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Ed Poon (left) thanks Janet M. Potter for her "Connecting Profit to Projects" presentation

Chair's Message



The Chapter Leaders Conference was one of the best that I have attended. Separate groups broke out to debate their respective issues, resulting in many lively discussions where everyone could have a say. At the end, all groups gathered together to share the results of their respective discussions. Everyone received five votes, which you could distribute amongst the issues any way you wanted. The votes were used to indicate the consensus on the importance of the issues. The results were to be considered by the Regional Councilors Committee who shall pass on the issues to Council.

The PEO Annual General Meeting went as has the previous ones that I have attended. Issues were raised, voted on and passed quickly. It was very efficient but did not lend itself to a lot of debate.

The East Central Region Congress was attended by Ed Poon and myself on June 22, 2004. The Regional Councilors Committee recommended the Roles and Responsibilities for Chapters, indicating that "PEO Chapters are the local presence for Professional Engineers Ontario and are tasked with the responsibilities of assisting PEO in meeting the objectives of the PEO Organization." I have the complete document available upon request. Council also approved the realignment of York Chapter's boundaries to the boundaries of York Region. We lose about two hundred members to Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter, and to Lake Ontario Chapter.

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Update

At the OPSE AGM on May 29 in Carlisle, Ontario, the 2004-05 Board of Directors officially took office. One of the newly elected Director, Peter DeVita is a member of our York Chapter. OSPE appointed the new CEO, Sharon Glover. She is a leading public affairs specialist with extensive experience in public, private and not-for-profit sectors. For more details, log on to www.ospe.on.ca



Recipient Christos Pascos (right) & families



Recipient Chi Pui Lee (right) & partner



Recipient Ernest Henry Mileta (left) & partner



Recipient Adam DeVita (centre) receiving certificate from his father Peter DeVita (right)



Congratulations and Welcome!

The Chapter Certificates Presentation was held on June 12, 2004, at Markham Golf and Country Club. Over 70 members, guests, families and friends attended the meeting and the dinner. Our guest, Janet M. Porter, M.Eng., PMP, presented a motivational speech on "Connecting Profit to Projects". Peter Devita also made an inspirational speech to the certificate recipients.

It was a fun-filled evening with the Spring certificate presentation ceremony. A total of 21 new P.Eng. members received their certificates. Please join us in welcoming the new members to the York Chapter.

Afsar Javaheri, and Kam Leong



Certificate Presentation Recipients: Andrie Pravet, Jessica Sun, Neil Roshanand Anandarajah; Kings Wong, Joy Jing Yu Yang, Tommy Ka-Keung Sin, Christos Pascos, Hin Fai Haven Law, Engy Azouz, Wilson Louise Tam, Bodea Andrian, Edward Li, Dereje Fantaye Aboye, David Dembski, Adam David Devita, Mark Sungling Liang, Ernest Henry Mileta, Mohamed Hubail Ajward, Chi Pui Lee, Mohammad Vaziri.

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Starting 2004, PEO deployed a new funding formula for allotments to Chapters. It is no longer based on a fixed amount for each membership in the Chapter, but strictly based on the activities of the Chapters. We submitted our Chapter's business plan to PEO by November 2003, requesting for \$107,110. We were surprised that our 2 Regional Councillors only allotted us \$17,644 without adequate explanation.

Effects of budget cut are reflected in the following cost-cutting measures:

1. Cut out one paper issue of the newsletters (publish the summer issue electronically)
2. Program events aiming at break-even costing
3. Eliminate ancillary costs for our Internet website
4. No training for our executive

The total reduction in net expenditures will be about \$5,500 for this year. Our reserves will be reduced to about \$19,500, or about 58% of our spending, while PEO requires reserves of over 70%. We will submit our 2005 business plan by September 2004 and PEO advised we will know about our allotment for 2005, by December 31, 2004.

Niagara Winery Tour-Nov. 6

Join us for a guided tour of 3 Niagara wineries: Stonechurch, Jackson-Triggs, & Magnotta, with structured tasting featuring 3 wines at each winery, with stop at Niagara-on-the-lake for lunch.

Saturday, November 6, 2004

Limited seating. Families and friends are welcome.

Cost: \$25/person

(includes transportation, tour, and wine tasting)

Departure: 8:00 am sharp. Hillcrest Mall, Yonge & Carville, Richmond Hill. **Return:** 7:30 pm

Payment: Cheque/Money Order must be received by October 22, 2004, payable to: Profession Engineers Ontario, York Chapter P.O. Box 186, 7305 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON L3R 3V7

Contacts: Please reserve your seats by email to sarah.jin@peoyork.com indicating the following:

I would like to reserve _____ seats (max. 2 per member) I have enclosed cheque/money order for \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

FIRST ROBOTICS MENTORS WANTED!!!



