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*Dear Members:*

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Earlier this year four constituent members (CMs), British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, gave notice of their intent to withdraw from our national federation, the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT). This was due to concerns over the structure, governance, cost and programs of CCTT. Prince Edward Island also indicated their intent to withdraw from CCTT because of concerns over fiscal liability due to a reduced national federation. The initial four withdrawing provinces put forward a motion to dissolve CCTT and disperse its assets. This group, ASITTBC, ASET, OACETT and SASTT, indicated that they would form their own joint enterprise and the other CMs were welcome to join them.

On May 6th a teleconference was held with all nine CMs voting on a motion to dissolve CCTT. NBSCEIT/ SttsagN-B was one of five CMs that voted against the motion, thus defeating it, and keeping CCTT intact. It should be noted that while ACETIPEI had indicated their intent to withdraw from the CCTT, they voted against the motion and eventually withdrew their letter of withdrawal, and are staying within the national federation, CCTT. NBSCEIT/SttagN-B council chose to remain with CCTT for several reasons. Primarily the joint enterprise has yet to define their new structure or governance model. The four members have further indicated that the voting structure will not be by "double majority", as defined in the CCTT Bylaws. This has led to the belief that the rights of the smaller associations will be subordinated to the rights of the larger associations. In addition, we have received mixed messages from the Presidents and Executive Directors of the withdrawing associations, and are concerned that there are hidden or ulterior motives to the withdrawal notices/action. Without a complete understanding of the joint enterprise we see no benefit for NBSCEIT/SttagN-B to withdraw from CCTT.

With four members withdrawing, the CCTT will have to restructure to reduce costs, which will mean a reduction in the types of services provided to us from CCTT. The remaining CMs have however agreed that the core programs of CCTT must include and will be supported:

- the accreditation of post-secondary technology programs,
- the National Technology Benchmarks (NTB),
- the international Qualification Database (IQDB),
- the maintenance of the inter-provincial mobility agreement,
- national advocacy on behalf of technology professionals, and,
- trademarks and professional designations.

There have been some interesting developments over the past few months, but at this stage it is very obvious that CCTT will continue to be a viable entity with five constituent members, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island.

If you have any questions please contact our Executive Director, Mr. Edward Leslie or e-mail me at dsheaves@bellaliant.net. We will answer any and all questions you might have.

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