



**Board of Canadian Registered
Safety Professionals**

**Conseil Canadien Des Professionnels
En Sécurité Agréés**

THE FIRST 40 YEARS

1976

- Industry Canada issues Letters Patent on February 10, 1976
- First official meeting of the Board of Governors held on June 2, 1976 in Hamilton, Ontario
- First CRSP designation issued to William O.G. Wellington (76-001CM), Mr. Wellington was also the first Chair of the Association for Canadian Registered Safety Professionals' (ACRSP) Board of Governors

1979

- Fletcher Wright Associates Inc appointed management company

1980

- Work initiated on developing a syllabus outlining the scope and depth of examination subject areas
- Regional Screening Centres established

1982

- Mandatory examination introduced
- Committee established to develop Guidelines for Eligibility to Write CRSP Qualifying Examination

1986

- CRSP logo registered with Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada as a registered trade mark on January 24, 1986

1989

- Mandatory Maintenance Program (MMP) approved at AGM

1990

- First issue of *Governor's Table* published

1991

- MOU established between Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) and ACRSP

1995

- Regional Coordinator's position established

1998

- Website launched, hosted by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)
- Industry Canada issues Supplementary Letters Patent on March 9, 1998 amending the objects of the ACRSP

1999

- Scholarship program for OHS students launched

2000

- *Examination Blueprint* completed
- Mandatory Maintenance Program renamed Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)
- Survey on the *Competencies Required of Certified Safety Professionals in Canada* completed
- Revised *Code of Ethics* approved

2001

- Multiple-choice examination introduced in conjunction with Assessment Strategies Inc., contracted test consultants
- Industry Canada issues Supplementary Letters Patent on March 30, 2001 changing the name of organization to Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP)
- Revised BCRSP/BCSP MOU signed at 25th Anniversary Celebration event in Banff, AB
- Volunteer of the Year program launched

2002

- Appeals Procedure approved
- Guide to Registration issued in CD-ROM format

2003

- Examination (CRSPEX) writings reduced from three to two (May and October)

2004

- Major revisions to the candidate application form and evaluation system approved
- *Survey on the Competencies Required of Certified Safety Professionals in Canada* completed

2005

- Revisions made to the *Examination Blueprint* resulting from *Survey on the Competencies Required of Certified Safety Professionals in Canada*.
- New OHS Auditing study guide developed.
- Granted accreditation by Standards Council of Canada for ISO/IEC 17024:2003 (Personnel Certification Body)

2006

- Creation of Public Member position on Governing Board and appointment of Howard Parsons, B.Comm., Calgary, AB as the first Public Member
- 30th Anniversary Celebration event held in Ottawa, ON, October 20-22

2007

- Joint meeting with Canadian Society of Safety Engineering's Board of Directors
- Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP)[®] trade-mark registration approved by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office

2008

- ISO 9001:2000 accreditation granted by BSI Management Systems
- Bylaw amendments submitted and approved by Industry Canada

2009

- *Survey on the Competencies Required of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals* completed
- Professionnel en sécurité agréé du Canada (PSAC)® trade-mark registration approved by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.
- First National Education Symposium for colleges/universities with OHS certificate/ diploma/degree programs held in Edmonton, AB

2010

- Complete review of all components of the certification process completed by sub-committee of Qualifications Review Committee and major amendments approved by Governing Board to eligibility requirements and application administrative procedures
- Meeting with Canadian Society of Safety Engineering's Board of Directors
- Pilot Computer Based Test (CBT) administered for Toronto candidates in May, expanded to Calgary, Halifax and Vancouver in October through contracted Kryterion, Inc. test centres
- Bylaw amendments moving from an elected to appointed Governing Board submitted and approved by Industry Canada
- First appointment process for Governing Board vacancies conducted by Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
- 4000th certificant approved by Governing Board
- Revisions to the *Examination Blueprint* resulting from *Survey on the Competencies Required of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals*
- Peter Fletcher, CRSP, retires after 31 years' service as Executive Director, Nicola J. Wright, BA (Hons), CAE, appointed Executive Director
- Donation to Minerva Canada commenced

2011

- Full Computer Based Testing (CBT) implemented
- French version of website launched
- Regional Coordinator position reviewed, renamed to Regional Communications Liaison and revised Terms of Reference approved
- Second National Education Symposium for colleges/universities with OHS certificate/ diploma/degree programs held in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Reviewed and revised Vision and Mission Statements
- MOU established between Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and BCRSP
- 35th Anniversary Celebration held prior to the CSSE PDC in Whistler, BC, September 16-18, 2011
- Special awards given to OHS Educators Lars Larsson, Donald Stemp and Peter Strahlendorf at 35th Anniversary
- Reviewed and revised Value Statement
- LinkedIn CRSP Group Launched
- Bylaw amendments submitted and approved by Industry Canada

2012

- Twitter account launched
- Presentations delivered at INSHPO/NACOT conference in conjunction with BCSP, CSSE PDC in Niagara Falls, and NAOSH Week Safety Professionals Day, Toronto
- Teleconference exchange meetings established with CSSE (3/year)
- Regional Communications Liaison added in Alberta South
- Extensive marketing & communications plan approved
- Steinecke, Maciura, Leblanc appointed as the BCRSP's legal representatives

2013

- 5000th certificant approved
- Third National Education Symposium for colleges/universities with OHS certificate/diploma/degree programs held in Mississauga, Ontario
- Major website revision
- Major revision to scholarship requirements and guidelines
- Amendments made to the certification maintenance program (point categories and B2 evaluation criteria)
- Initiated certification review and competency review tasks
- Certificants approve the BCRSP articles of continuance and new bylaws at a special meeting so that the corporation may file for continuance under the new Federal legislation for not-for-profits.

2014

- CRSP Examination Blueprint updated and released for 2015
- All study guides updated
- Agreement of Collaboration signed with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering
- Full membership in INSHPO granted
- Presentation delivered to the Association for Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada on the CRSP certification
- Initiated certification and risk management task forces
- Continuance granted under the *Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act*
- Trademark applications approved for acronyms CRSP® and PSAC®
- Pearson VUE awarded contract as examination delivery provider
- Strategic Planning Workshop conducted and strategic plan updated
- Election of Governors instituted at Annual General Meeting
- CRSP Chair awarded Chair's Medallion by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering at the CSSE 2014 Professional Development Conference, Calgary, Alberta.

2015

- Three examinations/year scheduled for February, June and October
- BCRSP representative selected for the Minerva Board
- Fourth National Education Symposium with OHS certificate/diploma/degree programs held in Richmond, BC
- Blog launched on BCRSP website
- OHS Educators section added to BCRSP website
- Contracted with Acclaim for issuing of Digital Badges
- Presentation delivered to WOS 2015 Conference in partnership with BCSP
- Review of Mission, Vision Statements (December 2015)
- CRSP videos launched
- Twitter surpasses 1,000 followers
- Rules of Procedure for the Discipline Committee finalized

2016

- Mission/Vision Statements updated
- 40th Anniversary Celebration, September 20-21, 2016, Vancouver, BC.