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Registrant No. 236468

IC File: 24-29

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The Investigative Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) has investigated the conduct of Christopher Hahn, P.Eng., P.E. (the registrant) with respect to a complaint initiated by Andy Smith, P.Eng. (the complainant) dated September 26, 2024 (the complaint).

## **A. The Complaint:**

The Investigative Committee's investigation focused on the following allegation:

Whether the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 44(1) of the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, RSA 2000, c E-11 (*EGP Act*) when he engaged in unprofessional conduct and/or unskilled practice of the profession as a result of his actions that resulted in a January 20, 2023, Settlement Agreement in the state of Nebraska.

## **B. Agreed Statement of Facts:**

As a result of the investigation, it is agreed by and between the Investigative Committee and the registrant that:

### **(i) Background:**

- C. The registrant holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology (1994).
- D. The registrant has been a member of APEGA since February 6, 2017.
- E. At all relevant times, the registrant was an APEGA professional member and was thus bound by the *EGP Act* and the APEGA Code of Ethics.

4. The registrant cooperated with the investigation.

**(ii) Facts Relating to the Allegation:**

Whether the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 44(1) of the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, RSA 2000, c E-11 (*EGP Act*) when he engaged in unprofessional conduct and /or unskilled practice of the profession as a result of his actions that resulted in a January 20, 2023, Settlement Agreement in the state of Nebraska.

5. On September 26, 2024, Andy Smith, P.Eng., APEGA's deputy registrar and chief regulatory officer (the complainant), provided APEGA Investigations with a letter of complaint.
6. On October 8, 2024, the registrant was notified by APEGA that a complaint had been made pursuant to section 43(1) of the *EGP Act*.
7. The complaint was referred to the APEGA Investigative Committee (the committee) in accordance with Section 43 of the *EGP Act*, and an investigation panel (the panel) was appointed by the committee to investigate the matter in accordance with Section 47 of the *EGP Act*. The committee's primary role in assessing misconduct findings in another jurisdiction is to ensure the protection of the public in Alberta (APEGA file IC 24-29 refers).
8. It came to the attention of the complainant that the registrant was the subject of a disciplinary process that resulted in a Settlement Agreement dated January 20, 2023, made by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) - file #22.08.
9. The complainant's concerns centred around whether the registrant engaged in unprofessional conduct /unskilled practice by virtue of that disciplinary decision by the NBEA, and whether those actions /admissions by the registrant posed any risk to the public in Alberta, namely that:
  - The NBEA Settlement Agreement 22.08 documented admissions to professional misconduct/professional incompetence against the registrant, that occurred from the registrant's structural engineering analysis and design of a roof addition to accommodate the installation of a cooling tower on a project located at 10558 J Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68127.
  - Through a joint submission /agreement between parties NBEA imposed sanctions, which included:
    - Confirmation if the following terms of the Settlement Agreement for Disciplinary Action Case No.: 22.08 issued by the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects have been fulfilled:
      - Hahn will cease and desist from providing any structural engineering services on any project, defined as the modification

of structural elements or addition of load to an existing structure, and subject to regulation in accordance with the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Act Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-3401 et al;

- Within 30 days of approval of this Settlement Agreement, Hahn will pay costs as follows:
  - i. Investigatory Costs: \$298.00
  - ii. Attorney Fees: \$693.00
  - iii. Total: \$991.00
- Within 30 days of approval of this Settlement Agreement, Hahn agrees to pay a civil penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

**C. Conduct by the Registrant:**

10. The registrant freely and voluntarily admits that at all relevant times the registrant was bound by the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* and the APEGA Code of Ethics.

11. The registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 44(1) of the *EGP Act*:

**Section 44(1)** *Any conduct of a professional member, licensee, permit holder, certificate holder, or member-in-training that is in the opinion of the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board:*

*(a) is detrimental to the best interests of the public,*

*(b) contravenes a code of ethics of the profession as established under the regulations,*

*(c) harms or tends to harm the standing of the profession generally,*

*(d) displays a lack of knowledge of or lack of skill or judgement in the practice of the profession, or*

*(e) displays a lack of knowledge of or lack of skill or judgement in the carrying out of any duty or obligation undertaken in the practice of the profession,*

*Whether or not that conduct is disgraceful or dishonorable constitutes either unskilled practice of the profession or unprofessional conduct, whichever the Discipline Committee or the Appeal Board finds.*

12. The registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above is conduct that is detrimental to the best interests of the public.

