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Notice of East Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 24, 2016

Location: The Arts and Letters Club of
Toronto, 14 Elm Street, Toronto, ON
M5G 1G7

Time: 6:30 pm Registration, Reception,
Refreshments/Hors D'oeuvres

7:00 pm AGM Call to Order

9:00 pm Adjournment

Registration: Please visit the Chapter
[events page](#) or email easttoronto@peo.on.ca.

You are cordially invited to attend the East Toronto Chapter's 2017 Annual General Meeting on January 24, 2017 at the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto. There is no fee to participate but registration is required to enable us to arrange for catering services.

Seminar: PEO's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan

During the AGM, PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng. will moderate a consultation with chapter members on the association's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. This session is designed to solicit input from chapter members to assist in the development of PEO's next Strategic Plan. PEO's current strategic plan will terminate at the end of 2017 and a new plan is required for the subsequent three-year period.

The 2015-2017 Strategic Plan identified 116 strategies of which 62 have been completed, and 54 are in progress. The majority of these activities are deemed to be "On Track". The strategic objectives were developed through consultation with council, committees, chapters, members, the government and other partners, including a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis of the organization. The strategy

updates have been published in the PEO Executive Report Update 7, Strategic Plan Progress dated September 9, 2016.

The initial draft of 2018-2020 Strategic Plan is expected to be considered by council at its Sept 2017 meeting.

Election of The Board

For more information on board nominations, please see the AGM event page or contact easttoronto@peo.on.ca.

Elections Administrator - Professor Stephen C. Armstrong, P.Eng

Upcoming PEO Elections

PEO Council Candidate nominations are now closed. Voting opens January 20, 2017 and will close on February 24, 2017 at 4pm EST.

Candidates' information is published on the PEO website. All-Candidate Meetings run January 9th, 10th and 11th.

Why Vote for PEO Council?

- Council provides the overall direction for the association and the profession
- Self-regulation of engineering in Ontario is a privilege - not a right
- Ensure self-regulation of our profession protects the public interest and promotes integrity of engineering in Ontario
- In 2016 Council elections, 10 per cent of eligible voters participated

Meet the Candidates

We asked candidates to provide a short message for this newsletter. On the following pages are the names of all candidates on the ballot in the East Toronto Chapter. Only those messages provided by the publication deadline are included. Order of names was drawn randomly.



President-Elect

This is a three-year term on the PEO's Executive Committee; first as president elect, then president, then as past president.

Faizul Mohee, P.Eng.

About me: I won OSPE's President's Young Professional Award in 2014. I now work at Terrestrial Energy (nuclear project) in Oakville as Civil/ Structural Engineer. I earlier worked at HATCH and WSP. I am finishing my PhD at University of Waterloo. I completed my Masters at University of Toronto.

Platform:

- Only candidate who is STRONGLY AGAINST the new CPD or "PEAK" program of PEO.
- Engineering is my PRIMARY OCCUPATION. I believe that someone who is primarily a Practicing Engineer should become the PRESIDENT of Professional ENGINEERS Ontario (PEO).
- It is time for CHANGE and MODERNIZATION in PEO.
- I stand for diversity and inclusivity for our profession.

Darla D.W. Campbell, P.Eng.

Building the Future Together. As President Elect (and your future President), I will focus on effective and transparent governance. I believe in building a sustainable future of self-regulation for our profession. To achieve this, it will be critical to work with our license holders, chapter representatives, fellow Councillors and professional partners including OSPE, OACETT, CEO, Engineers Canada and many others. Together we can deliver a clear message of engineering leadership while serving and protecting the public interest. For more information visit my website at darlacampbell.com or contact me at darla@darlacampbell.com or 416-562-9082. Darla Campbell, P.Eng., chair of PEO's Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

David W. Brown, P.Eng., BDS, C.E.T.

Would you select a President who has not sat on Council for years? Would you select a President who has never sat on Council or would you select a President who through best governance practices has moved up through the board positions from Eastern Regional Councillor to Vice President in just 3 years. Succession planning is a key to good governance not electing a President with an axe to grind or a candidate that has zero Council experience. Ask yourself who the most qualified candidate is for President Elect and then vote with your conscience.

Peter DeVita, MASC, MBA, P.Eng., FEC

Engineers fully understand the issues that face them "on the job". How well does PEO hear these engineers and act on their recommendations? We must empower our members to act – the foundation of a self-directed profession. With over 30 disciplines, our Members face a frustrating challenge connecting to "PEO authority".

I have a proven record of fostering major changes in the past. Experience matters!

With your help we can do it again.

