



Position: Board Chair

About Us:

CENGN is Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks. Celebrating our 10th anniversary this year, our mission is to drive innovation and adoption of advanced networking technologies in Canada through our Living Labs and advanced networking infrastructure, technical expertise, talent development, and partner ecosystem, enabling the digital transformation and competitiveness of Canadian industry and the commercial growth of Canadian digital technology solutions. CENGN has a strong history of success: 100s of SMEs supported, 1000s of individuals trained, significant impact and growth of supported SMEs, and >10:1 ROI.

With the digital transformation opportunity valued at over \$200 billion in Canada, it is clear the new competitive landscape is being driven by digital innovation and the ability to integrate this technology across industries. Contribute to our mission as we work with our ecosystem of technology, innovation, government, and academic partners to build Living Lab testing infrastructure and deliver services that accelerate the testing, validation, demonstration, commercialization, and adoption of digital innovation across Canada.


For more information, check out <https://www.cengn.ca/>

The CENGN Advantage:

- **Cutting edge and relevant network technology:** Our organization works with and promotes the innovation and adoption of advanced networking technologies including 5G, IOT, cloud computing, AI/ML, and cybersecurity. We support the testing, certification, validation and commercialization of advanced products, applications, and services.
- **A meaningful mission:** Be part of an organization that drives Canadian innovation, technology adoption and digital transformation by enabling the growth of Canadian start-ups and scaleups as well as leading edge skills development for tech students and professionals.
- **A Modern Company:** An agile company where ideas and opportunities for growth are nurtured and encouraged, and where employees are supported with attractive benefits and wellness and development opportunities.
- **Great People:** The advantage of working with colleagues passionate about their contributions and united under the same mission

The Opportunity:

This is a great opportunity to contribute to the success of an organization with a strong mission, strategic mandate, and growing profile at a key point in its evolution. The board chair has a strategic role

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to play in representing the vision and purpose of the organization and ensuring effective Board engagement and operations.

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Key Responsibilities:

- Work with the board and CEO to set strategy, goals, and objectives for the Board.
- Ensure effective Board operations at Board and Committee meetings and the AGM.
- Motivate active participation by Board Directors in the work on the Board and its committees.
- Provide independent advice and counsel to the CEO. Be the voice of the Board in performing annual evaluations of the CEO.
- Chair meetings of the Board ensuring full participation, effective decision-making, and proper governance.
- Ensure that decisions and actions taken are in line with the organization's bylaws, goals, and mission, and that they be clearly assigned, monitored, and executed.
- Assist in the recruiting and onboarding of new Directors. Support Directors, ensure participation in the appropriate committees, and motivate engagement. Assess Board and Director performance. Mediate conflicts on the Board.
- Represent the organization with external partners and stakeholders.
- Plan for Director and Board Chair succession.
- Refer also to the Board Director job description for overall Director responsibilities.

Key Skills and Qualifications:

- Excellent leadership and communication skills
- Strong collaboration mindset and constructive approach
- Honesty, integrity, and impartiality
- Tact, diplomacy, and influence skills
- Excellent networking within government
- Change and conflict management
- Ability to run effective and productive meetings, on time
- Has the motivation and time for the role

Specifications

- Location: Anywhere in Canada. CENGN is headquartered in Ottawa, Ontario
- Compensation: Expenses for travel
- Sector: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Organization size: Approx. \$10M, 25+ employees and growing
- Organizational Type: Not-for-profit
- Time Commitment: 20-30 hours/month



- Term of Office: Up to two 3-year terms

Application Process: To explore this dynamic Board of Directors opportunity, please submit an expression of interest and your resume via email to “Governance & Nomination Committee” at boardrecruitment@cengn.ca. We look forward to exploring your candidacy.

CENGN recognizes and embraces the unique value and the benefits of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our Board of Directors. CENGN’s commitment to accelerating action on EDI is also demonstrated by the organization having joined the Federal government’s 50-30 challenge.