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Chair's Message

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), on February 9th 2002, certainly consisted of a busy and exciting evening, with the business meeting, certificates & award presentation as well as an entertaining social gathering. The business portion concluded with the election of the new Chapter Executive (February 2002 – February 2003 term)—refer to the list in the newsletter.

A big thank you to John Schindler, our past chairman, for building a strong organizational team, and all members of the past Executive for their involvement, effort, and contribution to the chapter and our profession in the past year. National Engineering Week, March 2-10, was a great event this year, highlighting the many contributions engineers make to society, and encouraging today's Youth to pursue a career in engineering and technology.

I would ask fellow professional engineers to consider themselves as 'owners' and participants rather than users and 'customers', of our associations, whether it is PEO, our regulatory body, or OSPE, our advocacy group. Your involvement and active participation can only enhance our associations and will in turn result in great benefits to all. Your feedback is welcome and I invite you to contact me at executive@peoyork.com. Last but not least, our directors have been busy planning and organizing an exciting mix of activities and events for this year, and I hope to meet many of you at these functions. Please visit our web site at www.peoyork.com for an updated list of activities and events.

H.G. Sambar, P.Eng., Chair

ospe Update

OSPE's new Career Centre is quickly moving to deploy services and resources designed to support engineers with career planning, employability assessment and search.

It offers something for all OSPE members, from recent grads looking for that first job to experienced engineers investigating new career paths.

Based on the feedback and tabulated results from an online survey, a plan was undertaken to arrange and offer seminars & workshops on topics like "Marketing yourself in tough times", one-on-one career coaching, etc...

Wilf Flagler, B.Comm, manager of the OSPE Career Centre has broad experience in career management, coaching, and employment services. Wilf can be reached at wflagler@ospe.on.ca. (416)-223-9961. Please visit www.ospe.on.ca for latest news & updates.

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Congratulations and Welcome!

The winter certificate presentation ceremony was held on February 9, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel during the York Chapter AGM. The event was combined with an award presentation and concluded with dinner and live entertainment.

Marta Ecsedi, P.Eng., received the “Engineer of the Year” award, for her long list of contributions and outstanding volunteer work in the community at large.

In addition to family and friends, the ceremony included special guests:

- Anthony Warner P.Eng., Senior East Central Region Councilor,
- John Reid P.Eng., Junior East Central Councilor,
- Dr. Eric Nejat P.Eng., Chair of PEO Communication Committee,
- Brian Ross P.Eng., Chair of PEO Discipline Committee,
- Bob Goodings P.Eng., OSPE Chairman, and
- Bryon Wilfert, MP.

Please join us to welcome these new P.Eng members to the York Chapter PEO.

- Albert Ho
- Alireza Azarbad
- Dipeshkumar Mistry
- Douglas Yeung
- Eduard Virag
- Gillen Michael
- Gligor Crisan
- Hugh Liu
- Joseph Place
- Josephine Yung
- Mehdi Arfaie
- Michael Gericke
- Mike Moradi
- Rakeshkumar Shah
- Sheila Wing-Chung Leung
- Shing Lee
- Tarek Abdel Missih
- Qiao He

Mansour Mahdavi, P.Eng., Vice-Chair



Call For Committee Members

Want to get involved?

York Chapter is seeking new faces and new ideas!

You are invited to join our various committees:

Communication, Education, Program, & Certificate presentation

If you are interested in helping out,

please contact Jennifer Neate at

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Engineers without Borders

PEO York Chapter is organizing a presentation on “Engineers without Borders”. Engineers Without Borders (EWB) coordinates volunteers and help, in needy developing countries & provides appropriate technical solutions to their challenges. **George Roter**, will provide a presentation on the role EWB is playing, and discuss the many on going programs. Please visit www.ewb-isf.org

Date: Thursday May 9, 2002

Time: 8:30-10:00 pm

Place: Richmond Hill Central Library (Yonge & Major Mackenzie)

Admission: Free (refreshments and snacks will be served)

Registration: Please contact Habib Sambar at habib.sambar@peoyork.com

Pre-Start Health & Safety

PEO York Chapter is organizing a presentation on “Pre-Start Health & Safety”. Recent developments and changes in Occupational Health & Safety have put more emphasis on Professional Engineers conducting pre-Start Health & Safety reviews in Manufacturing and Industrial environments. Our speaker will provide a brief overview on who is affected, where to get additional information, and proper steps in conducting a review.

