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Chair's Message



The Chapter held a very successful Annual General Meeting on February 12, 2005. Congratulations to Edgar, Gerry, Mervat and Kamlesh, who joined the Chapter Executive. As the new Chair of the York Chapter, a brief introduction of myself is appropriate. I am a graduate of McMaster University and University of Toronto and a Civil Engineer by profession. I started with the York Chapter back in 1999 with the curiosity of finding out what PEO Chapter is all about. For the past 6 years, I have held various positions with York Chapter.

There are challenges lying ahead of us due to PEO recent introduction of the Privacy Policy and the new formula for funding allotment to Chapters. A new initiative by PEO is the retention of the Communication consultant, Brown & Cohen, to help train spokespersons to engage and educate Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) about PEO self-regulatory mandate. Communication with government is urgently needed to prevent problematic legislation, like Bill 124 and Brownfields, which impose external certification measures on engineering practices undermining the regulatory authority of the Professional Engineers Act.

One of my goals as Chair is to invite partnership with engineering firms in York Region to support our Chapter events. This will encourage our members to participate more actively in Chapter functions and create an opportunity for networking with potential employers.

We have an active Program Committee and Education Committee, and welcome volunteers to help out for various events. All in all, it will be an exciting year ahead for the York Chapter. If you would like to volunteer for any event or learn more about what we do, contact me at edward.poon@peoyork.com or any of our Chapter executives listed in this newsletter.

Ed Poon, P.Eng., Chair



(L-R) Matthew Xie, Ed Poon, Peter DeVita, Remon Shekeib at PEO AGM



(L-R) Pinsuda Pittayanon, Ivan Lamotchkin at AGM



(R-L) Mr. & Mrs. Sergey Gostyuzhev at AGM



(L-R) Mr. & Mrs. Marius Gheorghe at AGM



Congratulations and Welcome!

The Chapter Annual General Meeting was held on February 12, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel, Richmond Hill. New Executives for 2005 - 2006 were elected. Past Chair, John Schindler, P.Eng. thanked all executives for the hard work they put in to produce another year of well-organized events and wished every success for the new executives. Over 120 members, guests, families and friends attended the meeting and the dinner. Among our guests were Kim Allen P.Eng., CEO and Registrar, PEO; Peter DeVita, P.Eng., and Bryon Wilfert, MP Oak Ridges. It was a fun-filled evening with lucky draw and dancing to the music of our own choice.

The event was combined with the Winter Certificate Presentation Ceremony. A total of 49 new P.Eng. members received their certificates at the AGM. Please join us in welcoming the new members to the York Chapter.



Certificate Presentation Recipients: Nashat Andraws, Shari May Carlaw, Susanne Chan, Yen-Ming Chen, Ricardo DiStefano, Micea Dreve, Evan Hopkins, Richard Huynh, Herve Lacheray, Johnny KaKi Lai, Ka Mam Lam, Wai Ling Lau, Xiaodong Liu, Edgar Martinez, Liviu Medrea, Salim Ianyatali Alibhai, Simon David Aspinwall, Sezgin Atar, Ashraf Rassem Bedwani, Aliakbar Boozari-Moghaddam, Peter James Elliott Brosz, Errol Erman Cerit, Renee Simone Chong, Ping Kin Chow, Joseph Csermak, Ashok Mangubhai Dave, Atanas Deliivanov, Kevin Duong, Mohammad Ehsani, Bosco Javier Escobar, Alexy Gamaley, Bernd Gentemann, Marius Gheorghe, Sergey Gostyuzhev, Abdulrazaq Olatunbosun Haruna, Baine Johns, Vahid Tabatabaei Khorasgani, Ivan Valentinovitch Lamotchkin, Rajeev Leekha, Kin Yee Leung, Richard (Qi) Li, Steven Liu, Victor Maksimischin, Edwar Adeib Metri, Christy Ann Michalak, Joseph Victor Michel, Arvin Louie Ocampo, Samuel Lek-Heng Ooi, John Anthony Pereira, Fanche Petkovski, Pinsuda Pittayanon, Mani Rajendran, Llie Rastoaca, Sujatha Sivarajah, Dikla Tamari-Shatil, Raouf Tarbiat, Belal Ahmed Tassi, Hessam Vakilalroayaci, Xiao Yang, Xiaogang Justin Yao, Allan Yeung, Ho Chung Yin, Alex Zaitchenko, Jian ZhuangSeunghyeong Nah, Andre Nemat, Lisa Robbens, Konstantin Rybalko, Ahmad Taemiriosgouee, Minh Tat, Razvan Vidican, Tonny Wong, EricYeung, Sima Zandi, Yunzhen Zhou, Lisa Zografos.

Regional Councillor Report

I have returned from the Annual General Meeting where I was installed as Junior Councillor on the Saturday. The vote for Regional Councillor was 1142 for Santosh Gupta and 1574 for myself. Many thanks for those who voted for me. The first Regional Councillor Committee (RCC) meeting was held in the afternoon. The RCC elected Diane Freeman as the Chair of the Committee and Seimer Tsang as Vice Chair. At the first council meeting, the council appointed Diane Freeman as Council elected Vice President to sit on the Executive Committee. Next we elected Nancy Hill, an LGA, and Richard Welden to sit on the Executive Committee as well.

