



**Position:** Board Director

**CENGN, Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks is recruiting new Board Directors with expertise in government relations, senior-level financial management, and/or emerging sectors such as AI and Defence-Tech.**

**About Us:**

CENGN drives Canada's digital future by accelerating the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and strengthening the country's technology and innovation ecosystem. Through world-class infrastructure, collaborative programs, and industry partnerships, we empower Canadian innovators to scale, compete globally, and fuel long-term economic prosperity.

Our organization works with and promotes the innovation of advanced networking technology solutions that are driving enhanced productivity, efficiency, and economic resilience in Canada's key economic sectors and public services. These solutions leverage advancements in 5G, IOT, cloud computing, applied AI/ML, automation, robotics, and cybersecurity.

Our approach is rooted in building a more connected, competitive, and resilient nation, one breakthrough at a time. A prime example of CENGN in action, our Living Labs enable SMEs to collaborate with industry partners to test, validate, and accelerate the development of market-ready products, services, and solutions. These Labs are being established across Canada in key sectors such as transportation, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure, robotics, and artificial intelligence.

CENGN has a strong history of success: hundreds of SMEs supported, thousands 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.

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


**The Opportunity:**

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the success of a nationally recognized not-for-profit organization with a strong mission, strategic mandate, and a growing profile at a pivotal stage in its evolution.

As a Board Director, you will work collaboratively with other Directors, senior leadership, and key stakeholders to advance CENGN's mission and vision, shape strategic direction, and ensure effective governance.

View our current Board of Directors <https://www.cengn.ca/about/board-of-directors/>

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### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide oversight of CENGN's mission through an understanding of the organization's strategy, programs, and services.
- Participate in strategic and organizational planning with CENGN's leadership team.
- Ensure strong fiduciary oversight, including financial management, performance management, and risk management.
- Participate in the oversight of the organization's CEO and advise on the organization's talent development.
- Serve as an active advocate and ambassador for CENGN and support the identification of financial resources, partnerships, and strategic relationships.
- Leverage professional connections, networks, and resources to advance CENGN's mission and impact.
- Uphold strong corporate and board governance practices.
- Contribute actively to the work of the board by collaborating with other Board Directors and participating on Board committees. [Executive, Governance & Nomination, Audit & Finance, Strategic Planning]
- Abide by CENGN's By-laws, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and other Board policies.

### **Required Experience and Expertise:**

To complement the current Board, CENGN seeks candidates with expertise in the following areas:

- Experience advising Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to overcome the challenges they face in Canada at various stages of commercialization and market expansion (inside and outside Canada). Exposure to many different SMEs, potentially as part of an accelerator, incubator, VC, or investment committee would provide the most value.
- Government relations experience and senior-level relationships with Federal and/or Provincial governments.
- Senior leadership experience; including not-for-profit financial expertise and/or experience in corporate governance, risk management, and regulatory compliance.

### **Board Director Attributes:**

- A strong understanding of and commitment to CENGN's mission, vision, and values.
- A collaborative and respectful approach to working with the Board and senior leadership.
- The courage and willingness to have tough, but important conversations for the benefit of the organization.
- The ability to engage and build stakeholder support.



- An ability and willingness to commit the necessary time to prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in Board and Committee meetings, the AGM (Annual General Meeting), and other key organizational events (such as the annual Strategy session, etc.).
- A commitment to high ethical standards and integrity.

### Specifications

- Location: Anywhere in Canada. CENGN is headquartered in Ottawa, Ontario
- Compensation: Volunteer Role, Travel expenses reimbursed
- Sector: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Organization size: Approx. \$10M, 35+ employees and growing
- Organizational Type: Not-for-profit
- Time Commitment: 4-6 hours/month + four Board meetings/year (including 2 in-person meetings in Ottawa each year)
- 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 to “Governance & Nomination Committee” via email at [boardrecruitment@cengn.ca](mailto:boardrecruitment@cengn.ca). We look forward to exploring your candidacy and learning more about your interest in contributing to CENGN’s mission.

CENGN recognizes and embraces the unique value and the benefits of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) 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.