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**WEST TORONTO CHAPTER
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO**
<http://www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca>

****SEASON'S GREETINGS from your West Toronto PEO Executive Committee****

Event Report: PEO West Toronto 2018 Licensing Ceremonies

Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) governs over 85,000 licence and certificate holders, and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public under the *Professional Engineers Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28. The Licence Presentation Ceremony is an event dedicated to newly licensed professional engineers, who receive their professional engineering licence at this ceremony.

The Executive of the PEO West Toronto Chapter would like to congratulate and welcome all of the new professional engineers who obtained their licences in 2018. Within the West Toronto Chapter of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO-WT), 65 new licencees were recognized at the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto.

May Licensing Ceremony - Tuesday, May 22nd and Thursday, May 24th, 2018

On Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24, 2018, WTPEO welcomed 39 new professional engineers to PEO and the chapter. At the events, Catharine Hancharek P.Eng. FEC, WTPEO Chapter Chair, was master of ceremonies.

The new licence holders honoured at May's ceremony are:

May 22 P.Eng. Licence Recipients	May 24 P.Eng. Licence Recipients
Adrian Gurau, P.Eng. Alexander Andrenkov, P.Eng. Alexandra Brunet, P.Eng. Alison Cumming, P.Eng. Aseel Chehade, P.Eng. Fady Sobhy, P.Eng. Farzana Husain, P.Eng. Janki Bhavsar, P.Eng. Jenna Allan, P.Eng. Jigdel Kuyee, P.Eng. Justin Cho, P.Eng. Lee Hodgkinson, P.Eng. Maged Sami, P.Eng. Mary Alexander, P.Eng. Matthew Pompili, P.Eng. Thomas Sears, P.Eng. Xuezhe Jin, P.Eng. Yuan Xing, P.Eng.	Aaron Law, P.Eng. Alexandre Lafortune, P.Eng. Ashley Galagusz, P.Eng. Brendan Weaver, P.Eng. Bryan Ip, P.Eng. Christopher Bronicheski, P.Eng. Corey French, P.Eng. Daniel Kim, P.Eng. Hyeri Um, P.Eng. Ivan Monroy Ortiz, P.Eng. Linda (Yichum) Zhou, P.Eng. Niall Byrne, P.Eng. Nima Pazouki, P.Eng. Priscilla Kwan, P.Eng. Robert Jacques, P.Eng. Ryan Parappilly, P.Eng. Sabrina Miguel, P.Eng. Sean Arscott, P.Eng. Shobhit Shanker, P.Eng. Vikram Makker, P.Eng. Wakelin Fulford, P.Eng.

The table guests presiding over these ceremonies included:

- Dr. Geoff Fernie, PhD, P.Eng., CEng, FCAHS, professor at University of Toronto and senior scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – UHN
- Our special guest speakers:
 - Marisa Sterling, P.Eng., FEC, Vice President, PEO Council 2018-2019, Assistant Dean, Inclusivity and Diversity, Lassonde School of Engineering, York University
 - Warren Turnbull, P.Eng., West Central Regional Councillor
 - Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng., West Central Regional Councillor
 - Danny Chui our Past West Central Regional Councillor
- Julie Hamilton
- Gil Galang

- Aldo Alexis
- Anthony Palma
- Steve Favell
- Our WTPEO Executives:
 - Catharine Hancharek, P.Eng.
 - Ammar Nawaz, P.Eng.
 - Georg Kralik, P.Eng., FEC, OOH
 - Nigel Fung, P.Eng.;
 - Boris Replete, P.Eng.;
 - Barry Westhead, P.Eng., FEC
 - Basel Jarrad, P.Eng.
 - Gordana Slepcev, P.Eng.
 - Derek M. D'Costa, P.Eng., FEC
 - Wenny Wu, P.Eng.
 - Jim Chisholm, P.Eng.
 - Xavier Carballo, EIT
 - Sanja Hulec, EIT

November Licensing Ceremony – Thursday, November 22nd, 2018

On Thursday, November 22nd the Professional Engineers of Ontario, West Toronto Chapter (PEO-WT), welcomed 26 new Professional Engineers to the PEO and our West Toronto Chapter. The ceremony was MC'd by Dr. Geoff Fernie PhD., P.Eng., CEng., FCAHS. The new licence holders honoured at November's ceremony included:

