

PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE

There may be a seat for you...

**You have been practising for at least 10 years and wish to serve the profession through your expertise?
You value the image of the engineering profession and want to improve it?
You like to share with engineers in other fields?**

If you answered yes to each of these questions, and if you practise in electrical engineering and automation or industrial processes, you may be a future member of the Ordre's Professional Inspection Committee!

THE PIC'S CRUCIAL ROLE

The Ordre des ingénieurs is looking for candidates to fill two vacant seats on the Professional Inspection Committee (PIC), a statutory committee that is essential to carrying out its mission.

The PIC'S mandate is to ensure compliance with section 55 of the Professional Code relating to professional competencies. Assisted by a team of experts and inspectors, the Committee is responsible for monitoring the practice of the profession, namely by auditing the files of the Ordre's members. Upon receiving a citizen's complaint or following an inspector's recommendation, it also investigates into the qualifications of an engineer suspected of having professional deficiencies. Based on its conclusions, the PIC could recommend to the Executive Committee that it force a member to undergo a training period or take a development course, or both, all the while limiting the engineer's right to practise until training is complete.

In other words, the PIC contributes to the improvement of the practice of engineering through direct prevention and enhancement actions aimed at the Ordre's members.

A PIC MEMBRE'S CAPTIVATING WORK

This mandate calls to you, but what about the work involved? Once a month, for half a day, PIC members gather at the Ordre's head office to comb through inquiry and expertise reports. Together, they exchange opinions and ideas, based on skills acquired in various engineering fields, then make decisions. Four or five times a year, they also hold hearings to hear engineers who are the subject of a complaint, evaluate their professional competencies and, as required, make recommendations to the Ordre's Executive Committee.

In doing so, members of the PIC truly put their skills and know-how toward ensuring the public's protection, promote professionalism and contribute to enhancing the quality and image of engineering in Québec.

THE EXPERIENCE'S MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION

"This is all well and good, you may tell yourself, but what about me in all this?" Each engineer appointed by the Ordre's Executive Committee to sit on the PIC carries out a three year (renewable) mandate during which he or she acquires a totally unique experience.

During each meeting, PIC members have the opportunity to share with seasoned engineers who are active in fields other than their own, compare their views, widen their professional network, broaden their knowledge, put their people skills to work and improve their communication skills!

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PROFILE OF THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

You are interested or know someone who might be? Currently, the PIC needs candidates specialized in the following fields:

- electrical engineering and automation;
- industrial engineering (processes).

Being on a committee whose decisions have far reaching consequences requires specific qualities. PIC members must have sound judgment and they must be impartial, discerning and discrete. Here are a few additional criteria and conditions of which you must be aware prior to seeking nomination:

- you are a member of the Ordre, you have been practising engineering for at least 10 years and you have relevant experience (technical expertise) in the given field;
- you are not currently acting as a director of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec or any other statutory committee under the Professional Code;
- over the past 10 years, you have not been the subject of a disciplinary decision rendered by the Ordre's Disciplinary Council finding you guilty of an offence, or an Executive Committee decision pursuant to section 55 of the Professional Code, such as a limitation upon your right to practise;
- you are ready to take an oath of secrecy and you agree to avoid all conflicts of interests and any appearance thereof;

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- you are interested in the Ordre, you share its values and you are committed to the fundamental values of the engineering profession through professional activities – this last criteria is considered an asset.

Are you ready to take plunge? To submit your application or to invite a colleague to do so, contact the Professional Affairs Department at 1 800 461 6141, extension 3146, or at dap@oiq.qc.ca.