13. The registrant acknowledges that the conduct described above constitutes a breach of Rules of Conduct 1 and 2 of the APEGA Code of Ethics, which state:

- I. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall, in their areas of practice, hold paramount the health, safety and welfare of the public and have regard for the environment.
- II. Professional engineers and geoscientists shall undertake only work that they are competent to perform by virtue of their training and experience.

#### **D. Recommended Orders**

14. On the recommendation of the Investigative Committee, and by agreement of the registrant with that recommendation, and following a discussion and review with the Discipline Committee case manager, the Discipline Committee hereby orders that:

- a. The registrant shall be reprimanded for their conduct and this order shall serve as the reprimand.
- b. The registrant will be indefinitely restricted from engaging in any scope of engineering practice that relates to structural engineering unless the registrant is directly supervised by a qualified engineer registered with APEGA who practices in the area of structural engineering.

- i. The registered structural professional engineer providing the direct supervision and control shall be known as the supervisor.
- ii. The registrant shall not practice structural engineering, as defined in the *EGP Act* Section 1(q), independently while under direct supervision and control.
- iii. The registrant's restricted status shall be reflected in APEGA's member directory.
- iv. The requirements of direct supervision and control are defined in 3.1 of the APEGA practice standard *Relying on the Work of Others and Outsourcing*.
- v. Any professional work products completed by the registrant must be reviewed and authenticated by the supervisor as outlined in the APEGA practice standard *Authenticating Professional Work Products*.
- vi. Meetings and correspondence where the registrant provides recommendations or advice relative to structural engineering must be directly supervised by the supervisor.
- vii. All costs related to the supervision and required reporting shall be at the expense of the registrant.

- viii. The registered professional engineer as specified in clause three above must be deemed acceptable to act as the supervisor by the APEGA director, professional practice.
  - ix. The registrant shall submit in writing to APEGA's discipline manager the names, qualifications, position title, and contact information of up to three registered professional engineers willing to provide the required direct supervision and control as defined in clause three. The discipline manager will decide on the final selection of the supervisor(s).
  - x. The supervisor shall enter into an undertaking with APEGA to provide the required direct supervision, control, and reporting. This undertaking will consist of a form provided by APEGA.
  - xi. At a time the supervisor deems the registrant competent to practise structural engineering, the supervisor shall submit a written summary assessment in a format provided by APEGA and attest to the registrant's competency in structural engineering to the discipline manager. If, on review of the supervisor's written assessment, the discipline manager deems that the registrant's competency remains unsatisfactory, the registrant shall be indefinitely restricted from practicing structural engineering until they can demonstrate competency to the discipline manager.
- c. This matter and its outcome will be published by APEGA as deemed appropriate and such publication will name the registrant.

I, Christopher Hahn, P.Eng., P.E. acknowledge that before signing this Recommended Discipline Order, I consulted with legal counsel regarding my rights or that I am aware of my right to consult legal counsel and that I hereby expressly waive my right to do so. I confirm that I agree to the facts as set out above in the Recommended Order and the admissions set out in Sections B and C, and that I agree with Orders in Section D that are jointly proposed.

Further to the above, I acknowledge that a copy of this Order and my identity shall be provided to the APEGA Practice Review Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned agrees with the Agreed Statement of Facts and Acknowledgment of Unprofessional Conduct and the Orders jointly proposed.

    
Signed by Christopher Hahn, P.Eng., P.E. (2026/01/22)  
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.  
**Christopher Hahn, P.Eng., P.E.**

**Jian Yao, P.Eng.**   
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/02/02)  
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.

**Jian Yao, P.Eng. (Panel Chair)**  
**APEGA Investigative Committee**

**APEGA Discipline Committee**

**Brent Laing**   
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Case Manager