November 22 P.Eng. Licence Recipients	
Amr Abdelmokhtar, P.Eng. Irfan Ahmad, P.Eng. Elise Andrey, P.Eng. Jonathan Astudillo, P.Eng. Chukwuemeka Atansi, P.Eng. Sonia Avolio, P.Eng. Nawid Bakhshi, P.Eng. Adam Balicki, P.Eng. Dario Bogojevic, P.Eng. Nikhil Chogal, P.Eng. Michael Chrapala, P.Eng. Pascal Dessureault, P.Eng. Desiree Gajonera, P.Eng.	Jean Hanna, P.Eng. Samira Khanbaba, P.Eng. Waeyeul Kim, P.Eng. Mary Kuruvill, P.Eng. Siddharth Lawande, P.Eng. Steven Minh Phuong Le, P.Eng. Li Ma, P.Eng. Kurtis McCarrell, P.Eng. Linda Melo, P.Eng. Christopher Parker, P.Eng. Bijan Shahriari, P.Eng. Franklin Tarascio, P.Eng. Stacia Van Zetten, P.Eng.

The table guests presiding over this ceremony included:

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- Our WTPEO Executives:
 - Ammar Nawaz, P.Eng.
 - Georg Kralik, P.Eng., FEC, OOH
 - Barry Westhead, P.Eng., FEC
 - Gordana Slepcev, P.Eng.
 - Filip Slepcevic
 - Sanja Hulec, EIT
- Warren Turnbull, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor

On behalf of Catharine Hancharek, P.Eng, WTPEO Chair, we congratulate all who received their licence at both ceremonies. We also gratefully acknowledge the support and contributions of friends, family and guests who helped our licence recipients achieve their goals.

The chapter executive would like to welcome all our new licence holders to join us at upcoming chapter seminars and events. You will automatically receive eblasts of upcoming chapter events and you can also check the home page on the WTPEO website at <http://www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca>.

Please ensure your personal profile is always up to date in the PEO directory: http://forum.peo.on.ca/cgi-bin/EPIM_Search/EPIM_Form_Search.do

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped us make these ceremonies some of the smoothest running and successful ever for the chapter.

Photos from this ceremony have been posted to our chapter licence ceremonies page website at the WTPEO website at www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca and select "Other" in the top menu bar of the main website and, then, click "Licence Ceremonies" in the drop-down menu.

Sincerely, Sanja Hulec, EIT, Licence Ceremony Co-Chair

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO - WEST TORONTO CHAPTER

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF MEMBERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the West Toronto Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario (WTPEO) will take place on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the Toronto Rehab Institute located at 550 University Avenue, Auditorium (signage will be posted at the entrance to direct members to the auditorium). Please check our website (www.westtorontopeco.com) for updates on the meeting location as well as advanced viewing of posted executive and committee reports.

Agenda:

1. Receive the Chair's report.
2. Review and accept the audited financial statements of the chapter for the fiscal year ended 31 December, 2017.
3. Receive the reports from the subcommittees.
4. Elect up to 12 chapter members to the chapter board.
5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

DATED at Toronto this 24th day of December, 2018, by order of the board, Catharine Hancharek, P.Eng., Chair. Note: A copy of the by-Laws may be accessed at http://westtorontopeco.com/?page_id=11.

Election of the Chapter Board

The chapter's by-Laws (article 4, paragraphs 2, 3, and 4) stipulate that the board will consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of 15 voting members. Five of the voting board members are officers (chair, vice chair, past chair, treasurer and secretary) and the remaining up to 10 voting board members are executives.

The chair, past chair and vice chair position are filled by rotation from vice chair to chair to past chair to Executive (article 4, paragraph 9), therefore vacating the position of vice chair. This rotation occurs every two years and most recently occurred at 2017's AGM. At this AGM, the remaining executive positions are available to interested members.

Candidates for the board can be nominated by contacting the chair of the Nominations Committee, Ammar Nawaz, P.Eng. at nawaz.ammar@gmail.com up to two weeks before the AGM. Candidates can also be nominated at the AGM by a mover and a seconder with the agreement of the candidate, who must be present at the AGM. Their names will be added to the ballot. If the ballot contains fewer than, or equal to, 12 nominees, all will be accepted as acclaimed. If the final ballot contains more than 12 nominees as a result of nominations from the floor, the membership present at the AGM will be permitted to elect up to 12 nominees as voting members of the chapter board.

The membership present will then elect in a separate vote up to 12 other executives. Their titles and functions will be decided on at the first business meeting following the AGM.

