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## Chair's Message



Happy Holidays! Year 2006 is now upon us and I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Thanks to our hard working executives, our York Chapter had a rewarding year in 2005. We held 3 Certificate Presentations and officially welcomed 118 newly designated P. Eng. to our family. We organized 15 events including small business workshops, technical seminars, EIT networking meeting and Automotive Plant tours. We produced three newsletters, spring, fall and winter this year. In order to save costs, the fall newsletter was distributed electronically. We will continue to improve our communication with each member through emails.

One of my goals as Chair is to promote the image of engineers by inviting local engineering firms to present their state-of-the-art projects at our Dinner and Licence Presentation ceremonies. The objectives are threefold – firstly, to stimulate the newly licensed engineers to recognize the contributions of engineers to the public and be proud of being an engineer; secondly, to create an opportunity for networking with potential employers; and thirdly, to secure financial support from the engineering firms through their participation. Both LEA Consulting and Halcrow Yolles participated in this endeavor and I thank them for their supports.

Our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on February 18, 2006 at Richmond Hill Country Club. The AGM is a Dinner and Dance event combined with the Spring Certificate Presentation ceremony. New officers and executives will be elected during the business meeting. Remember - you can make a difference by participating, providing feedback or volunteering your time for the Chapter.

In this newsletter, we have provided the websites of the 3 candidates running for the position of East Central Region Councillor 2006. Feel free to check out their election platforms before you vote.

If you want to volunteer for our Chapter, visit our website, www.peoyork.com and contact the respective Committee Directors, or contact me directly through the Chapter email address. *Ed Poon, P.Eng., Chair*



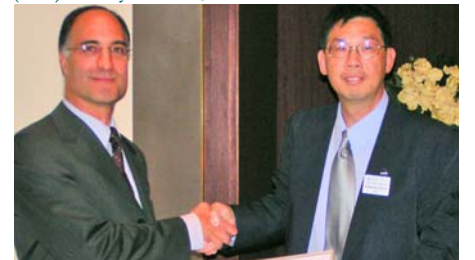
(R-L) Thomas Chong, Jennifer Neate at Fall License Presentation



(R-L) Mr. & Mrs. Behrooz Lotfi-Moghaddam at Fall License Presentation



(R-L) Gerry Meade, Matthew Xie at Fall Presentation



(R-L) Edward Poon, Michael A. Meschino at Fall License Presentation

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## Congratulations and Welcome!

The Chapter License Presentation was held on October 15, 2005 at the Richmond Hill Golf Club. The guest speaker was Michael A. Meschino, P.Eng., of Yolles Partnership Inc., who gave us a very interesting presentation on the design challenges associated with the construction of the new Terminal 1 at Pearson International Airport. We had a total of 87 attendees, and 27 recipients.

Some comments were that the location was great, and that we should consider using this venue again.

I extend my thanks to everyone who helped out, including Sarah Jin and Matthew Xie's 2 fabulous volunteers!

*Jennifer Neate P.Eng. Certificate Director*



Certificate Presentation Recipients: Julia Sacher, Arthur Yan Ho Chan, Mahtab Roshan-Mehr, Alfred Saw, Jamie Wong Chujoy, John DeVries, Chi Ming Lee, Mirko Tripic, Joseph Zaki, Martha Anwar Gulta Beshai, Steven Liu, Dorin Nicolae Ardeleanu, Alireza Malekmoazam, Alexander Kung Kit Wong, Christopher Frank James, Zhi Ke, Mahfuz-ul Alam, Behrooz Lotfi-Moghaddam, Oswin Shun Chun Li, Muhammad Afzal Memon, Tianxin Li, Linlan Deng, Mehrdad Farshchi Tabrizi, Behzad Rahdari, Liliana Constantinescu, Savita Milind Deshpande, Khalid Rauf Qureshi.

## Call For Executive Nominations, Annual General Meeting

The nominating committee of the York Chapter is accepting nominations for the Chapter Directorate. The chapter executives are volunteer members with no remuneration, who donate time and effort to participate in the operations and functions of the chapter. The elected executives are required to attend monthly meetings, and participate in certain events. Additional time commitment will vary upon the particular role of each position. Pertinent sections of the Chapter by-laws are in **Article 4**:

1. The Directorate shall be not less than six members and not more than 12 members. A quorum shall be five.
2. A nominating committee comprised of one member of the current directorate and two 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 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations must bear the signature of two nominators and the nominee, who 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 Kam Leong, kam.leong@peoyork.com

All nominations must be received by the committee two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), at the address below by February 3, 2006. 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 186 7305 Woodbine Avenue  
Markham, Ontario L3R 3V7

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February 18, 2006, at the Richmond Hill Country Club, Richmond Hill at 6:30 pm. See you there!

## 2006 PEO Council Elections - Your VOTE Counts !!!

Your vote is the way you choose your representative in PEO Council. By expressing your choice, you are exercising a democratic right that is key to the democratic process of governing PEO.

York Chapter is represented by the East Central Region Councillor. Three candidates are running for this position. Their names and links to their election websites are shown adjacent. Please check out their biographies, positions and platforms before making your choice.

Election ballots are sent out by January 31. Ballots must be received by the PEO Official Agent no later than February 28, 2006.