Date: Thursday May 9, 2002

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Place: Richmond Hill Central Library (Yonge & Major Mackenzie)

Admission: Free (refreshments and snacks will be served)

Registration: Please contact Habib Sambar at habib.sambar@peoyork.com



Design Challenge

On Tuesday March 5, 2002, the York Chapter Education Committee held their annual Engineering Week event, "Design Challenge 2002" for grade 7 & 8 science and technology students. The event took place at Newmarket High School from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

The actual design challenge involved designing a scaled watercraft to carry a minimum of five supply packs across a river. The students had 1 hour to design and build a scaled watercraft (from the materials supplied) capable of completing two tests.

The first test was to carry a minimum weight along a canal representing the river as fast as possible using the motor provided. The second test was to carry as much weight as possible while maintaining a 6 mm freeboard. Students were also graded on the design concept and drawing.

In all there were 5 teams with a total of 24 students from 5 different schools. Student participants received prizes and were treated to dinner. The first place team received a model robot kit. The Education committee was well represented with 7 volunteers partaking in the event. Habib Sambar, York chapter chairman also attended. Brian Ross from the Executive took pictures of the event.

There were seven judges: Andrew Daniels from ATC, Tom Frommer from Invotronics, Jerry Stoangi from the York District School Board, Roger Barker who is PEO Registrar, Eric Nejat from the Chapter Executive, Art Neizen from the Ministry of Education and Trina Bigioni who is an Engineer in Residence in Whitby.

Corporate sponsors included McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Vince's Country Market, Pizza Pizza, En-Safe, Mark Engineering, Snell Infrared, the York District Public School Board, and Halsall Associates.

First place went to **Thornhill Public School**, second place to **Bayview Hill Elementary School** and third place to **Bogart Public School**.

Also participating were teams from Ashton Meadows Public School and Crosby Heights Public School. The teachers were delighted with the event and the students had fun while applying their design and engineering skills and learning some new things. Rogers Cable was there to video the event and interview participants. Their report was broadcast on "Week in Review" over the weekend of March 9-10.



On behalf of the York Chapter PEO, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in making this event successful.

Jeff Mark, P.Eng., Education Director

Report on Patent Seminar

The Intellectual Property (Patent & copyrights) presentation was held on Feb. 6, 2002, at the Town of Markham Civic centre. Mr. Patrick Hofbauer, LLB, from Hofbauer Associates, presented an overview on the patent application process in Canada and the U.S. and helped answer many questions. Over 65 individuals were present, and a patent/copyright information package was distributed to all attendees. If you were not able to attend the presentation, or would like more information, please visit www.capatents.com



John Schindler, Sandra Tam, Patrick Hafbauer, Habib Sambar, Hari Patel

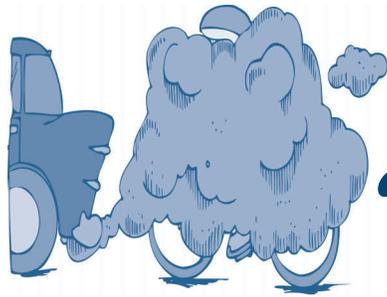
E-mail address update?? Moving??

To improve communications, and reduce paper usage, York chapter is further pursuing e-mail and web-based communications.

Please provide your **updated e-mail address** to Susan McNeil of PEO, smcneil@peo.on.ca <http://www.peo.on.ca> 416-224-1100

or contact PEO Central Office, Records Office, 1-800-339-3716
25 Sheppard Ave. West, Suite 1000, North York, ON M2N 6S9

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PEO York Chapter presents
Public Forum on:
**“Transportation
and the Environment”**



Opening Address by:

The Honourable Julia Munro, MPP

Parliamentary Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Transportation

Speakers: Paul May, P.Eng., Director of Infrastructure Planning and Approvals, York Region
Robert (Bob) Boyle, P.Eng., Director of Facility Services, GO Transit

The forum is planned to create an opportunity for conveying information on the existing programs and exchanging ideas on:

- “Smart Growth” and minimization of transportation related pollution
- “Clean Air” program
- York Region “Transportation Master Plan”
- GO Transit programs on transportation network for the Greater Toronto region.

