



Chapter News

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Chair's Message

During the recent PEO Chapter Leaders Conference, I took part in a breakout session on rewards and recognition of PEO volunteers. After reviewing various forms of formal and informal forms of recognition, like awards, certificates of appreciation, free events, gifts, etc., we realized that in fact the major motivators are factors like a sense of contribution, making a difference, prestige, personal satisfaction, and the learning experience.

Only a small fraction of engineers possess leadership skills that would allow them to have a visible impact on their employer's business. It is probably a consequence of engineering education, which prepares us to do just our job. On the other hand,

volunteer activities develop leadership and organizational skills, which in turn facilitate further advancement of a professional career.

The organization of our chapter provides a training ground for future managers and CEOs. Our chapter structure and practices allow for gradual progress from a chapter committee member, through a chapter committee chair to the chapter chair. The natural consequence of this progress is learning how to work and communicate with other people, how to build teams, delegate assignments and sell your ideas — the skills highly regarded by employers.

Our chapter has some 36 active volunteers engaged in various PEO

activities. If you would like to join this ambitious group, e-mail me a note.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on February 9, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel in Markham. All members of our chapter are welcome to attend and take part in elections of the Executive for the next term — the procedures are included in this newsletter.

The Chapter AGM is not only a formal event — it is also a major social gathering, allowing the participants and their partners to spend an entertaining evening in pleasant surroundings. In addition to fine dining, there will be a live band for dancing and other attractions. Guests, who are not PEO members, are also welcome. Details about this event and registration information are included in the newsletter.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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

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On November 17, 2001, the Committee of One Hundred converged on a Toronto hotel to chart the future of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. Drawn equally from common interest sectors and PEO chapters, the Committee of One Hundred was a microcosm of the Engineering Profession in Ontario.

It was an exciting day of research, discussion and brainstorming. Beginning with a rich data set drawn from surveys and interviews done by Ipsos-Reid, with the people of Ontario and more than 4,000 of our members, the group sought to understand our current situation "How the World Sees Us" and "How We See Ourselves" and began to articulate our vision/plan for a dynamic progressive OSPE. The resulting strategic plan will help guide us in the years to come as we advocate on behalf of professional engineers and begin to provide additional member services.

For more information and recent development please check www.ospe.on.ca or contact Alex Gill at (416)-223-9961.

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National ENGINEERING Week



The first week of March 2002, is National Engineering Week. National and local media, various educational, science and engineering groups will feature a variety of announcements and events about engineering.

The main objective for this national event is to raise public awareness of the importance of engineering and technology in our daily lives; and to encourage young people to consider careers in engineering and technology.

National Engineering Week activities give Canadians of all ages a chance to explore, discover and appreciate how engineering, science and technology contribute to our quality of life. The emphasis is on activities for youth that show how math and science can be fun and that demonstrate real-life applications of engineering.

The Education Committee in your local chapter is actively involved in various events and functions. We are proceeding with the plans for **Design Challenge 2002**, to be held on March 5, 2002 at the Sir William Mulock High School in Newmarket. The challenge will involve five-person teams from Grades 7 and 8 from various elementary schools across the region (15 schools are expected to participate). We were fortunate to receive a donation of \$250 from Halsall Associates Limited to cover the cost of prizes for the first place team. Donations of \$200 for second place team and \$150 for the third place team would be welcomed. Other contributions and help is needed and well appreciated.

Our volunteer campaign for the **Engineer in the Classroom** program has been moderately successful. We now have a roster of about 50 chapter members who have volunteered to spend an hour or two assisting elementary school teachers with the science and technology curriculum. Engineers will help show and demonstrate real-life applications and examples of engineering.

If some of the other 4,300 PEO members in the chapter would also volunteer, we could provide a superlative service to the children.

Another initiative we are pursuing is to attract about 100 engineers to volunteer to go into York region high schools during National Engineering Week, 2002 to talk to students about the role of engineers in society and encourage young people to consider careers in engineering and technology. There are numbers of different types of resources (pamphlets, etc.) available from PEO to help those who do volunteer. If you are interested and willing to spend an afternoon or morning for one day during the week of March 4, 2002, please complete and fax back the form included in this newsletter.

Jeff Mark, P.Eng., Education Coordinator
YORK CHAPTER
EDUCATION COMMITTEE



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Who helped you
decide to become a
Professional Engineer???

*Chances are it was
another engineer!*

Participate in
National Engineering Week
by informing students about engineering
at a local York region high school.

