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Chair's Message

It has been proposed to change the York Chapter boundaries to confirm with the boundary of the York Region, and transfer those members residing in Simco County to the Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter and those in Durham Region to the Lake Ontario Chapter.

This change would affect about 300 members, out of a total of about 4800 members. The above two other chapters have agreed to the transfer. If you are affected by this change, please let me know as soon as possible. If there is no great objection, then we will pass a motion at our AGM in February to request the PEO to change the boundaries.

The PEO Engineers' Foundation needs your donations. The Foundation has been around for 44 years and quietly going about its business of assisting the education of professional engineers, primarily through providing scholarships to engineering students in Ontario. Another reason to donate is for a new scholarship for an outstanding engineering student volunteer with Engineers Without Borders. EWB helps people in developing countries gain access to the technology needed to improve their lives. Donations are tax deductible and can be made on the Foundation website www.penged.on.ca

Jeff Mark, P.Eng., York Chapter Chair



Jeff Mark at the scenic Stonechurch vineyards



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Update

Membership survey in September 2003 indicated that the majority of respondents assigned top priority to advocacy and promoting the image of engineering profession in Ontario. Also high on the list were professional development opportunities and representation of concerns of Professional Engineers to PEO.



Winery Tour participants at Harbour Estates



Sarah Jin (right) at Magnotta Winery

Niagara Wineries Tour

On November 1, 2003, 23 engineers with spouses and friends joined York Chapter 2nd annual Niagara Wineries tour. First stopped was Stonechurch (www.stonechurch.com) to learn about the art of wine tasting. After lunch in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we visited Harbour Estates Winery (www.hewwine.com), a family-owned winery in Jordan Harbour. We learned about the technique of wine making, and tasted samples of their exotic wines.

Then we toured the Magnotta Beamsville (www.magnotta.com) to learn about modern wine-making technology with complimentary wine tasting. At twilight we dined at Eastdell Estates (www.eastdell.com). We sampled their best brand: Black Cab; and enjoyed the regional cuisines paired with Eastdell wines.

Another Winery Tour has been planned for next fall.

Haoxuan (Sarah) Jin, P.Eng.



Congratulations and Welcome!

The Fall certificate presentation was held on October 25, 2003 at the Markham Golf & Country Club. The event was combined with a dinner and networking. In addition to family and friends the ceremony included special guest Danish Ahmed. Please join us in welcoming the new P.Eng. members to the York Chapter (see www.peoyork.com for update):



Ahamparam Vignarajah, Alex Breido, Antonia Iuhas, Ashoke Madhav Bhide, Babak Abdollahi, Bernd Gentemann, Chandra Sekaran Suresh, Christian Sean Johnson, Donald Brian Frahm, Eric Hammerling, Gabriel Woo, Gavin John Desouza, Guennadi Valentynovych Moussienko, Gun-Tung Siu, Herman Warren Colquhoun, Ingrid Hannelore Sylvestre, Jennifer Elizabeth Neate, Jose Rafael Hernandez, Karen Anne Walker, Kenneth Kit-Man Tsang, Mario Alejandro Orbeagozo, Marius Ivan, Masumeh Javaher Manesh, Mehrdad Danesh, Michael Eslamian, Micol Mihaila, Mohammad Reza Emani, Monica Jain, Nikolas John Lysenko, Panayiotis Pilateris, Renee Simone Chong, Rodica Nitu, Saeed Molai Shargh, Shane Sadigh Tehrani, Simon Chan, Steve Magirias, Susanne Chan, Veljko Gasic, Victor Bronfenbrenner, Zaheer Mustafa Khalfan

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 and 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.

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 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 Remon Shekeib 416-393-3995, 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 30, 2004. 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
10660 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 4H0

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February 7th, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel, Markham at 6:30 pm.

Toyota Plant Tour

On November 18, 2003, 23 engineers joined the York Chapter Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada (TMMC) Plant Tour, located in Cambridge.

It started with a video presentation of the tour with safety information and Toyota Kaisen (continuous improvement) methodology. Then we rode on three motorized

vehicles embarking on adventurous tour of its production shops including the power train, stamping, body welding, and final assembly operations. TMMC was opened on May 26, 1989 It now manufactures Corolla, Matrix and the 2004 Lexus RX330, which is the first Lexus ever to be built outside Japan. The current capacity has reached 250,000 cars per year. Everybody was happy about the tour, and learned about the Kaisen principle.

Haoxuan (Sarah) Jun P.Eng.



Participants of the Toyota Plant tour



Annual General Meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2004

AGM and Certificates Presentation

Radisson Hotel

55 East Valhalla Drive, Markham. Tel. 1-800-333-3333
(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.

\$40 per person (early bird) by January 29, 2004

\$45 per person after January 29, 2004

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 Monday, February 2, 2004 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, 905-479-5550

Tickets will be held for you at the door.

Cut along here

York Chapter AGM - Saturday, February 7, 2004 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: _____ ticket(s), and/or _____ vegetarian(s)
_____ \$40 (by Jan. 29) _____ \$45 (after Jan.29)

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

Please contact me to confirm my order.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____





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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.

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Coming Events/Calendar

• February 7 - AGM (see page 3)

• March - Recruitment Seminar

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

To Be or Not to Be a P.Eng.? - An Essay Contest!!

York Chapter would like to promote the professional pride of becoming a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) by holding an essay contest:

Essay title: What does the designation of Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) mean and benefit me?

Prize: Three Cash prizes (\$250, \$200, and \$150) with complimentary dinner pass to the 2004 York Chapter AGM

Open to: Members of the PEO York Chapter **Length:** 600 to 800 words

Deadline: Monday, February 2, 2004

Award date: York Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM), February 7, 2004

Format: Microsoft Word document

Submission: Email your electronic essay to matthew.xie@peoyork.com

Contact: Matthew Xie 905-879-0500 Ext. 260

Considerations:

- Why do engineers apply for the P.Eng. designation?
- Are engineers pressured by seeking recognition from colleagues, employers, or customers?
- Does a P.Eng. imply a better paid job, or step for climbing up the corporate ladder?
- Does a P.Eng. designation represent more accountability to public interests?
- What would you do to enrich the meaning of the P.Eng. title? -Your real life story and benefits accrued with P.Eng. designation.

Subscribe to PEO Email List for free & efficient communication

PEO has implemented a list server to manage the member email addresses. The PEO Mailing List is intended to provide timely notification of chapter activities and information as an alternative to hard copy notices and newsletters. Use of the mailing list is restricted to Chapter Executives and PEO's Head Office. The list is designed to provide anonymity and security to its subscribers and you may unsubscribe at any time. Every subscriber helps reduce the chapter's printing and mailing costs, so that we can allocate funds to other projects.

On September 23, 2003, PEO sent an email invitation to subscribe to all chapter members for whom there is an email address on file. To date, on average, only about half those sent the invitation have subscribed. We need to maximize our capture rate. Please provide your email address and subscribe at your earliest opportunity.

It's simple. Just send an email to: jennifer.neate@peoyork.com

Please take this opportunity to notify PEO your updated emails and new email addresses. We know you value your privacy, but please be assured that the PEO Chapter Mailing List are secured and used only for chapter and PEO business.



(Right) Jeff Mark presenting the P.Eng. certificate to Jennifer Neate



Motley crew of York Chapter Executive at Christmas gathering



(Right) Bill Hui (PEO HQ), Tilda Hui, and Lily Yan at Eastdell



I-Cheng Chen with 2004 Lexus RX330 at Toyota Plant Tour