



**PROFESSIONAL
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BOARD**
FOR THE PLANNING
PROFESSION IN CANADA

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – PSB’s Standards Advisory Committee – Sub-Committees/Task Forces

The PSB is excited to announce the launch of the new Standards Advisory Committee (SAC), which was established in July 2024. This committee will continue the work of the retired Professional Standards Committee, with a mandate to develop consistent national standards, pathways, metrics, and codes for potential adoption by the Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations (PTIA) and CIP. [View the full SAC mandate here.](#)

To advance this important work, the SAC has formed various sub-committees and task forces, and we’re seeking dedicated volunteers to join. If you’re interested in contributing, please complete [this survey](#) by **December 10, 2024**.

PLAR Task Force

This task force will review the standards for the Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) route to certification and propose revision as required.

Timing: This committee will meet bi-monthly at a minimum, with the mandate to be fulfilled in 2025.

Volunteer Needs:

The PLAR Task Force is seeking two (2) volunteers:

- A Canadian educated full member (RPP/LPP) who completed the PSB’s PLAR process
- An internationally educated full member (RPP/LPP) who completed the PSB’s PLAR process

Quebec Schools Task Force

This task force will undertake due diligence to amend the certification standards to recognize graduates of university degree programs that are both accredited by the

Government of Quebec, and recognized by OUQ, as eligible for admission through the PSB's Accredited Degree Route.

Timing: This task force will meet bi-monthly at a minimum, with the mandate to be fulfilled in 2025.

Volunteer Needs:

The Quebec Schools Task Force is seeking one (1) volunteer:

- ACUPP member

Definition of Planning Task Force

This task force will develop a national definition of planning.

Timing: This task will meet bi-monthly at a minimum, with the mandate to be fulfilled in 2025.

Volunteer Needs:

The Definition of Planning Task Force is seeking two (2) volunteers:

- A student
- A new practitioner (recent graduate, Candidate or RPP/LPP certified in the last 5 years)

Competencies Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for the review and maintenance of Section 2: Competency Standards of the Membership Standards Policy Manual.

Timing: This sub-committee will meet bi-monthly at a minimum and volunteers will hold a two-year term, commencing in December 2024.

Volunteer Needs:

The Competencies Sub-Committee is seeking two (2) volunteers:

- ACUPP member - *who will be able to provide perspective to the Sub-Committee on how universities will use the competencies to support and shape accredited planning programs.* This person will be a non-voting member of the Sub-Committee.

- A new practitioner – who has obtained their RPP/LPP within the past five years, *who will be able to provide perspective to the Sub-Committee on how prospective RPPs use the competencies to apply for Certification.*

Ethical Standards Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for the review and maintenance of Section 3: Ethical Standards of the Membership Standards Policy Manual.

Timing: This sub-committee will meet bi-monthly at a minimum and volunteers will hold a two-year term, commencing in December 2024.

Volunteer Needs:

The Ethical Standards Sub-Committee is seeking two (2) volunteers with diverse experiences within the planning sector particularly with the following qualifications and experiences:

- **Professional Designation:** While holding a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) designation is advantageous, it is not mandatory. We welcome applications from Candidate Members who are nearing the completion of their RPP accreditation.
- **Sector Expertise:** We are particularly interested in individuals with a background in environmental planning, Indigenous planning, and planning law.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Practices:** Experience in cultural competency, and/or cultural safety is highly valued to ensure development of inclusive and comprehensive ethical standards.

Communications & Outreach Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for the development and implementation of a communications plan regarding the work of the PSB's Standards Advisory Committee.

Volunteer Needs:

This sub-committee is not recruiting for additional volunteers at this time.

Membership Standards Policy-Manual Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for the maintenance and regular review and update of the Membership Standards Policy Manual.

Volunteer Needs:

This sub-committee is not recruiting for additional volunteers at this time.

Questions?

If you have questions about any of these positions, please reach out to:

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You may also reach out to any of our Sub-Committee/Task Force Chairs. [View the full list here.](#)