



# Chapter News

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Susan Treki, our Education Director for the past few years, is also resigning to devote more time to her growing family. We wish them both good luck and smooth sailing in their future endeavours. However, we now have 3 executive positions to be filled. If you would like to join the executive, please let me know.

I attended the most recent licence presentations at Simcoe-Muskoka & Scarborough Chapters. It is interesting to find one of the big differences is in the number of new licences presented. Simcoe-Muskoka had 4 new P.Eng.'s and Scarborough had about 30.

The Niagara wine tour this fall was a joint event with Scarborough. It was very successful and the two executives have been considering how we might run other joint events.

There are several candidates running for PEO offices this winter. Please take time to review their qualifications and platforms and vote for the candidate of your choice.

*Jeff Mark, P.Eng., York Chapter Chair*



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## Update

On November 1, 2004, OSPE held the "Engineering the Healthy City" conference in Toronto. Premier Dalton McGuinty stated the critical role of professional engineers in shaping vibrant, healthy urban environments. OSPE co-hosted with PEO the Professional Engineers Award on November 20, 2004. For more details, visit [www.ospe.on.ca](http://www.ospe.on.ca)



Winery Tour participants at Jackson-Triggs



Jeff Mark, Denis Carlos, & our host at Stonechurch



Kam Leong (right) at Magnotta Winery

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## Chair's Message

I have good news and bad news. Firstly, I have been nominated to run for East Central Region Councillor and will step down as Chair at the AGM in February 2005. Ed Poon has agreed to step into the Chair's position. Afsar Javaheri is busy with a new business, so she will resign from the executive at the AGM.

## Niagara Wineries Tour

This was our 3rd annual Niagara Wineries Tour, on November 6, 2004. This time was even more exciting as we held it jointly with the Scarborough Chapter. Around 50 professional engineers, their family and friends participated. We rode on a luxury charter bus, reminiscing schooling time. By popular demand, our first stop is the famous Stonechurch winery, where we learned about the art of wine tasting. Then, we traveled to the Niagara-on-the-lake, and followed with an hour of free time and lunch.

Members enjoyed the walk and site seeing. After a short lunch, we visited two big and modern wineries: Jackson-Triggs, and Magnotta. We had more wine tasting, and learned about the techniques of wine-making. Many of us returned with their favorite wines.

Please visit our website <http://www.peoyork.com> for pictures.

*Haoxuan (Sarah) Jin, P.Eng.*

## Congratulations and Welcome!

The Fall certificate presentation was held on October 9, 2004 at the Presidente Banquet Hall, Concord. The event was combined with a dinner and networking. In addition to family and friends the ceremony included special guests: Ron Sparrow and Bob Scott. Please join us in welcoming the new P.Eng. members to the York Chapter (see [www.peoyork.com](http://www.peoyork.com) for update):



Fausto Catalino Bartra Munoz, John Ziyang Jiang, Majid Kazemi, Niranjana Suresh Kulkarni, Lubomir Hristov Sevov, Yongmin An, Dipannweeta Banerjee, Thiru Murugappan, Najibullah Maliyar, Frank Leber Martin, Ida Diane Lamanna, Kwun Yi Agnes Ho, Kai Cheung Wong, Iulian Danut Radu, Benjamin Fraser Powell, Narendrakumar Prathapan, Brain David Titherington, Xiaoping Niu, Karl Lok Fung, Eric Hammerling, Sungkwon Kwak, Hung Wai Leung, Jack Zhang Deng, Safarali Rezazadeh, Ivan Filidor Arriagada, Murugesu Thangavelautham, Wing Tak Cheng, Nitin Anand, Colin Ross, and Annette Fung.

## 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 operating the 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 events/functions. Additional time commitment will vary upon the particular role/function of each position.

**Article 4** of the Chapter by-laws is as follows:

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 those properly nominated shall be proposed by the nominating committee for presentation at 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 Remon Shekeib 905-948-3903, [remon.shekeib@peoyork.com](mailto:remon.shekeib@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 **January 21, 2005**. All York members are encouraged to attend and partake in the election process.

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John Schindler, P. Eng.  
Nominating Committee  
P.O. Box 186  
7305 Woodbine Avenue  
Markham, Ontario L3R 3V7

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February 12, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel, Markham at 6:30 p.m. (see page 3).