For more of my extensive accomplishments with the profession and vision for our future see: www.devita.com/PEO

Register here for our webcasts to share your views <https://snb.events/events/e4p-candidates-introduction>

Vice President

The vice President is a member of the PEO's Executive Committee.

Nancy E. Hill, P.Eng., LL.B., FEC, FCAE

Our profession is at a crossroads. Our biggest challenge is relevance, with the members, recent graduates and the general public. As a consensus builder I will work to build on our past successes and work towards a bright future. My priorities are:

- Strengthen relevance of PEO;
 - Identify barriers to licensure for both recent graduates and foreign trained engineers;
 - Create leadership opportunities for young professionals and EIT's;
 - Strengthen fiscal accountability in PEO operations; and
 - Support strategic outreach programs to the government and the community at large.
- I encourage you to vote and ask for your support as PEO Vice President.

Raymond Edward Linseman, MA.Sc., P.Eng., FEC

Dear Easter Toronto Chapter Members,

Please watch the All Candidate webcasts the week of Jan. 9 , 2017 and in particular the Vice President webcast on January 11th at 5:30pm. In 2011, Council was recommending that PEO Council elect the President. I read the 100 page survey report. There was a general theme that members had difficulty making an informed decision from the election material supplied. I made two suggestions as a Chapter Chair, these webcasts and to split the role of Council Chair and President. Special thanks to Kim Allen, then PEO CEO/Registrar and now Engineers Canada CEO for making them both happen.

Ray Linseman, P.Eng., Vice President Candidate

Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., FEC, CAPE™

I started my 17 years of volunteer service with the chapter, and extended to PEO Council as your East Central Region Councillor, Chair of RCC, Executive Committee, and several other committees and task forces and OACETT Council.

I delivered Transparency, Accountability, and Respect to all Chapters, and particularly to the East Central Region Chapters. Chapters allotments distribution and service pins are just a couple of examples.

Now I am running for the VP position and urge you to visit my website (www.sadr.ca) and read my profile and support me if you like it.

It is time for the younger generation of engineers to get involved and participate in PEO governance.

Request for Speakers

Got something to say to your fellow chapter members? Apply to speak at an upcoming chapter seminar! Topics may be technical or non-technical in nature and seminars may range from a minimum of 15 minutes up to 2 hours in length. Interested candidates are asked to submit a completed [Speaker Application Form](#) and email it to easttoronto@peo.on.ca. Don't let inexperience hold you back – EITs and Young Professionals are encouraged to apply!



Councillor-at-Large (two)

Three councillors are elected from the members-at-large, i.e. all PEO members through the province. This year there are two being elected.

Roydon A. Fraser, P.Eng., FEC

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Ewald Kuczera, MSc, P.Eng.

Licensed since 1980 ... over 36 years in municipal engineering ... currently retired. Member of the Niagara Chapter. Western Region Councillor since 2013. Experience as member of PEO's Audit (Chair and Vice-chair), Legislation (Chair) and Regional Councillors Committees, Council Liaison to Enforcement Committee and recently appointed to Complaints Committee.

PLATFORM: President-Elect and Vice-President elected by members not Board. Lieutenant Governor Appointments restricted to lay appointees (currently LGA's account for 40% of Council). Term limits for all Council positions. Referendums for issues which significantly impact licence fees (eg. mandatory Continuing Professional Development). Review and promote "Demand Side" provincial legislation that require Licensed Engineering Professionals.

Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/peoekuczera> for more.

Leila Notash, PhD, P.Eng., FEC

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Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng., MASC

Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter GLP Chair

The time has come to build a better future.

Thousands of members heard my voice last year and voted for me. They realized the existing council does not represent them properly. I have decided to continue this fight for good. I need all support I can get from you. PEO needs strong, insightful, and collaborative leadership to restore our profession. We need a new council to work for members as well as the public. As your representative after being elected, I will propose to the new council three immediate bylaws, Accountability, Communication Facilitation, and Member Protection.

Kelly Reid, P.Eng., IACCM, CCMP

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Hamid Batenipour, PhD, P.Eng., PMP

- Professional Engineer in Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba
- Education:
 - Ph.D. Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba
 - M.Sc. Environmental Engineering, Lakehead University
 - B.Sc. Civil Engineering, Sharif University of Technology

Engineers should have a strong professional association. Our duty is to participate in public debates and inform the public and officials of our professional opinions.

Members pay fees and should obtain the best license value. We need to ensure the proper financial management of PEO.

Newcomers' frustration for navigating the P.Eng. certification process is an issue. I am interested in working to improve this process.

I seek your VOTE to serve on the PEO council.

Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng.

