



New directors appointed to the COG Board



Jeffrey Griffin of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) and Dumitru Benchea of Societatea Nationala Nuclearelectrica (SNN, Romania) added to COG's Board of Directors

JAN. 28, 2021 — CANDU Owners Group (COG) is set to welcome two new faces to its board of directors.

CNL's Jeffrey Griffin and SNN, Romania's Dumitru Benchea have joined the COG board, replacing outgoing directors Neil Mantifel and Sorin Ghelbereu, as representatives for each of their respective organizations.

Griffin is the Vice President, Science and Technology at CNL while Benchea is the recently appointed SNN Engineering Director at Cernavoda Nuclear. Combined, they bring approximately 50 years of nuclear industry experience to their new roles.

Outgoing board member, Ghelbereu, had most recently served as SNN's COG board representative since July 2020, after previously doing so for a decade from 2006-16. SNN, Romania did not have a representative on the COG board from 2016-19 but Ghelbereu re-joined in that capacity last year.

Ghelbereu is the former chair of COG's CANDU-6 Fleet Forum (2018-21) and will continue representing SNN as part of the COG Refurbishment Forum. He was recently appointed SNN's Cernavoda Unit 1 Refurbishment Director.

Top: Jeffrey Griffin (left) of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and Dumitru Benchea (right) of SNN, Romania bring 50 years of nuclear industry experience to COG's Board of Directors.

CNL's Mantifel had been a COG board member since October 2018.

Other COG board members include Ontario Power Generation's Carla Carmichael, Bruce Power's Gary Newman and New Brunswick Power's Michael Hare.

Griffin and Benchea will participate in their first COG board meeting in March.

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Above: Outgoing board members, Neil Mantifel (left) and Sorin Ghelbereu (right), represented CNL and SNN, Romania, respectively.