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Chair's Message



At the recent Chapter Leaders' Conference and East Central Congress meeting, PEO Council reiterated the important role of the chapters in providing a local presence to engage politicians to promote PEO's self-regulating functions. Each of the 38 chapters was asked to establish a Government Liaison Program Chapter Subcommittee (GLPCS) to oversee the integration of chapter involvement with PEO's consultant Brown & Cohen. Through the GLPCS, the ultimate goal is to recruit a local government spokesperson for each of the 103 ridings in Ontario. York Chapter currently encompasses five ridings. My personal goal is to recruit volunteers as Chapter GLP spokespersons and fill these positions before my term expires next February. For further details, please visit www.peo.on.ca or contact me at edward.poon@peoyork.com.

With our continuous effort to promote the idea of Class of Licensees (see Page 3) and for Chapter succession planning, four recent certificate recipients have come forward as our Class Reps for 2006. They are: Steven Liu, Joey Wang, Lolita Chakravarti and Steven Jiang. They are the contact people for the group of engineers who received their P.Eng. certificates on February 18 and June 17. I have invited them to assist the Executive Board to plan and organize our next Certificate Presentation and Dinner event to be held at Richmond Hill Golf Club on October 21. Welcome aboard!

As I stressed at the June 17 Certificate Presentation ceremony, volunteers run the chapter business. There are two ways you can volunteer to make every chapter event a success. Firstly, by assisting in various committees, such as our Program, Communications, and Education Committees. The chapter offers mentorship and leadership opportunities to those who are interested to support this endeavor. Secondly, by participating in our GLP program. You will have a chance to meet your local

MPPs face to face to present PEO's position statements on specific engineering issues. Imagine the challenges lying ahead!

Our Executive Board is off for the summer break and will resume regular meetings in September. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your family a wonderful and safe summer!

Edward Poon, P.Eng., Chair



(3rd Left) Rossano Garcia Canlas (recipient) and family at Certificate Presentation, June 17



(R-L) Mina Yousef (recipient) and partner, June 17



(R-L) Mohammad-Saeid Bezian (recipient) and partner, June 17



(R-L) Serguei Vorobiev (recipient) and partner, June 17



(L-R) Edward Poon, Mayor William Bell, Bryon Wilfert, MP and Matthew Xie, June 17

Congratulations and Welcome!

Class of Licensees, June 17/06



Certificate Presentation Recipients: Adam Vacca, Alvin Tai-Fan Lam, Andrew L Senior, Azamsadat Dayyan, Chiu Leung Cheung, Colin Gah Keung Cheung, Isaac Bin Ahmed, Jairo Orlando Gonzalez, John Ruggieri, Kenneth Kin-Ming Hui, Lolita Runella Chakravati, Luis Lubecki, Mary-Ann Carboni, Mina Yousef, Mohammad-Saeid Bezian, Mohammadreza Poorazar, Moussa Nahrvar, Newman Kurusumuthu, Pascal Joseph Roland Verdon, Rossano Garcia Canlas, Serguei Vorobiev, Steven Jiang, Steve Oscar George, Thang Quyet Dinh, Walfrey Ng, Wenjun Xie. (Not in any order as the picture)

I also felt that I am an Engineer working for a cause." *Mina Yousef, P.Eng.*
"My dream came true to celebrate my milestone as a Licensed Professional Engineer with you all." *Reza Poorazar P.Eng.*

*Mervat Rashwan, P.Eng.,
Certificate Director*



Left picture - Passing the Torch (L-R) from Ed Poon & Joey Wang to Lolita Chakravarti & Steven Jiang, June 17

The spring Certificate Presentation Ceremony was held on June 17, 2006 at the Radisson Hotel, Markham. Over 82 guests, family and friends attended the ceremony. Richmond Hill Mayor William Bell, Bryon Wilfert, MP, Oak Ridges, and Sandra Tam, Manager of Markham Small Business Enterprise Centre, were our special guests. Jeff Mark and Thomas Chong, our PEO Regional Councillors attended the ceremony. Our guest speaker, Tom Chessell, PEO Volunteers Manager, gave a detailed presentation about volunteering and its impact on helping and serving our profession. The evening included messages from special guests, Chapter Chair, Ed Poon, John Schindler, OSPE Director, our regional Councillors, our usual tables lucky draw and door prizes donated by the York Chapter, Radisson Hotel and Golden Ridge Golf.

The ceremony concluded by certificate presentation to each of the 26 new P.Eng. members, followed by the special moment of passing the torch from the Class of Feb. 18/06 volunteers to the Class of June 17/06 volunteers.

We received from the Class of Jun.17/06: "If I have anything to say about the ceremony in one phrase, it would be as follows: I felt proud, appreciated, and fortunate to be supported by the York Chapter through hosting the ceremony."

Councillors' Corner

At the Chapter Leaders' Conference on April 28, 2006, Scarborough Chapter's Denis Carlos presented the Bridge Building Competition, and Rane Mahalingam the EIT program. Councillors Jeff Mark and Seimer Tsang presented the Chapter Boundary Task Force update with proposed chapter boundaries based on postal codes. Paula Habas of PEO presented the PRISM update. Chapters can now use PRISM for emailing members, posting event calendars, and chapter newsletters.

On May 4, PEO submitted an advisory paper to Ontario Energy Minister Donna Cansfield proposing to undertake a joint Value Analysis project of Ontario's energy conservation challenge. PEO budgeted \$75,000 for this project.