## Honda Plant Tours

By popular demand, 2 Honda Plant Tours were held on Oct. 12, and Nov. 9, with over 60 people. See feedbacks below: "Our Honda Plant tour was quite fascinating and informative. Thank you!" - *Shabriar Ghiasi, P.Eng., Ontario Power.*

"Thanks for organizing the Honda plant tour, it is an eye opening experience!" - *Dennis Ko, P. Eng.*

"Thanks for the Honda plant tour. It was very interesting and convenient too." - *Bill Palmer, P. Eng. Cheminfo Services Inc.*

"Thanks to all who organized the tour. It was my first trip on a school bus! ... I found the Alliston plant 1 was unique in term of its people and its final assembly line. I learned something from the trip. I'm looking forward to the next trip." - *Denny Cheng, P.Eng. Advanced Engineering - I.S. Autoliv Electronics Canada.*



Participants of the Honda Plant Tours





# Annual General Meeting

*Saturday, February 12, 2005*

*Radisson Hotel*

55 East Valhalla Drive, Markham (Hwy 7 & Hwy 404). Tel. 1-800-333-3333



**A special event for members, families & friends  
to meet and enjoy a fun-filled evening  
AGM includes Licence Presentation Ceremony**

Reception & AGM 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 January 21, 2005

\$50 per person after January 21, 2005

Includes dinner, wine, door prizes, and entertainment



**Cheque/money order, payable to "Professional Engineers Ontario York Chapter" must be received by Monday, January 31, 2005 at: York Chapter, PEO, P.O. Box 186, 7305 Woodbine Avenue., Markham, ON L3R 3V7  
Contact Sarah Jin at [sarah.jin@peoyork.com](mailto:sarah.jin@peoyork.com) for further information.** Tickets will be held for you at the door.

## York Chapter AGM - Saturday, February 12, 2005 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) and/or \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian(s), \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 (by Jan. 21), \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 (after Jan.21)

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$\_\_\_\_\_. Please contact me to confirm my order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

## Successful Career Interactive Workshop

*For Engineers seeking or holding intermediate engineering positions*

*Sunday, January 16, 2005, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.*

**Speaker: Matthew Xie P.Eng., MBA**

**Benefits:** • Interactive approach to solve personal career challenges

(Email to [matthew.xie@peoyork.com](mailto:matthew.xie@peoyork.com) your brief career situation by January 3, 2005 for review)

- Written career advice and personal career consultation
- Successful and proven career advancement model
- Excellent networking opportunity leading to job opportunity

**Cost:** \$30 per person - paid by January 10, 2005

Mail your cheque, payable to "Professional Engineers Ontario York Chapter"

P.O. Box 186, 7305 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario L3R 3V7

**Place:** Activity Room #2 & 3, Angus Glen Community Centre

3990 Major MacKenzie Drive East, Markham, L6C 1P8

(NE corner of Major MacKenzie & Warden Ave.)

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Speaker: Matthew Xie

*Seats are limited! Register today! Visit [www.peoyork.com](http://www.peoyork.com) for information update.*



## Professional Engineers Ontario

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## Coming Events/Calendar 2005

- **January 16 - Career Workshop**(see page 3)
- **February 12 - AGM** (see page 3)
- **Small Business Seminars**  
Hosted by Markham Small Business Enterprise Centre  
Sponsored by PEO York Chapter  
Pre-registration Required.  
Date and Time to be determined.
- **Ignite your business through dynamite marketing**
- **Small business taxation and cash flow strategies**
- **Introduction to entrepreneurship**
- **Networking that works**

Contact Sarah Jin for details Email: [sarah.jin@peoyork.com](mailto:sarah.jin@peoyork.com). Or visit [www.peoyork.com](http://www.peoyork.com) for update

## Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) Designation?

I believe that a P. Eng. Designation gives me some distinct advantages: - recognition from society, a perceived image of honesty and integrity, a sense of achievement, belonging to a fine group of people, and the privilege to work with other P. Eng. to serve the public and society.

A good professional engineer must be a person with good character. He or she needs to constantly upgrade in his or her chosen field and understand the ever-changing political and economic environment. I hope that all my fellow professional engineers continue to enrich the meaning and privilege of our self-regulated profession before sharing the fruit of our hard labour.

*Matthew Xie P.Eng. Treasure, PEO York Chapter*

## York Chapter Email List Subscription Continues to Climb!

The PEO list server was established in 2003, to provide the Chapters with the ability to better manage member electronic contact information, and to allow an efficient and cost effective mode for communication of news and upcoming events. On start-up, however, the database was populated with only 15% of our members' email addresses. Over the past year, we have been working diligently to increase our subscription to the electronic mailing list.

You may have been contacted recently by our hardworking student volunteer Jennifer Chong, from the Yorkland School, asking for your updated contact information. Jennifer's efforts have allowed us to verify the email addresses of over 1000 of our members, and add many more to our list. We are now able to reach 53% of our members by email, a vast improvement from the 15% in 2003!

With every new and updated subscription, we reduce our paper mailing costs, and provide you with up-to-date information on all our exciting activities! Use of the mailing list is restricted to PEO and the chapter executive, and you may unsubscribe at any time.

If you are not on our list, or would like to update your information, please feel free to contact Jennifer Neate, Electronic Communication Director, at [jennifer.neate@peoyork.com](mailto:jennifer.neate@peoyork.com).



Congratulations to all our new Professional Engineers attending the Autumn Licence Presentation on October 9, 2004. See above samples.