Candidate for Councillor at Large

- Senior Engineer, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
- Bachelor of Applied Science, Chemical Engineering, Queen's University

Why vote for me?

- Deep engineering experience in public/private sectors
- Development of legislation and regulations, evidence based public policy, stakeholder engagement
- Advocating for qualified person designations

Volunteer Work:

- Currently Past Chair, PEO Mississauga Chapter, Board Member since 2010
- OSPE Committee member since 2009
- PEO Chapter Leader Conference Organizing Committee 2014, 2015
www.lisamaccumber.wordpress.com

Chapters are valuable resources that can be consulted to help increase member engagement and enforcement to assist PEO with their regulatory mandate. I encourage everyone to vote in the election.

Nick Colucci, P.Eng., BASC, MBA, FEC

TEAMWORK | ACCOUNTABILITY | RESPECT | INTEGRITY | PROFESSIONALISM

I have been involved in volunteering at Professional Engineers Ontario for over 25 years. I became increasingly involved in the chapter executive holding positions in the Lake Ontario Chapter and the Peterborough Chapter executive until I became Eastern Regional Councillor and then East Central Regional Councillor.

I believe that Council must work in a cohesive dignified manner in order to best serve the interests of the public and the engineering profession.

Read my council election blog for more about me and my views
votecolucci.wordpress.com

Victoria Hilborn, BASc, MASC, P.Eng.

VOTE VICTORIA HILBORN (P.Eng., MASC.) FOR COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE.

I will work hard to ensure Professional Engineers Ontario meet the needs of the Ontario public by:

- Reviewing the Engineering Intern program to confirm EITs are receiving the training they require to be excellent Professional Engineers.
- Identify strategies to increase diversity of Professional Engineers and
- Monitor the PEAK program to ensure it balances the need for Professional Engineers to remain up to date, while minimizing economic impacts.

I will use my previous board experience (Canadian Biogas Association 2013-2015) and my work in both the public & private sectors to provide leadership within the PEO. Visit my webpage at vickihilborn.ca



East Central Region Councillor

One East Central Region Councillor is elected per year for a two year term. There are two councillors per region on alternating terms. Regional Councillors are part of PEO council and sit on PEO's Regional Councillors Committee (RCC), which is responsible for representing chapter and regional interests to PEO Council and taking Council's perspectives to the chapters and regions.

Kam Sing Leong, P.Eng., FEC

Candidate for East Central Regional Councillor

I have been with the PEO York Chapter for the past 15 years and had served in various executive positions including Chapter Chair.

My platform is:

- Change Management and no longer the status quo;
- Represent East Central Region with a strong voice, listening to you;
- Work on the governance of membership and improve communications with the membership;
- Continue to serve the region with Passion as demonstrated in the success at the York Chapter;

I thank you all for your nomination and looking forward to serve you with passion and teamwork!!!

Peter Cushman, P.Eng.

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Greg Merrill CD, P.Eng., FEC, MSc., PMP

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Thomas Chong, MSc, P.Eng., FEC, PMP

<http://www.thomaschong.net/votechong@gmail.com>

We should move forward to keep our profession strong for next generation of engineers. I stand for:

- RAISE VALUE AND RELEVENCY OF P.ENG. LICENCE: 30% of engineering work is done by unlicensed engineers. We must fight for the "Right to Practice", strengthen Enforcement to ensure engineering work must be done by Professional Engineers.
- NO MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE: No wasteful spending. Increase value for money of members' hard-earn dollars.
- RESPECT THE MEMBERS: Consult Chapters and members for major policy change, including mandatory professional development (CPD).

Vote Thomas Chong – Right choice for a new beginning

Tina Emamverdi, BA.Sc., P.Eng.

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2016 Chapter Board

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Request for Site Visits – Tours for Scholarships

Do you work at a manufacturing or industrial facility, a construction site, a R&D lab or some other site that would be of interest to your fellow engineers? Would you like to help make a difference to Ontario engineering students?

Please consider hosting a workplace engineering site tour for your fellow chapter members. Tickets sold for the event will help raise money for PEO's Foundation for Education. A portion of the ticket price will be eligible for a charitable receipt from the foundation.

The Foundation provides entrance and undergraduate scholarships to 15 Ontario university engineering programs. The foundation's purpose is to nurture tomorrow's engineers by providing deserving students with recognition, financial assistance and connections along the path to licensure. For more information on the foundation, please visit engineersfoundation.ca.

If you are interested in hosting a workplace site tour, please email easttoronto@peo.on.ca and provide the location name, brief description and number of people who can be reasonably accommodated. Please also let us know when would be the best time of day, week and year to organise the tour.