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## CIQS WELCOMES ARIF GHAFFUR, PQS(F) AS ITS NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIR

**Markham, ON, June 28, 2022** – The Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors is proud to announce Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F) as the newly appointed chair of CIQS. He took over the reins of the Institute at the first meeting of the 2022-2023 board of directors on June 18 during Congress 2022 in Ottawa.



**Arif Ghaffur**, PQS (F) articulated for five years in quantity surveying with a UK national contractor (John Laing Construction), working on projects across the UK. Thereafter, he attended Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh to complete a degree in Building Economics and Quantity Surveying.

Spanning more than 20 years between John Laing and AMEC, Arif's professional career took him from the UK to Hong Kong and then the Americas, supporting projects across Canada and the United States. Since 2002, Arif and his family have proudly called Canada home.

In 2007, Arif left his role as commercial director to establish a commercial management professional practice (Lakeland Consulting Inc). During his 35+ year career, Arif built experience in the pre-contract, delivery, close-out, and operational phases of construction projects.

In addition to being the current Chair of CIQS, Arif is also the managing editor of the Construction Economist (a CIQS publication), having written his first article for the journal in 2010 and been appointed editor in 2015.

Arif remains a key contributor to the implementation of the CIQS current strategy (2022–2025) and advocates for the profession through knowledge share/thought leadership in the construction and infrastructure industry.

Arif lives on the outskirts of Toronto with his wife and children. His passion is to guide, hoping to be a “north star” for new Canadian professionals and future leaders, establishing construction as a career of choice, and supporting sustainable community building.

### We take a moment to thank the outgoing chair and past chair



During this year's Annual General Meeting, Sheila Lennon, CIQS chief executive officer, thanked outgoing chair, Erin Brownlow, for her mentorship and exemplary leadership over the past two years as she positioned the board to transition from an operational to a governance board. Although Erin officially passed the reins to Arif at the meeting, it is not the last that we will see of her as she will remain on the board in the capacity of past chair.

June 18, 2022 marked David Dook's final day as a director of the CIQS board of directors as his term as past chair officially ended. David will continue as the CIQS international relations representative and as such will take a seat on the board as a non-voting observer. We thank David for everything he has accomplished for CIQS during his time on the board.



## **We are pleased to present the 2022-2023 board of directors**

Chair	Arif Ghaffur, PQS(F)
Past Chair	Erin Brownlow, PQS(F)
Director (external relations)	Tammy Stockley, PQS(F)
Director (education committee chair)	Adam Ding, PQS
Director	Antoine Aurelis, PQS
Director	Jack Chen, PQS
Director	Hiran Dassoruth, PQS
Director	Dominic Leadsom, PQS
Director	Ajibola Soboyejo, PQS
Chief Executive Officer (ex-officio)	Sheila Lennon, CAE

Thank you for donating your time and knowledge to the CIQS board of directors. We look forward to a productive year ahead!

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### **About the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)**

CIQS was founded in 1959 and is the voice for Canada's construction economists. It is a self-regulatory, professional body and the gatekeeper of the ethics and standards of construction and infrastructure economics in Canada. It currently represents over 2,000 national and industry professionals and works on their behalf to promote the profession to the construction industry, its allied professions and government officials. The Institute has developed reciprocal agreements with a variety of industry organizations on the domestic and international stage.

CIQS owns and managed two professional designations, Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) and Construction Estimator Certified (CEC), which can only be used by qualified, certified members of the Institute.

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