



Chapter News

Chair's Message

This Millenium year has featured one of the most significant events in the affairs of our profession — the creation of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE). In a nutshell, the major reason for its creation was the fact that the PEO could not effectively represent engineers' interests since it is a licensing body created by the government mainly for the purpose of safeguarding public safety. OSPE, on the other hand, is an advocacy body, whose mission is to represent the interests of its members — Professional Engineers. If everything goes as intended, this organiza-

tion may make our lives easier and better. Presently OSPE is undergoing the process of formation. To overcome its growing pains, OSPE will need any help and support it can get. The York Chapter Executive is committed to collaborate with OSPE, support its activities, and contribute to its success.

The current term of the Executive is approaching its end. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on February 10, 2001. All members of our Chapter are welcome to attend and take part in elections of the Executive

for the next term. The election procedures are included in this newsletter.

The Chapter AGM is not only a formal event — it is also a major social gathering, (which is a few days away from Valentine's day), allowing the participants and their partners to spend an entertaining evening in nice surroundings. For the upcoming AGM we have selected the attractive setting of the Radisson Hotel in Markham. In addition to fine dining, there will be a live band for your dancing and listening pleasure, combined with other activities. Please invite your guests and family members, as the social activities are not restricted to PEO members. The AGM will be combined with a presentation of PEO certificates to new licensees. Details about this event as well as registration information are included in this newsletter.

Our next year's program comprises both technical seminars as well as social events. I would like to encourage all participants to use these opportunities to get to know and network with fellow engineers. Feel free to bring and display your business cards or promotional materials for your business. Also, if you are an expert in a specific engineering domain and would like to be a speaker and share your knowledge with fellow engineers, please let us know - contact the program coordinator or me.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

*John J. Schindler, M.Sc, P.Eng.
Chair*

Call For Experts/Presenters

Are you involved in a new technology or a recognized expert in your field of Engineering?

Are you willing to participate in a technical seminar, share your knowledge or promote your specialty with other members? You are invited to submit your name to executive@peoyork.com or contact Edward Poon at (416)-393-3995.

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About 60 members of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) from across the province met in Toronto on Saturday, November 11th, 2001, along with OSPE board members and staff, for the new advocacy body's first Annual General Assembly. The results of OSPE Member's Survey 2000 were presented and reviewed. A total of 3,341 members completed the questionnaire. Five issues were most important to members. Three of the five issues related to the public's perception and the status of the profession (need to enhance the profile of engineering, need to increase the public's appreciation of the profession and need to address the misuse of the term "Engineer"), while two focused primarily on compensation (compensation and salary level for engineers, and mobility within Canada and the U.S.A.). The day-long program was a great success, providing members the opportunity to discuss the issues, determine priorities, provide suggestions, and share information and different perspectives.

As individuals, many Professional Engineers already engage directly or indirectly in activities that reflect positively on Engineering in general, from excelling in their field of Science and Technology, to contributing to the Economic or social development of the community, or perhaps volunteering in activities at local schools or non-profit organizations.

We'd like to hear from you, about any special effort, or notable contribution that yourself or a fellow engineer has engaged in recently; more than ever we need to acknowledge and highlight the contributions of Professional Engineers. Contact Habib.Sambar@peoyork.com, 905-475-8510 x. 3282.

Call For Nominations, Annual General Meeting

The nominating committee of the York Chapter PEO is accepting nominations of the Chapter Directorate. Pertinent sections of the Chapter by-laws are as follows:

Article 4

1. The Directorate shall be not less than six (6) members and not more than twelve (12) members. A quorum shall be five (5).
2. A nominating committee comprised of one (1) member of the current directorate and two (2) members at large shall be appointed by the current executive. A notice shall be sent annually to all members requesting nominations for the directorate. The nominations must be received by the committee two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations must bear the signature of two (2) nominators and the nominee. A nominee must be a member of the chapter.
3. A slate of candidates including all those properly nominated shall be proposed by the nominating committee for presentation at the AGM.

