was extremely onerous and difficult to achieve. However, PEO closed that pathway a couple of years ago when they updated the Engineers Act in response to FARPACTA legislation. The only option currently available to C.E.T.'s is the Licensed Engineering Technologist or L.E.T., which does allow C.E.T.'s to apply for an engineering license with a specific, limited scope. We have discussed this with PEO during our annual joint leadership summits, but we don't see them making changes any time soon.</p>
<p>There are many Engineers who are C.E.T., I would suggest if order to increase the membership wouldn't it be great to collaborate with PEO to provide a pathway for engineers to get P.Eng. through CET?</p>	<p>Adil Ansari</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p>Why are OACETT members still restricted to LINX communications in our Region? Staff have admitted that this IS NOT a monetary issue so why can't I communicate/post with members in Western region or any other region in the province?</p>	<p>Dale Phippen</p>	<p>While the initial intent was for members who sign up for the Linx app to be able to communicate within each of their respective chapters, after valuable member feedback and the suggestion for members to be able to communicate withing their own regions, this feature will be enabled in March. The first step will be for all chapter executives to be able to communicate within their region.</p>
<p>A little off topic but something I have received some interest in from mentees in other countries who are considering coming to Canada. Can non-Canadian international residents apply for membership for certification with OACETT resident pr?</p>	<p>Darren Maine</p>	<p>Yes, international applicants from other countries can apply for membership with OACETT. We see this often with individuals who are looking to come to Canada. For newcomers to the country, if they apply within one year of arrival in Canada, they can take advantage of having the application fee waived. Further information is on the OACETT website, under the "New Arrivals to Canada Offer" drop-down tab, available here: https://www.oacett.org/become-member/join/internationally-educated-professional</p>