Seminar: Regulating the Engineering Profession — Threats & Challenges, Wednesday April 25, 2018

On April 25, 2018, Marilyn Spink, P.Eng., Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee (LGA)-Councillor, presented an interesting and thought-provoking seminar on regulating the engineering profession (threats and challenges) that was attended by 32 people. In her presentation, she used her past experience as a practising professional engineer since 1995 in the mining and steel industries, and illustrated her talk with PowerPoint slides. As a former appointed PEO vice president (April 2017- April 2018), member of several task forces and committees for the past four years and a member of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) since its founding in 2000, she drew upon her vast wealth of experience.

Her talk focused on:

- project governance and why it is that critical engineers' voices are heard in high-level decision-making to successfully execute large complex engineering projects
- why engineers should always have a broad mindset of the definition of "public interest"
- clarification of the roles of PEO and OSPE, and why having these distinct and separate organizations is beneficial to our engineering profession
- what we, as engaged engineers, can do to evolve our profession, focusing on our regulatory mandate so we can remain a strong and relevant, self-regulated profession
- how an understanding of the several different threats to our engineering profession and the actions we can take to deal with them will ensure that we "own our future" or it may be owned by others

To drive home her point, she mentioned that the Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec had recently been placed in trusteeship until they got their house in order. She also said she was disappointed by the fact that in 2017, only 14% of Ontario engineering graduates had become P.Engs within six years of graduation.

Being an optimist, she concluded her talk by also talking of opportunities, like greater participation by members and effective communication to the public of the vital role engineers play in society, for strengthening and enhancing our profession and, thus, maintaining our self-governing status.

The seminar was organized and emceed by Derek M. D’Costa, P.Eng., FEC with Georg Kralik, P.Eng., FEC, OOH coordinating. Hilary Whiting, EIT advertised the seminar on our website and on Eventbrite; Richard Mraz, P.Eng.,FEC arranged for the PEO eblasts; Sanja Hulec, EIT, reserved the hall and arranged for refreshments; Barry Westhead, P.Eng.,FEC supplied the speaker’s gift (a PEO coffee mug); and, Roman Lysiak, FEC, took charge of the registration desk.

Toronto Engineering Club of Speakers Toastmasters Club – 2018 Events by Kenji Ferguson, EIT

The Toronto Engineering Club of Speakers (TECS) is a Toastmasters club initiated by the West Toronto Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario (WTPEO) to help engineers develop better communication and leadership skills. For more information on the club, please go to the chapter website at www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca and select “Other” in the top menu bar of the main website and, then, click “TECS (Toastmasters)” in the drop-down menu.

The following events were held in 2018:

- Panel Discussion on Effective Communication of Engineering and Science – February 6, 2018
- The Power of Ideas Workshop – June 26, 2018
- Panel Discussion on Mental Health and Wellness – October 16, 2018

Event photos, full reports and presentation slides (where available) can be accessed through the chapter website www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca. Select “WTPEO Events” in the top menu bar and, then, click “Past Events” in the drop-down menu.

WEST TORONTO CHAPTER BOARD			
<i>Officer Positions:</i>			
Catharine Hancharek , P.Eng.	Chair, Licencing Ceremony Co-Chair, Recognition / Appreciation Co-Chair	Pat Scanga , P.Eng., FEC	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
		Barry J. Westhead , P.Eng., FEC	Past-Chair
Ammar Nawaz , P.Eng.	Vice-Chair, PEO Relations Lead	Hilary Whiting , EIT	Secretary
<i>Executive Positions:</i>			
Jim Chisholm , P.Eng.		Georg A. Kralik , P.Eng., FEC, OOH	
Derek D’Costa , P.Eng., FEC		Gordana Slepcev , P.Eng	Recognition/Appreciation Co-Chair
Nigel Fung , P.Eng.	Outreach Chair	Huascar Mieses , EIT	
Sanja Hulec , EIT	Communications Co-Chair, Licencing Ceremony Co-Chair	Boris Replete , P.Eng.	
Basel Jarrad , P.Eng.	Professional Development Co-Chair	Angela Wojtyla , P.Eng.	Professional Development Co-Chair
<i>Committee Members (Non-voting):</i>			
Amir Ashouri , P.Eng.	Technical Seminar Co-Chair	Arezou Karimian , EIT	
Tom Brooks , EIT		Steve Lum , P.Eng.	Scholarship Lead
Xavier Carballo , EIT	Technical Seminar Co-Chair	Will Lytwyn , P.Eng	
Paul Collier , P.Eng, Retired	Webmaster	Ahtapon Makmanee , P.Eng.	
Kenji Ferguson , EIT	Newsletter	Wenny Wu , P.Eng.	
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