



The Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control Newsletter

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Results of CISEC's First Board of Directors Election

By The Board of Directors

This past June 2014, CISEC, Inc. had its' first Board of Directors election to fill an open position. Voting was completed by CISEC registrants who elected the newest member to the Board.

The new member on our Board of Directors is Brock Peters, CISEC #0026, from Firth, Nebraska. He has been a CISEC registrant from the beginning of the company's incorporation and an instructor for the past number of years. Brock brings a wealth of experience as a CISEC registrant, CISEC instructor, member of various boards dealing with construction and EPA issues. We feel he will bring a new perspective to our company as well as to our Board of Directors.

We welcome him to the Board and look forward to working with him. Thank you to Brock for taking on this new assignment.

We would like to thank Carlo Turchiano, who left the Board in late 2012, and Joe Crea, who left the Board the beginning of 2014. These two individuals helped with getting CISEC off the ground and ensuring its' success.

Can-CISEC Offers Continuing Education Opportunities!

By P. Lewis, Staff

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in Toronto, Canada, has been working hard over this past year to help grow the Can-CISEC program. This past year TRCA partnered with the Alberta Low Impact Development Association, City of Toronto, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and Grand River Conservation Authority, each of which helped sponsor training sessions in their respective jurisdictions. Discussions are also underway with industry folks in British Columbia and we hope to bring Can-CISEC to the Vancouver area this fall. To date, we have certified over 265 inspectors across Canada!! If you are interested in sponsoring a CISEC session in your area, please contact the Canadian CISEC office at can-cisec@trca.on.ca.

If you are looking for opportunities to fulfill your continuing education requirements, please check out The Living City Campus website at <https://www.thelivingcitycampus.com/>. The Living City Campus is an initiative of the TRCA which includes numerous training opportunities, in-class, field training and on-line courses that qualify for continuing education credits. The training schedule is being updated on a regular basis so check back often, or better yet, sign up to receive the Campus newsletter which always includes notices about upcoming training opportunities.

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Yearly Renewal, Contract Re-Certification, and CDHs Explained

By C. Evans, Staff

Are the Canadian and United States registrants' deadlines and expiration dates the same?

With the U.S. 2014 yearly renewal deadline behind us; we are finding out that some registrants are confused by different terms, what is due at the CISEC office, and when. First of all, U.S. registrants (CISECs) and Canadian registrants (Can-CISECs) have different dates and deadlines for all items. To clear up some misunderstandings; let us first explain the U.S. fiscal year which runs from July 1st of every year through June 30th of the next year. The Canadian fiscal year runs from October 1st through September 30th of the next year. This is the time period we base our Contract expiration dates, our yearly renewal dates, and the deadline for submission of CDHs. We will take each item and deadline separately to explain how the registrant can figure out his dates for each specific item due.



What is the difference between the expiration date of contract; yearly renewal dates; and when are CDHs due?

CISEC Certification Contracts are issued when a registrant is first certified. The date of that contract will run from the certification date through an approximate three year period before it expires. Then a new Re-Certification Contract must be issued. The approximate three year period can be almost four years depending on when a registrant certifies. This date is found on your Certification Contract. For example: Person A receives their certification any time after July 1 of a year, they will have a contract that is in effect from when their Contract is issued of that year through June 30th, approximately four years later. This is based on the fiscal year and when you certify during that year or to put it in numbers:

- Certification date July 1, 2013-length of contract and date of expiration would be June 30, 2017.
- Certification date January 3, 2013-length of contract and expiration date would be June 30, 2016.
- Certification date of June 30, 2013-length of contract and expiration date would be June 30, 2016.



Can-CISEC registrants would follow a similar pattern with the dates being from October 1st through September 30th for three to four years depending on the Certification date on your contract. Some examples are:

- Certification date is October 1, 2012-length of contract and expiration date would be September 30, 2016.
- Certification date of January 1, 2014-length of contract and expiration date would be September 30, 2017.
- Certification date of September 30, 2014-length of contract and expiration date would be September 30, 2017.

It all depends on the date on your CISEC or Can-CISEC Certification Contract.

The next item that seems to be confusing to some registrants is the yearly renewal fee deadline. This is just what it says, a yearly renewal consisting of paying the current year's renewal fee and submitting any accrued CDHs by the deadline, which is the end of the fiscal year. The date for your first yearly renewal is listed on your Certification Contract. This yearly renewal fee is due each and every year that you are a CISEC or Can-CISEC registrant.