Admission: Free (refreshments will be served)

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suite, 7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario

For additional information, please contact Dr. Eric Nejat, P.Eng. (905) 737-0904, E-mail: eric.nejat@peoyork.com

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Dinner and Theatre Night

An adaptation of the famous Musical

“Grease”

presented by Newmarket High School

Newmarket Theatre

505 Pickering Crescent Newmarket, Ontario. Theatre Tel: 905-953-5122

(Bayview & Mulock, next to Newmarket High School)

Saturday, May 25, 2002

Reception: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Certificates presentation: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Show: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This is the opportunity for members, spouses and friends to meet and enjoy a served dinner and a relaxing evening. This event is being held jointly with the Spring Certificate Presentation Ceremony.

Important!!!

Due to the limited seating, reservations are first come first served!

Cheque/money order must be received, by Monday, May 13, 2002 at:

York Chapter, PEO, P.O. Box 30505, 10660 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 4H0

Special group rate for York Chapter:

Dinner (including wine) and Theatre

\$35.00 (adult)

\$30.00 (child)

Theatre only

\$12.00 (adult)

\$10.00 (child)

For further information, please contact Hari Patel at hari.patel@peoyork.com, 905-475-0122 Ext.503

Tickets will be held for you at the door.

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Dinner and Theatre Night - Saturday, May 25, 2002 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: Dinner & Theatre _____ ticket(s), or Theatre only _____ ticket(s)

Please contact me to confirm my order.

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone# _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____





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Coming Events/Calendar

- May 2 - Public Forum (Transportation)
- May 9 - Engineers without Borders
- May 9 - Prestart Health & Safety Seminar
- May 15 - Estate Planning Seminar
- May 25 - Dinner & Theatre
- May 30 - Wind Turbine Visit, OPG
- June 12 - Honda Plant Tour
- June 20 - Personal Image Seminar

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Best Personal Image

PEO York Chapter has organized a new seminar on "Present your best personal image for your business". The presenter will be the renowned International Image Consultant, **Rebecca Chu**, AICI, President of Impeccable Image Int. Rebecca specializes in Image Management Programs for corporations and individuals.

Date: Thursday June 20, 2002

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Admission: Free

Place: Canada Room, Markham Town Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

Registration: Please contact Hari Patel at
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Honda Plant Tour

Come join the PEO York Chapter special tour of Honda Manufacturing Plant at Alliston, Ontario



Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Important!!! Due to limited space, reservation is first come first served! No children, no sandals allowed.

Cost: \$8.00 per person (including transportation & refreshment)

Departure by bus: 5:00 p.m. sharp, Bayview Community Centre

114 Spadina Rd. Richmond Hill. Expected return at 9:30 p.m.

Cheque/money order must be received by May 31, 2002

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Honda Plant Tour

I would like to reserve _____ seats (max. 2 per member)

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$ _____

Please contact me to confirm my reservation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/city _____ Postal Code _____

Tel. _____ E-mail _____

Estate Planning

PEO York Chapter has organized a business seminar on "Estate Planning for the 21st Century" - how to preserve your estate for small business owners.

Date: Wednesday, May 15 2002

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Place: Canada Room, Markham Town Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

Admission: Free

Registration: Please contact Hari Patel at
hari.patel@peoyork.com, 905-475-0122 Ext.503

Wind Turbine Visit

PEO York Chapter has organized a visit to the Wind Turbine at Ontario Power Generation (OPG). We will visit North America's largest Wind Turbine, in Pickering, and listen to a presentation by **Charles Edey** from the Evergreen group of OPG. Learn more about wind power generation, its viability as an alternate or supplementary green source of power.

Date: Thursday May 30, 2002

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Place: OPG, Pickering (Hwy 401 E., Brock Rd.S)

Admission: Free

Registration: Please contact Hari Patel at
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