



Chapter News

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and our profession and provided fun as well. We also had major improvements in our website and newsletter. I am grateful to the executives, committees and other members that helped out in so many ways. I am really proud of our accomplishments.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on February 22, 2003 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill. All members are welcome to attend and partake in the elections of the Executive for the next Term.

I would invite you to get more involved at the chapter and PEO central level, refrain from just being spectators, ask questions and provide feedback on the many relevant and important issues facing our profession.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2003!

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



Update

The Society reached another milestone in its effort to help engineers save on home and auto insurance. After researching the market, the Society identified "The Personal Insurance Company of Canada", as having the most favorable group rates on home and auto insurance.

For additional information, please visit www.engineersfirst.ca.



Welland Canal Tour participants at the Lock



Mr. & Mrs. Sambar tasting wine at Stonechurch Winery



Niagara Wineries Tour participants

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Chair's Message

What a year! During 2002, our Chapter Executive had organized many social, educational, technical and regulatory events. They were catered for various interests of our members

After a quick lunch in Niagara on the Lake, we went to the Stonechurch Winery and learned how to taste wines. We tasted three: a white, a rosé and a red. Then we toured the Magnotta Winery and tasted more wine. The tour then moved on to Eastdell Winery, where one of the owners told us about two of their best wines. There were also grape juices to taste for those who could not taste wines. Several members of the party bought bottles to take home from the three wineries. At Eastdell, they were preparing to host a wedding and the smells had all of us drooling. Next year we will schedule dinner at Eastdell. A return visit next fall is planned.

Jeff Mark, P.Eng.

Welland Canal & Wineries Tour

On November 2, 2002, 23 intrepid engineers from the Chapter trekked down to Niagara Region and visited the Welland Canal and wineries. We stopped at the Welland Canal Exhibition in St. Catherines and watched a lake boat being raised in the lock. We watched a movie outlining the history of the Welland Canal and toured the Welland Canal exhibit.

Congratulations and Welcome!

The Fall certificate presentation was held on October 19, 2002 at the Newmarket Theatre. The event was combined with a dinner and theatre show. In addition to family and friends the ceremony included special guest Peter DeVita, P. Eng. PEO Past President, and Daniela Ilescu, P. Eng., East Central Regional Councillor. Please join us in welcoming the new P.Eng. members to the York Chapter:



Haqi Al-Ganabi, Kevin Adrian Bobechko, Robert Borovina, Wai Hoo Cheng, Chi Yung Choi, Sameer Dhalla, Laurian Merys Farrell, Fareshta Hashemi, Albert Koon-Cheong Hui, Danut Iuhas, Shadman Jahanfar, David Carl Labey, Gueorgui Mitov, Li Ren, Wamidh Putros Shamoon, Artur Szczepanik, Stuart Walker, Roderick Alan Young, Grace Ng, and Nancy Chan

Call For Executive 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 will 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 February 7, 2003

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

York Chapter PEO
John Schindler, P. Eng.
Nominating Committee
P.O. Box 30505
10660 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 4H0

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February the 22nd, 2002, at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill at 6:30 pm.



York Chapter AGM

Saturday, February 22, 2003

Annual General Meeting

Sheraton Parkway Hotel

600 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill. Tel. 905-881-2121
(Hwy 7 & Hwy 404)



**A special event for members, families & friends
to meet and enjoy a fun-filled evening
This event is being held jointly with the
Winter Certificate Presentation Ceremony**



Reception & business meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Dance: 9:30 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.

\$45 per person (early bird) by February 7, 2003

\$50 per person after February 7, 2003

Includes dinner, wine, door prizes, and entertainment

(Vegetarian menu available with prior arrangement at time of ordering the tickets)

Cheque/money order must be received, by Friday, February 14, 2003 at:

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

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.

Cut along here

York Chapter AGM - Saturday, February 22, 2003 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: _____ ticket(s), and/or _____ vegetarian(s)
_____ \$45 (by Feb. 7) _____ \$50 (after Feb. 7)

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

Please contact me to confirm my order.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____





This newsletter is published for the benefit of the 4,500 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 submissions for length, clarity and style. The Newsletter content does not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the council of Professional Engineers Ontario, nor does the association assume responsibility for the opinion expressed.

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Coming Events/Calendar

- **February 22 - AGM (see page 3)**
- **April - Wind Turbine, OPG Tour**
- **June - Niagara Falls Picnic**
- **March - GM/Ford Plant Tour**
- **May - Honda Plant Tour**
- **July - Canada's Wonderland Outing**

Contact Hari Patel Email: hari.patel@peoyork.com 905-475-0122, ext.503 for details. Or visit www.peoyork.com for update



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 (NEW) 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 to demonstrate real-life applications of engineering. Founded in 1992, National Engineering Week is supported by Industry organizations, engineering societies, universities, governments agencies and professional associations representing over 200,000 professional engineers, technologists, and technicians.

The York Chapter main National Engineering Week event will be the Grade 7/8 design challenge. The main objective will be to design and build models of portable bridges that can be used to cross crevasses in the arctic ice pack. We are expecting an increased turnout this year, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to inspire more students to consider a career in science and engineering. We are looking for corporate sponsors of the event to cover the cost of prizes and refreshments. The budget for prizes are \$250 for first prize, \$200 for second prize and \$150 for third prize. Assistance in funding the refreshments would also be appreciated as well. We will also be looking for judges. Students at this grade level do not know that things cannot be done, so they frequently think "outside the box" and come up with designs that the engineers in attendance have not thought of. It is a real eye opener. The design challenge is schedule for Thursday, Feb. 25, 2003 at Sir William Mulock Secondary School in Newmarket, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

To help support or get involved in this chapter event, please contact Jeff Mark at jeff.mark@peoyork.com, 905-836-4410 For further information about National Engineering Week visit www.engineeringweek.on.ca or contact Andrea Vecera at avecera@ospe.on.ca, 416-223-9961



Tareq Abdel-Missih (middle) explaining hybrid vehicle technology at Toyota Hybrid Vehicle Tour



Presentation at the Infrared Thermography Seminar at the Richmond Hill Central Library



Hari Patel winning a door prize at the Christmas Social. L-R: Jennifer Neate, Hari Patel, Joan Lam



Mr. & Mrs. Schindler (front) and Mr. & Mrs. Nejat (back) dancing at the Christmas Social