At the recent Regional Councillors Committee (RCC), chapters were encouraged to enhance participation in the regulatory

and licensing activities of PEO. Examples of new opportunities:

1. Government Liaison Program (GLP) at the chapter level
2. Class of Licensees at certificate presentation events
3. Regional Offices at the universities to represent PEO
4. Invigilators for the Professional Practice Exam (ethics and law exam)
5. Mentoring Engineers-in-Training, International engineering graduates
6. Reviewing Engineers-in-Training work reports
7. Academic/Experience Requirements Committee interviewing applicants
8. Discipline and Complaints and enforcement roles at the chapter level
9. Promoting and recruiting engineering students at universities.

The 2007 business plans have been submitted and will be reviewed by the regional councillors, so that the chapters' requirements can be included in the PEO budget process. Since the fees increase was not approved, funds may not be adequate to fulfil everyone's wishes.

*Jeff Mark P.Eng., and Thomas Chong P.Eng.
East Central Region Councillors*



(L-R) Tom Chessell of PEO & Thomas Chong (Councillor), June 17



(R-L) Colin Gah Keung Cheung (recipient) and partner, June 17



(L-R) Reza Poorazar (recipient) and partner, June 17



(L-R) Edgar Martinez and Kam Leong, June 17



(R-L) Thang Quyet Dinh (recipient) and partner, June 17



Class of Licensees Pilot Initiative

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) is committed to achieving improved regulatory and licensing responsibilities of the engineering profession. One current thrust is to enhance member participation by creating the spirit of camaraderie starting from the chapter level. On February 18, 2006, Bob Goodings, the then PEO President, while attending the York Chapter's 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM), was rejuvenated by the energy radiated from the new Professional Engineers receiving their license certificates that night.

Bob Goodings felt the opportunity for the new licence recipients to form a class of their own group. He expressed, "As a focus group of classmates, having the same day experience, might want to create a rapport and a network with each other, to do great things for the group and for the chapter."

On February 19, 2006, Bob emailed Edward Poon, Chair of the York Chapter enunciating the idea of a Licence Presentation Alumni Network Initiative - Class of Licensees Pilot. Henceforth, the seed of this new initiative is sowed forever.

Hitherto, two Classes of Licensees have been created. Two Class Representatives for each Class were chosen:
- Joey Wang and Steven Liu for the Class of February 18, 2006, and
- Lolita Chakravarti and Steven Jiang for the Class of June 17, 2006. Each Class of Licensees forms an alumni network amongst themselves and helps support and coach future new license recipients, who are their junior alumni. This Licence Presentation Alumni Network will expand and flourish. They provide an injection of fresh blood into the chapter infrastructure. They blossom into the driving force of

new engineers, who help shape the future of PEO. The Class of Licensees pilot has started in the York Chapter. The Chapter Chair has committed to establish an action plan and milestones in order to make it happen. It reflects the spirit of camaraderie and cooperation, leadership, mentoring, coaching, networking and self-support. The dynamic force of new professional engineers can contribute to the innovative ideas and real life examples that help shape the engineering profession in the future.

Thomas Chong P.Eng., Regional Councillor



(L-R) Mayor William Bell, Mervat Rashwan, & John Schindler, at Certificate Presentation, June 17

Costing & Pricing Seminar

On June 21, Andrew Patricio provided a combined audience of over 50 York Chapter and Markham Small Business Enterprise members with an entertaining and very informative seminar on Effective Costing and Pricing. "Margins are significantly more important than mark-ups when you are setting your prices" according to Andrew Patricio, Partner BizLaunch.



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OSPE Update

Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is an advocacy body, promoting the interests of engineers. At the last meeting of the OSPE Board of Directors, I was appointed to chair the OSPE Chapter Liaison Committee. The objective of the Committee is to determine and oversee how OSPE and PEO Chapters can work closely together. The members of the committee are as follows: John Clayton, Chair of PEO Brampton Chapter and OSPE Director, Nick Collucci, PEO Councilor, Peter DeVita, Past PEO President and OSPE Director, and Aloudes Sully, Chair of PEO North Toronto Chapter and OSPE Director.

We are open to any suggestions. If you would like to contribute your ideas, email them to me at john@schindler.ca. Enjoy the season and have a great summer!

*John Schindler, M.Sc., P.Eng.
Past Chair - PEO York Chapter, Director - OSPE*

Call for Volunteers!!!

Your chapter offers exciting opportunities for our engineering students, engineers-in-training and P.Engs. to volunteer your talents for the Chapter affairs. You can join our Programs/Events, Education or Communication committees to work on new events, school activities, the newsletter, email and electronic communication. The chapter offers mentorship and leadership opportunities to those interested to take up this challenge. Moreover, you can join our chapter's Government Liaison Program (GLP) Sub-committee. You will have a chance to meet your local politicians face to face to present PEO's positions on engineering issues. Imagine the challenges lying ahead! Don't miss this great networking opportunity! Contact: Ed Poon, Chapter Chair, at edward.poon@peoyork.com.



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This newsletter is published for the benefit of over 5,100 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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Future Events/Calendar

- Oct. 21, 2006 Certificate Presentation at Richmond Hill Golf Club, 8755 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill
- Oct. 25, 2006 EIT Information Night, Room#2&3, Angus Glen Community Center, Markham

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