See PEO all candidates website below:

[http://www.peo.on.ca/council/2006/Elections2006/Candidate\\_List.htm](http://www.peo.on.ca/council/2006/Elections2006/Candidate_List.htm)

**Remember to vote NOW! Return Ballots to PEO before Feb. 28.**

**East Central Region Councillor candidates websites at time of press**

1. **Thomas Chong** P.Eng (York Chapter)  
Senior Systems Lead, Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care  
<http://ca.geocities.com/chongtom/election.html>  
<http://www.peo.on.ca/council/2006/Elections2006/Chong.htm>
2. **Mark Brys** P.Eng. (Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter)  
Principal, M. Brys Engineering  
<http://www.eng4eng.ca/brys.htm>
3. **Santosh Gupta** P.Eng. (Scarborough Chapter)  
Retired Engineer, HydroOne  
<http://tinyurl.com/a8u58>



# Annual General Meeting

Saturday, February 18, 2006

Richmond Hill Country Club

8905 Bathurst Street, near Hwy 7., Richmond Hill Tel. 905-731-2800



## A special event for members, families & friends Winter Licence Presentation, Dinner and DANCE

Reception: 6:00p.m. Business Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Licence Presentation: 7:30 p.m.  
Dance: 9:30 p.m. till midnight

**\$40 per person (early bird) by February 6, 2006. \$45 per person after February 6, 2006**  
Cheque/money order must be received, by Friday, February 10, 2006 at:  
York Chapter, PEO, P.O. Box 186, 7305 Woodbine Ave., Markham, ON L3R 3V7

For further information, please contact Jennifer Neate at [jennifer.neate@peoyork.com](mailto:jennifer.neate@peoyork.com)

### York Chapter AGM, License Presentation, Dinner & Dance - Saturday, February 18, 2006 -Ticket(s) Order

I would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s), \$40 each (by Feb. 6) or \$45 each (after Feb. 6)

Food choice: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ / Beef \_\_\_\_\_ /Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## Volunteers Needed !!!

York Chapter has some excellent opportunities for you to share your talents and to learn some new ones. We are looking for individuals to join our Education and Program Committees in any of the following areas:

1. Engineer in Classroom program - to teach a class on a specific subject of interest to you.
2. Engineer in Residence - to become a resource for students by working with a teacher or a school for about a day per week during the school year.
3. Education Committee - to work on programs designed to motivate students to study Engineering. The commitment is for a monthly meeting (about 2 hours long) plus occasional participation in events. Contact: Edgar Martinez, Education Committee, [emartinez@bonlalum.com](mailto:emartinez@bonlalum.com)
4. Program Committee - to help plan events of interest to our members such as plant tours, seminars and workshops. The commitment is for a bi-monthly evening meetings, managing and helping at events. Contact Gerry Meade, Program Committee, [gerryypeoyork@yahoo.com](mailto:gerryypeoyork@yahoo.com)
5. Looking for French speaking Engineers to volunteer by giving a 40 minute presentation in French about their career or engineering in general to French schools at the elementary and secondary levels. Contact Mervat Rashwan for more details: [mervat.sil@rogers.com](mailto:mervat.sil@rogers.com)

## OSPE Update

While PEO is the licensing organization representing the interests of the public, OSPE is an advocacy body representing the interests of engineers and acting on their behalf.

For decades, other major professions in Ontario have had two separate bodies - a licensing and regulatory body, which protects the public, and an advocacy body that promotes the interests of their members. In the absence of a similar representation, engineers have fallen behind these professions with respect to remuneration and public recognition.

To fill this void, PEO and the Canadian Society of Professional Engineers created OSPE in 2000. As a recently created organization, OSPE faces an enormous task of changing and improving the public perception of our profession. I encourage every member of our Chapter to make a difference by joining OSPE. You can do it online at [www.ospe.on.ca](http://www.ospe.on.ca)

*John Schindler P.Eng. Past Chair York Chapter  
Member, OSPE Board of Directors*

## Prosper in Turbulent Time Workshop

For Engineers seeking or holding intermediate engineering positions

**Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2006 **Time:** 9:00 am - 12 noon

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

### Benefits:

1. Successful and proven career advancement model
2. Excellent networking leading to job opportunities
3. Enhance in how to deal with cultural differences, emotional intelligence
4. Advance yourself towards your goals

**Cost:** \$35 per person, paid by February 24, 2006

**Place:** Activity Room #2 &3, Angus Glen Community Centre  
3900 Major MacKenzie Dr. E., Markham (at Warden Ave.)

**Contact:** Gerry Meade [gerry.meade@peoyork.com](mailto:gerry.meade@peoyork.com) or  
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## Professional Engineers Ontario

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## Coming Events/Calendar

- Feb. 18 - AGM Dinner & Dance (see Page 3)
  - March 25 - Career Workshop (See Page 3)
  - Small Business Seminars hosted by Markham Small Business Enterprise Centre:  
March -Record Keeping; April -Managing Risk for Small Businesses; May -Networking for Business Success; June -Effective Costing & Pricing
- Contact Gerry Meade Email: [gerrypeoyork@yahoo.ca](mailto:gerrypeoyork@yahoo.ca) for details. Or visit [www.peoyork.com](http://www.peoyork.com) for update



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