

Fireside Chat- February 25, 2026: Question & Answer

Question:	Submitted By:	Answer:
What is OACETT plan or plans for her members outside of Canada, as some of us wish to relocate and while some wish to participate in live event hosted by OACETT?	<i>Benjamin Okachi</i>	As mentioned during the meeting, OACETT is planning to create a virtual chapter for members living outside of Ontario. That will be the best way to engage with the association outside the province or the country. There are no plans for live events outside of Ontario.
In addition to previous question about job description ambiguity about job responsibilities, City HR said they cannot provide detailed job responsibilities letter. What they can provide is only job description (which is not detailed enough to consider or recognize job responsibilities according to OACETT) so in this case should be the solution?	<i>Surinder Singh</i>	We ask that available job descriptions are provided to us. If it is found that there is not enough detail to clearly demonstrate tasks being done we will suggest completing a competency profile which establishes more experience that you have that is not listed as part of the job description.
In the unlikely event that Alberta separates, will only BC need to re-apply for the pan Canadian name change?	<i>Peter Nicholas</i>	TPC as the national alliance would discuss any implications as extreme as a province leaving Canada. We can't offer an opinion at this time.
What are our current membership #s - total members with OACETT?	<i>David Saunders</i>	As of March 1st, we have 20,072 active paid members.
I and others would like to talk further on outreach. Mixed messages and limited replies from colleges now that needs a medium to reconnect. Much of this is college course and staff changes... That's a whole meeting so only hope for an umbrella response.	<i>Dennis Martin</i>	OACETT is re-thinking and re-structuring our college outreach strategy and Chapters will be integral in assisting with that outreach. We know it is a challenging time in all the colleges as a result of two changes to federal policy that have significantly impacted international enrollments. The recent announcement of an increase to course fees that colleges can charge should provide some relief. The Heads of Technology are currently without a Chair as well, so OACETT is waiting for the dust to settle on several fronts.

<p>Just on the previous fee question, middle of the pack, what's the range?</p>	<p><i>Brian Staples</i></p>	<p>Dues range from \$150 in PEI to \$315 in NB (about the same as OACETT) to \$511 in BC and \$530 in AB.</p>
<p>A reduction based on cost savings such as the elimination of the annual conference?</p>	<p><i>David Saunders</i></p>	<p>It is anticipated that the proposed regional event model will require similar resources to a centralized annual conference, it will simply be more accessible to, and provide potential benefits for, a greater number of members for the same investment.</p>
<p>Working out of Canada... Do we have any connections with our USA counterparts to the south?</p>	<p><i>Joseph Kantor</i></p>	<p>This has been explored through TPC but there is not any kind of formalized relationship with any US counterparts. Their structure appears to be very different and we haven't found exact parallel organizations.</p>
<p>What services do you offer in terms of job placement assistance, career development, mentorship, networking opportunities, or employer partnerships?</p>	<p><i>Konstantinos Nakollaris</i></p>	<p>OACETT provides career development resources including our CTEN job board, industry events, and training opportunities that help members access employment and advance within sectors such as infrastructure, energy, construction, and technology. Members will benefit from mentorship and guidance through our upcoming mentorship program on the OACETT Linx platform, as well as peer support and leadership opportunities through OACETT's local chapters across Ontario. The association also works closely with employers, government, colleges, and industry partners to connect members with career opportunities and ensure the technical workforce is aligned with Ontario's labour market needs. We also hold career fairs during the year that are free for members to attend.</p>
<p>Sorry, I didn't quite get the audit part for the CPD. Will we be required to do anything in addition to uploading the certificates and filling in the required information in the OECETT portal?</p>	<p><i>Adebukola Ishola</i></p>	<p>For CPD, we are looking for supporting documents to indicate training taken as well as completing some information items on the portal. If audited, a review of this information will occur. If it is found that an item is not eligible for CPD, the individual is notified and time is allowed to complete the missing requirement.</p>
<p>If ever I will move to the east like New Brunswick, PEI, or Nova Scotia, is OACETT also recognize in these provinces? Can I use OACETT for seeking job in these provinces?</p>	<p><i>Alvin Juayno</i></p>	<p>All of those provinces are currently members of TPC and we do have reciprocal recognition, so you would be eligible to transfer your membership and certification to any of those provinces. OACETT will not be recognized so much as the designation that you hold. NB</p>

		currently confers P.Tech. and PEI and Nova Scotia still currently confer C.E.T. All provinces confer C.Tech. for technicians.
How many OACETT members are technicians vs technologists?	<i>Jude Morgan</i>	As of March 1st, we have 8082 C.E.T.s, 4979 C.Tech.s and 690 A.Sc.T.s.
AGM after conference June 6???	<i>Dennis Martin</i>	That is correct. We had to move the conference earlier this year in order to avoid conflicts with the FIFA tournament. But we didn't have enough time to complete our annual financial audit in order to distribute the AGM materials with the requisite 30 days notice if we tried to hold the AGM a week prior to the conference the way we usually would. The events are independent of each other and we did not identify any negative impact of hosting the AGM after the conference.