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CDHs do not have to be submitted yearly but we suggest you do so as we track your submissions to make certain you are on track towards the *required* 36 minimum to re-certify for every three years. The important thing about yearly renewals is to get the fee paid before the deadline and work on CDHs as you get them. Some registrants find it easier to do a yearly submission, and print out a hard copy of the CDH form, log in hours as earned and put supporting documentation with the hard copy. Then when renewal is near, they do the Fee Renewal form; scan the CDH with supporting documentation and it is emailed to us, faxed to us, or mailed via U.S. Postal Service.

Lastly, if you have dual registration, meaning, you have both a CISEC and Can-CISEC designation, your renewal will be determined by which registration you obtained first.

If you have any questions about the renewal process, please contact us at cdh_renewals@cisecinc.org.



New Board of Director: Brock Peters, CISEC #0026

Brock Peters was literally born into the construction business. As a young child, the family moved around the country following Brock's father who was a plumbing superintendent overseeing construction of Holiday Inn's. Normally living near the construction sites as a toddler, Brock would wander onto the sites bearing a curiosity that still exists over 50 years later. Once the family business began in 1966 Brock started out helping Dad on his own plumbing projects as a summertime grunt doing anything he was told to do. This later led to four years of trade school ending as a licensed plumber/pipefitter which he still carries today.



Once recession hit the country during the late 70s and early 80s, there was a choice to be made since the family business was contracting in order to survive the meager construction demand. Three divisions of the family business were liquidated which left Brock with a choice. He could either join the crane service side and be groomed to eventually take over the heavy equipment company or he could seek alternative employment during a time when jobs were scarce. This choice led to his second career, eventually acquiring the company once the economic climate stabilized by 1985. Leading a high exposure, profitable business Brock came to the conclusion in 1997 he wanted to start over once again. With a young family and so many possibilities another choice was to be made. A company that had been operating since 1966 was sold not knowing what the next adventure would be. What Brock did know was that it was time to make career choice number three and come up with a new adventure.



After going into retirement for a year in 1997 Brock was looking for something new and exciting to do with his life. He had heard about something called erosion control but knew absolutely nothing about it. Remembering the erosion he had caused in the past working for the family business doing water and sewer installations, and still having enough equipment on hand to become an erosion control contractor the light came on and a goal was set. He would start an erosion control contracting business and be the best contractor in the area, become educated on the subject and hopefully, someday, help guide the masses on ways to respect our natural resources.

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But how? He knew nothing about this business and needed guidance on where to start. It only took a call to the local Natural Resources District office explaining the goal and desired outcome. Brock was informed he needed to join what is called the International Erosion Control Association, stick with it, and take seriously the education that is provided. He took it seriously and enrolled in every training course possible for the next several years in order to obtain that starting goal. Little did he realize where this journey would take him.

Attending an IECA conference in Dallas, Texas in 2005 there was a forum held by a Dr. Jerry Fifield who had a vision of certifying inspectors in sediment and erosion control. It was considered by some to be a radical idea at the time, but to Brock it just made sense. Though it would be over another year before CISEC came to fruition this certification was in the cross hairs. Brock had to have it and it proved to be another positive step in the line of career changes. He would go on to represent clients in meeting compliance due to EPA enforcement actions. It was a long journey with goals that had been met.

Member Profile: Riley Griffen Can-CISEC #258

By P. Lewis, Staff

Riley is a graduate of Brock University (St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada) who successfully completed an Honour's Earth Science and Physical Geography degree. While studying at Brock, Riley became interested in geomorphology and the changing landscape. Upon graduation Riley took a position with a large consulting firm as an Environmental Scientist and in this position he took on many roles. One of which was an Environmental Inspector for a federally regulated gas pipeline construction project. This role utilized his educational interests and allowed for a smooth transition to an inspector of sediment and erosion control.



Riley has taken his experience and applied it to several large construction and development projects over the past three and a half years. He has worked on large projects in the power sector including gas pipeline installations, gas and water pipeline replacements, wind and solar farm construction. Large construction and development projects present complex sediment and erosion control issues, but also helped Riley develop positive and significant inspection experience.

Riley was introduced to the Can-CISEC certification in 2013 by a fellow employee and quickly saw the value in obtaining the certification. There were many qualified workers in the market however; the Can-CISEC certification would allow him to stand above the rest. Once he obtained certification, Riley had seen a noticeable and positive change in how contractors were willing to work with him on sediment and erosion control issues. Certification shows the contractor that you are experienced and qualified to inspect which ultimately improves sediment and erosion controls and enhances compliance with local laws and regulations as well as project conditions of approval.

Riley is currently working on a 150 MegaWatt (67 Turbine) wind project in Southern Ontario, Canada. In this role, he is inspecting sediment and erosion controls on a daily basis and provides the contractor with recommendations for repairs and controls. He is pleased with the work and anticipates his next opportunity.

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