Members with project management and/or product development skills are invited to volunteer as mentors to the High School students in building a robot to participate in the FIRST Robotics Contest 2005.

Preparation take place in January - February 2005, for about 6 weeks, with scheduling entirely between the mentors and the students.

For further information of the FIRST Robotics contest visit www.usfirst.org, or email susan.treki@peoyork.com

North Tech Fair 2004

North Tech Fair was held on April 23, 2004 at Denne Public School in Newmarket.



Chapter's Education Committee was presented by Mira, Jeff, Neb, Jim, Nervat, Nashat, and Susan. Alexander Mackenzie High School accepted our invitation to display their robot that took part in the Canadian FIRST Robotics Contest. Thanks to Frank Heijmans (teacher) and students Husain Master, David Adams, and Jamison Jiangrande. Around 700 students, teachers and parents participated, and saw the technological innovation including K'nex structures, robotic gadgets, and computer applications.

Susan Treki P. Eng.



Dinner/Certificate Presentation

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Presidente Banquet Hall

1133 Creditstone Road, Concord (northeast corner of Langstaff Road & Jane Street)

Tel: 905-736-6820

**A special event for members, families & friends
to meet and enjoy a served dinner,
and certificates presentation**



Reception: 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Certificate Presentation: 8:30 p.m.



\$35 per person (early bird) by September 17, 2004

\$40 per person after September 17, 2004

Includes dinner, wine, and entertainment

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

Cheque/money order must be received, by Friday, October 1, 2004 at:

York Chapter, PEO, P.O. Box 186 7305 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON L3R 3V7

**For further information, please contact Afsar Javaheri at
afsar.javaheri@peoyork.com**

Tickets will be held for you at the door.

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York Chapter Dinner/Certificate Presentation - Saturday, October 9, 2004 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: _____ ticket(s),
_____ \$35 (by Sept. 17) _____ \$40 (after Sept. 17)

Food choice: Chicken & Beef _____ /Vegetarian _____

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____



Professional Engineers Ontario

This newsletter is published for the benefit of the 4,600 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*

- Sept. 02 -Project your Professional Image
- Oct. - Honda Plant Tour in Alliston
- Oct. 09 - Certificate Presentation (see Page 3)
- Nov. 06 - Niagara Winery Tour

*Contact Sarah Jin by email: sarah.jin@peoyork.com for details. Or visit www.peoyork.com for update

How to Project a Professional Image -Sept.2

Come and learn more about how to project your best professional image to your clients in business. Bob Scott will show you the techniques to present your recommendations and get them implemented, to both your internal and external clients.

Place: Leuschner Room, Bayview Hill Community Centre (Spadina Ave & 16th Ave.)

Date: September 2, 2004

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: Free

Speaker: Bob Scott

Contact: Sarah Jin for reservation by email sarah.jin@peoyork.com

Honda Plant Tour - October

By popular demand, come join York Chapter's special tour of Honda of Canada Manufacturing Plant, 4700 Tottenham Road, Alliston ON. Seats are limited, reserve your seats as early as possible.

Date: October 2004 (date to be determined, check website for update)

Time: Afternoon or night tour

Departure: By bus at Hillcrest Mall (Bay Store), Yonge & 16th Ave.

Fee: \$15 per person (including transportation and refreshment)

Contact: Sarah Jin for reservation by email sarah.jin@peoyork.com

Payment: Cheque/Money Order received by October 15, 2004 to Professional Engineers Ontario -York Chapter

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

More pictures of our Certificate Presentation:



Afsar Javaheri, PEO York Chapter Program Executive



Recipient Hin Fai Haven Law (left) and his father, Mr. Law



Recipient Jessica Sun (left) & Kam Leong (Certificate Director, PEO York Chapter)



Recipient Dereje Fantaye Aboye (left) & partner



Recipient Andrie Pravet (right) & partner

Electronic Distribution of Newsletter!!!

Member subscription to York Chapter email list has been climbing steadily since October 2003, when it was first introduced by the PEO. We now have over 1,500 email contact addresses for York Chapter! This has allowed us to provide our members with timely notification of Chapter news, and upcoming events with updates. As a result of our budget cut, we have resorted to deliver the summer issue of our newsletter electronically.

Please let us know your contact email address, if you have not done so, and notify us of any changes in your contact emails in order to keep our email database current. Use of the mailing list is restricted to Chapter executive and PEO Head Office, and you may unsubscribe at any time.

Please send your email addresses to Jennifer Neate by email at jennifer.heate@peoyork.com



Recipient Engy Azouz (right) & partner



Recipient David Dembski (left) & partner



(left-right) Thomas Chong, Sandra Tam (Markham Small Business), & Peter DeVita