



# TSSA'S OPERATING ENGINEERS ADVISORY COUNCIL



## INTRODUCTION

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) regulates safety in Ontario in a proactive, prevention-based manner. In order to provide strategic oversight and management of safety regulations and issues, TSSA actively solicits advice from key industry stakeholders within regulated industries through TSSA advisory councils.

To ensure safety services are developed in context, advisory councils provide a forum through which TSSA consults with industry relative to its safety services, gaining valuable input to guide TSSA decision-making and operations.

Composed of stakeholder representatives from TSSA-regulated industries, the advisory councils work with TSSA to:

- › **support** existing safety initiatives;
- › **identify** industry-specific issues;
- › **collaborate** on policies to enhance safety; and
- › **improve** service delivery and customer relationships.

TSSA works with 11 advisory councils: Agriculture, Ski Lifts, Boilers and Pressure Vessels, Natural Gas, Operating Engineers, Liquid Fuels, Amusement Devices, Propane, Upholstered and Stuffed Articles, Elevating Devices, and Consumers.

Advisory councils remain important allies in the evolution of TSSA toward becoming the world leader in public safety services.

## ORIGINS OF THE OPERATING ENGINEERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Operating Engineers Advisory Council has been providing industry-driven support to TSSA ever since it became the not-for-profit, self-funded delegated administrative authority under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*, assuming responsibility for public safety services in four mandated sectors, including power (operating) engineers.

## COMPOSITION

The Operating Engineers Advisory Council is made up of ten representatives from the power (operating) engineering profession and related industry, including electric power generation, industrial power services, steam, compression and refrigeration technology, and the support of related professional, educational and labour organizations.



# OPERATING ENGINEERS ADVISORY COUNCIL'S MANDATE

The Council's mandate is to facilitate effective consultation between TSSA and the power (operating) engineering profession and related industry, providing ongoing opportunities to enhance safety initiatives. The collective mandate of advisory councils is to advise the President and CEO of TSSA on safety services within their respective regulated sectors.

## STRUCTURE

Advisory council members elect potential members upon recommendation of TSSA and the Council Chair overseen by TSSA's President and CEO. When openings occur, sitting members are encouraged to submit industry representative names for consideration and a call for nominations is posted on TSSA's website. Members generally serve for renewable, three-year terms. Members-at-large elect the Council Chair upon the term expiration of the current Chair.

Typically, technical initiatives arising at the Council are delegated to technical committees known as risk reduction groups, and training and certification advisory boards.

## TSSA INVOLVEMENT

Operating within an advisory role, the council remains industry-led and driven. TSSA provides facilities for regular and technical committee meetings, administrative support to oversee TSSA commitment to council activities, and coordinates TSSA-council interaction.

## MEETINGS

The Operating Engineers Advisory Council generally meets twice each year. Meetings are usually held at TSSA's headquarters in Toronto.

## BENEFITS TO INDUSTRY

TSSA's councils provide industry with a two-way channel of communication. The Operating Engineers Advisory Council additionally seeks key stakeholder involvement in the ongoing development of safety solutions impacting the industry. Some of the Council's most significant achievements are:

- > regulatory and legislative improvements in the areas of management, operation and maintenance of power plants;
- > improved training and certification; and



- > development of new certification levels to serve the requirements of specific technologies.

## HOW TO JOIN THE OPERATING ENGINEERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

TSSA and its partners in the power (operating) engineering profession are keen to attract and retain the highest calibre representatives for the advisory council. Should a vacancy exist prior to or upon completion of a three-year term within the council, eligible applicants will be duly considered. Members are selected for their ability to represent a significant portion of the overall spectrum of views impacting safety in the power (operating) engineering profession, as well as an ability to plan and implement creative solutions to today's complex safety issues.

If you are interested in joining the Operating Engineers Advisory Council, or know of an ideal candidate, please contact the TSSA Council Coordinator at 416-734-3300.

For further information, please visit the TSSA website at [www.tssa.org](http://www.tssa.org) and click on the Operating Engineers Advisory Council link.



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