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Daniel Lebel, Eng., steps down from the office of President of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec to enter politics

Montreal, March 6, 2014 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has been informed that its President, Daniel Lebel, Eng., whose term ends next June, is stepping down from his office in order to join the provincial electoral campaign in the riding of Drummond-Bois-Francis. Premier Marois will make the announcement today.

Mr. Lebel was elected President of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec in June 2012 at a time when the profession was experiencing a major confidence crisis. Under his presidency, the OIQ made a commitment to dedicate all necessary resources to improve business practices in the field of engineering. This commitment has resulted in concrete prevention and disciplinary activities.

“As President, Mr. Lebel helped the OIQ make some difficult decisions in order to properly fulfill its mission of protecting the public and push the boundaries of the professional system in a crisis situation, particularly by developing a voluntary audit program for engineering consulting firms,” said Stéphane Bilodeau, Eng., Vice President of the OIQ as well as its Vice President of Public Affairs. “The OIQ thanks Mr. Lebel for his dedication and wishes him all the best in the future,” added Bilodeau.

Lebel has been a member of the OIQ’s Board of Directors since 2009 and a member of the Executive Committee since 2010, as Vice President of Public Affairs. He previously served as President of the Drummond Regional Section (2005-2006) and has sat on its board of directors since 2004.

The OIQ’s Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 7 to discuss the next steps.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of more than 60,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The mission of the OIQ is to ensure the protection of the public by supervising the practice of the profession within the framework of its constituent laws and ensure that the profession serves the public interest. For more information, go to <http://www.oiq.qc.ca>.

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