

## Updates

Happy New Year to you all. 2012 was a busy year for us, working on the design and development of the FRPA review program. Currently, we are working on developing a web-based data collection tool that will be ready to facilitate the FRPA review process pilots by the end of March 2013.

The FRPA review questions that will inform the review process have been drafted and suggested changes, by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, have been incorporated. The review question assessment criteria is still under development and will also be reviewed with the Advisory Group.

Additionally, the content of the RPL & Labour Mobility website has been edited by a plain language consultant. Updates to the website are currently underway.

Regulatory bodies will be kept up to date on any changes the Review Office undergoes or any other pertinent information via e-mail. Please let me know if my email distribution list needs to be updated.

## Annual Data Requirements

In December, the 2013 data requirements for regulatory bodies subject to FRPA were distributed. We will be asking that this data be submitted voluntarily for 2011 and 2012, if available. All regulatory bodies must start to collect this data as of 2013.

## 2011-12 Annual Report

The FRPA Annual Report has been presented to the members of the House of Assembly and will be posted on our web site.

## Plain Language

The FRPA Review Office is currently in the process of developing a **Plain Language Webinar**. Webinar materials have been developed and the webinar development is underway. It will be hosted by the IQN (see below) so make sure you become a member with the IQN community. We are also working a **Plain Language Guide for Regulatory Bodies**. Stay tuned.

## IQN

The **International Qualifications Network (IQN)** is a tool to promote collaborating on information related to the assessment and recognition of international qualifications. The IQN Web site enables registered members to share information about their own initiatives, and provide feedback on others' initiatives.

## Investigations Training

**February 18 & 19, 2013** – A day and a half workshop will be customized to meet the needs of NS regulators.

**Facilitator:** [Gareth Jones of Investigations Training](#)

## Breakfast Meetings

At the last breakfast meeting, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the FRPA review process, the review questions, and the annual data requirements were introduced.

Thank you to EngineersNS for their presentation on workplace competency based assessment for internationally educated engineers, as well as the Registered Foresters who presented the website developed nationally for applicants, registrars and assessors.

In addition to FRPA updates the next meeting (Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>) agenda will include:

Ian Miller – Registered Professional Foresters Association of Nova Scotia – will conclude (from Dec 4<sup>th</sup> meeting) the presentation of their assessment tools

Jan Sheppard-Kutcher – ISIS/LAE – will present the Stakeholder Work Group Model

Alison Tracy – Labour Mobility Coordinator LAE – will lead a discussion and overview of Chapter 7 of the AIT.

**Please RSVP for the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting by Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with the [Review Officer](#) as space is limited.**

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## Upcoming Events

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Breakfast Meeting

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Investigations Training

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 15<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 – Breakfast Meeting

## Links

[Department of Labour and Advanced Education](#)

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The National Metropolis Conference is an annual forum for researchers, policy makers, representatives from community and settlement organizations to get together to share and exchange knowledge and experience in the field of immigration and settlement. This year's conference will be held between March 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ottawa Convention Centre in Ottawa. For more information visit <http://www.metropolis2013.net/>



## Regulators' Corner

**Please provide your suggestion for training and/or development opportunities by Jan. 31st, 2013 for planning purposes.**

**Links** When you're updating you websites, please add links to RPL/Labour mobility website [www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility](http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility), the FLMM Labour Mobility website [www.flmm-lmcg.org/english/view.asp?x=1](http://www.flmm-lmcg.org/english/view.asp?x=1), the ISIS website [www.isisns.ca/](http://www.isisns.ca/), and the Careers Nova Scotia website [www.careers.novascotia.ca/](http://www.careers.novascotia.ca/)