4. The directorate shall be elected at the AGM from the proposed slate of candidates.

5. The directorate shall meet immediately after the AGM to elect the officers from its members.

6. The officers shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. The immediate Past Chair shall be an office ex officio. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

For a copy of the York Chapter by-laws, contact Chapter Secretary Mohammad Toufighi, P. Eng. Tel: 905-771-7874

All nominations must be received by the committee two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), at the address below -by Jan. 27th, 2001.

York Chapter PEO
Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 30505
Richmond Hill, Ontario
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The Annual General meeting will be held on February the 10th, 2001, at the Radisson Hotel in Markham (Hwy. 404 & 7), at 6:30 pm.

Laser Machining

The technical seminar on Laser Machining was held on November 15, 2000. The title was "Light is the Tool of the New Millennium" presented by Dr. Marc Nantel of Photonics Research Ontario. 31 people attended the seminar. Part of the presentation, featured a demonstration of using a low power laser for marking wood samples as souvenirs for the attendees.

The seminar was very informative and was followed by an informal discussion of the various possible applications of laser micro-machining in the industry.





Chapter Mission Statement

To maintain a local presence for the engineering profession in York Region through:

- promoting public awareness of the engineering profession in the local community
- providing a communication link between the membership and Council
- enhancing the professional development and social responsibility of professional engineers
- providing a forum for local discussion of professional and civic affairs
- providing timely and current information to members
- providing relevant services and activities to the members

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Congratulations And Welcome!

A very successful certificate presentation, on October 28th, 2000 that was combined with a Dinner Theatre event, featured special guests, regional and local PEO executives, and a large number of family and friends. Please welcome the following new members to the York Chapter:

- Andei V. Lebedev
- Marie Diane Josee Levac
- Shu Lin
- Jessica Gale Peters-Palfi
- Vicki Lee McGillion
- Dana Elizabeth Honsberger
- Jeffrey Coulson

- Anna Chrisanth Anandarajan
- JLF Patrick Gelineau
- Dorina Abramovici
- Chiu Mee Chung
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- Arie Hod
- Joaquin Ho Hung Shum

- Christopher Roy Milley
- Sherry (Xiao Hua) Pu
- Sze Hung Wong
- Hossein Rahimi-Sahrif
- Peter Sek Yin Wong
- Mike Agia





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This Newsletter is published for the benefit of the 4,000 members of the York Chapter, Professional Engineers Ontario. Its main goal is to communicate the Chapter's activities and views and to be a voice of our members. Hence, your comments, letters to the editor and guest articles are welcome.

We reserve the right to edit submission for length, clarity and style. The newsletter's content does not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the council or Professional Engineers Ontario, nor does the association assume responsibility for the opinions expressed.

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Education Committee Call For School Program Volunteer

The York Chapter Education Committee is still looking for engineers to volunteer an hour or two to assist elementary school teachers in explaining the real world applications of the science that the children are learning in the class room. If you can spare a couple of hours over the next six months to make a class room visit, please contact **Jeff Mark**, Education Coordinator at Jeff.Mark@peoyork.com via email or **905-836-4410** via telephone. The York Chapter Education Committee members are:

- Jeff Mark
- Kathryn Petroff
- Jane Murray
- Susan Hastings
- Kyn Barker
- Craig Doran
- Greg McIntosh
- Anne Barbeta

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Future Events/Calendar

- February 10, 2001 – Annual General Meeting
- March 3–11, 2001 – Engineering Week
- April 18, 2001 – Financial/Business Seminar
- May, 2001 – Public Forum
Conservation of the Habitat
- June, 2001 – Dinner and Theatre Night
- August, 2001 – Family Day (Winery Tour or Air Show)
- October, 2001 – Technical Seminar
- December, 2001 – Social Function

Financial Planning Seminar For Engineers “Putting Your Financial Pieces In Place”

Topics will include:

- Portfolio balancing and asset mix
 - History and future of the stock markets
 - Managing personal investments
 - Increasing your net worth
- and many more...

Presented by a qualified financial consultant.

April 18, 2001, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Richmond Hill Public Library
(1 Atkinson St. S/W corner of Yonge & Major Mackenzie)

Admission is free with prior registration or \$5 to be charged at the door.

For more details, please contact our program coordinator:

Ed Poon, P.Eng at 416-393-3995

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