I called my first East Central Region chapter executive on the Friday before I took office. East Central Regional Congresses took place in week-nights in past years at PEO headquarters. For security reason, meetings have to be done by 10:00 pm. Consequently, not all of the issues get discussed and those from Simcoe-Muskoka and Lake Ontario chapters face a long drive home at night. We discussed to reschedule the next ECRC to a Saturday, pending approval by RCC, so that we could have enough time to complete an agenda. The current date being considered for the meeting is June 18th. *Jeff Mark, P.Eng., Junior Councillor*

Design Challenge 2005

Design Challenge, for Grades 7/9 was hosted at Newmarket High School by the Education Committee on March 4, 2005 as part of National Engineering Week. It involved the design and construction of a 500mL container to keep a liquid as cold as possible with minimum packaging and material cost requirements. Thirteen teams participated from Public and Separate Schools. Judges included: Mars Block and Dennis McGowan from Ministry of Education, Imran Naseer of TetraPak, Travis Brown of Cansult Group, Joe Ciccone CET of Wirecomm, David Nyamby, EIT, PEO York Chapter.

Thanks to our corporate sponsors: Pizza Pizza, Marshall Macklin Monaghan, MacGregor-Alsop, Wirecomm, TetraPak, En-Safe, Cansult Group, and Mark Engineering. 1st place went to Crossland Public School, 2nd place to Blessed John XXIII School, and 3rd place to Lake Wilcox Public School.

Edgar Martinez, P.Eng.





Dinner and Licence Presentation

Saturday, June 11, 2005

Markham Golf & Country Club

9064 Woodbine Avenue, at 16th Ave., Markham Tel. 905-477-7200/7711



A special event for members, families & friends with
Special Guest Speaker: *John Greenough, M.Eng., P.Eng.*
Vice President of LEA Consulting Ltd., on

“Protecting Bridges and Tunnels from Terrorist Elements”

Reception: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Speech: 8:00 p.m. Licence Presentation: 9:00 p.m.

\$35 per person (early bird) by May 26, 2005. \$40 per person after May 26, 2005

Cheque/money order must be received, by Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at:

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

For further information, please contact Sarah Jin at sarah.jin@peoyork.com

York Chapter Dinner/Licence Presentation - Saturday, June 11, 2005 - Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: _____ ticket(s), \$35 each (by May 26) or \$40 each (after May 26)

Food choice: Beef _____ / Filet of Sole _____ / Vegetarian _____

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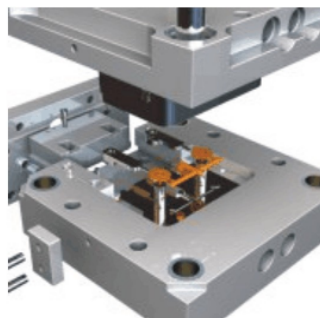
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Coming Events/Calendar

- **May 5*** - Hydro One Control Centre Tour
- **May 19** - Successful E-Business Strategies
- **Jun. 11** - Dinner & Licence Presentation
- **September** - Toyota Plant Tour

Contact Gerry Meade Email: gerryypeoyork@yahoo.ca for details. Or visit www.peoyork.com for update

Hydro One Control Centre Tour - May 5

Join us for a special tour of the new Ontario Grid Control Centre. See how electricity distribution for Ontario functions.

*The tour, originally scheduled for May 5, 2005, has been postponed due to uncertainty caused by the labour dispute at Hydro One.

It will be rescheduled once the labour dispute is over, and new information will be provided at that time.

For more info contact Gerry Meade, P.Eng. gerryypeoyork@yahoo.ca

Successful E-Business Strategy - May 19

Come and learn more about E-Business strategy to improve profitability by extending your working relations with customers. Topics include:

- Today's E-Business trend
- Customer Relation Management
- Enhance profitability via Internet business.

Place: Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd., Markham (NW corner of Warden & Hwy 7)

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2005

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Speaker: Stephen Wong, B.Sc., M.C.S., ESM Group Inc.

Contact: Gerry Meade, P.Eng. gerryypeoyork@yahoo.ca

Program Events

Early this year, PEO York Chapter focused on holding a series of small business seminars. It began with a workshop Career Management / Advancement at Angus Glen Community Center on January 16; followed with Income Tax -Tips & Pitfalls for Small Business on February 23, Introduction to Entrepreneurship on March 17, and Ignite Your Business Through Dynamite Marketing on April 6. An average of 80 people attended each session. The most recent one was on April 20 Benefit of incorporating a Business and its financing Techniques. Over 110 members attended.

Our members benefited from networking with other professionals, getting effective information from very experienced speakers on how to start and maintain a small business from different aspects. Please note our last session of these seminars is Successful E-Business Strategies on Thursday, May 19.

Haoxuan (Sarah) Jin, MBA, P.Eng. Program Director

Keep Up-To-Date with PEO York Website!!

Your website has the most current information on the social and professional development activities sponsored by the chapter. We start with the newsletter that is mailed three times a year, but there is so much more!!! Check the calendar of events regularly.

New events are being planned and added all the time!!!

Review back issues of the newsletter, or minutes of executive meetings.

Enjoy the reports and photo galleries of such events as the winery tours, certificate presentations, and Engineering Week.

Need to reach a member of the chapter executive? The website's Contact Us page has e-mail links to all chapter executive and directors.

www.peoyork.com - no smoke and mirrors, just information of interest and use to the members of York Chapter.

Stephen Norton, P.Eng., PEO York Website Designer



Participants at the R&D Seminar (R-L) Mr.&Mrs. Gordon Ip at AGM Jennifer Neate, her mother at AGM Sarah Jin, BDC speakers, Sandra Tam