During the week of March 4th to March 8th, 2002 we need engineers to spend an hour or two during the day helping students learn about the role of engineers in society and about engineering as a career. We just need you to talk about what you do, what other engineers do, and answer questions about the profession. Your participation might inspire a young person to enter engineering; just as some engineer probably did for you. But don't worry, we won't ask you to do it all by yourself. You will have ample material and support from the York Chapter Education Committee. Please participate by filling in this form and faxing or mailing it today.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

**FAX BACK THIS FORM TODAY TO:
905-836-9744**

**OR MAIL TO:
YORK CHAPTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Box 30505, 10520 Yonge Street,
Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0C7**

**OR E-MAIL TO:
jmark@markeng.com**

PEO York Chapter is presenting
A Lecture on:

Intellectual Property: Patents and Copyrights

(co-sponsored by the
Markham Small Business Self-Help Office)

The presentation will provide an overview on
Intellectual property, basic guidelines,
and applicable regulations.
Procedures to apply for a Patent,
and protection of inventions.

Admission:

Free, with registration prior to the day of the event
(please note this is a limited seating event)

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2002

Place:

Town of Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd., Markham
(Hwy 7 & Warden)

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Refreshments will be served

For additional information, please contact
Harry Patel, P. Eng. at (905) 475-0122 x.503

Please mail registration to:

York Chapter, PEO
Intellectual Property
P.O. Box 30505, 10520 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

Please reserve _____ seats

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Please contact me at the following to confirm my registration:

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____



Congratulations and Welcome

The fall certificate presentation ceremony was held on October 20, 2001 in the Newmarket Theatre. The event was combined with a dinner and theatrical presentation of the musical "Forever Plaid."

In addition to family and friends, the event included special guest Dr. Eric Nejat, P. Eng., Chair, PEO communications committee, and Brian Ross, Chair, PEO Discipline Committee.

Mansour Mahdavi, P. Eng.

Please welcome the following new members to the York Chapter:

- Ka Hoo Derek Yuen
- Darcy Clarke Newman
- Justin Miles Dauphinee
- Gustavo Jose Valente
- Zhaojun Xia
- Alireza Azarbad
- Robert Stephen Marshall
- Ghassan Michel Bawab
- Raehan Bobby Umar
- Yao Chien Wu

- Ali Mohsen Alwan
- Dino Parise
- Cheuk-Kuen Lewis Wong
- Faheem Ahmad
- Giuseppe Eduardo Accardi
- Alkarim Abdulaziz Kassam
- Nelson Kim Or
- Jeffrey Peter Gobatto
- Saad Omer
- Bin Han
- Jacqueline Norma Thoman
- Jeyanthakumar Seevaratnam

Call For Nominations, Annual General Meeting

The nominating committee of the York Chapter PEO is accepting nominations for the Chapter Directorate.

The chapter executives are volunteer members who donate time & effort to participate in the operations and functions of the chapter. There is no direct monetary compensation, except for certain out of pocket expenses. The elected executives are required to attend monthly meetings, and participate in certain events/functions. Additional time commitment will vary upon the particular role/function of each position.

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 Edward Poon 416-393-3995, Edward.Poon@peoyork.com

All nominations must be received by the committee two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), at the address below -by Jan. 28th, 2002.

All York members are encouraged to attend and partake in the election process.

York Chapter PEO
Brian Ross, P. Eng.
Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 30505
10520 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February the 9th, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel in Markham (Hwy. 404 & Hwy. 7), at 6:30 pm.



York Chapter 2002 AGM



Radisson Hotel,

50 East Valhalla Dr. (Hwy 404 & Hwy 7), Markham, Ontario

York Chapter Valentine Day Annual General Meeting

A special evening for members, spouses and friends
to meet and enjoy a served dinner
and a relaxing evening.

Featuring the "Reminiscence" band
for your dancing and listening pleasure.



This event is being held jointly with the Winter Certificate presentation.

Reception and Business Meeting: 6:30 pm
Dinner, Entertainment: 7: 30 pm



\$45 per person (early bird), prior to Jan. 21, 2002
\$50 per person , after Jan. 21, 2002

includes dinner, door prizes and live entertainment

(vegetarian menu available with prior arrangement at time of reservation)



Cheques/Money orders must be received by Feb. 1 at the following address:
York Chapter, PEO PO Box 30505, 10520 Yonge St. Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0C7

For additional Information contact Angelo Covello at (905)-763-2322

Tickets will be held at the door.

Please reserve _____ tickets _____ \$45 (By Jan. 21st)

_____ vegetarian _____ \$50 (After Jan. 21st)

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, February 9, 2002

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please contact me at the following to confirm my reservation

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____



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This Newsletter is published for the benefit of the 4,400 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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Future Events/ Calendar

- February 6, 2002 Intellectual Property Presentation
- February 9, 2002 Annual General Meeting
- March 3-10, 2002 Engineering Week Activities
- May 9, 2002 Public Forum (Transportation)



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Check out York Chapter's home page @ www.peoyork.com

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