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WEST TORONTO CHAPTER
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO
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****HAPPY NEW YEAR from your West Toronto PEO Executive Committee****

Event Report: PEO West Toronto 2019 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 2019.

May Licensing Ceremony – Friday May 31st, 2019

On Friday, May 3, **PEO West Toronto Chapter (PEO-WT)** welcomed 39 new licence holders at the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto. The licence presentation ceremony was MC'd by Dr. **Geoff Fernie** PhD., P.Eng., CEng., FCAHS. Moreover, we are pleased that there were 14 women in the group, which surpasses Engineers Canada's "30 by 30" goal "30% women, by 2030" in this one ceremony.

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

May 31 P.Eng. Licence Recipients	
Erika Acton , P.Eng.	Sarah Lobo , P.Eng.
Carlos Aquino Duran , P.Eng.	Brian Mc Donough , P.Eng.
Hamed Babazadeh , P.Eng.	Sarah Piasetzki , P.Eng.
Nicholas Bainton , P.Eng.	Zuri Powell , P.Eng.
Sydney Bateman , P.Eng.	Masoud Ramezan Ghomi , P.Eng.
Hardeep Chagger , P.Eng.	Lucas Redrup , P.Eng.
Claudia Chan , P.Eng.	Ivan Romo , P.Eng.
Holly Chen , P.Eng.	Meghan Rooney , P.Eng.
Bonnie Choi , P.Eng.	Renat Sagadeev , P.Eng.
Annabelle Ming Chu Yan Fui , P.Eng.	Mais Sawaf , P.Eng.
Antonio D'Aulerio , P.Eng.	Julie Scott , P.Eng.
Matthew Davis , P.Eng.	Elham Shahsavani , P.Eng.
Rahim Deris , P.Eng.	Ben Silver , P.Eng.
Iris Elliott , P.Eng.	Justin Tobia , P.Eng.
Colleen Marie Gammie , P.Eng.	Khoi Tran , P.Eng.
Marko Grabovickic , P.Eng.	Arnar Valmundsson , P.Eng.
Chris Haylock , P.Eng.	Matthew Wong , P.Eng.
Kasia Izdebska , P.Eng.	Jimmy Ye , P.Eng.
Savdulla Kazazi , P.Eng.	Brant Zeeman , P.Eng.
Siqi Liu , P.Eng.	

The table guests presiding over this ceremony included Dr. **Geoff Fernie**, PhD, P.Eng, CEng, FCAHS, professor at the University of Toronto and senior scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute–UHN, our West Toronto Chapter executives **Ammar Nawaz**, P.Eng. LL.M., **Georg Kralik**, P.Eng. FEC, **Barry Westhead**, P.Eng., **Basel Jarrad**, P.Eng., **Gordana Slepcev**, P.Eng. **Filip Slepcevic** and **Sanja Hulec** EIT

November Licensing Ceremony – Thursday, November 28th, 2019

On Thursday, November 28th our **PEO West Toronto Chapter (PEO-WT)** grew by 25 new licence holders at the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto. The licence presentation ceremony was MC'd by Dr. Geoff Fernie PhD., P.Eng., CEng., FCAHS. Moreover, we are pleased that there were 12 women in the group, which surpasses Engineers Canada's "30 by 30" goal "30% women, by 2030" in this one ceremony.

November 28 P.Eng. Licence Recipients	
Eman Al-Ali P.Eng. Daniel Dejan P.Eng. Tamara Delange P.Eng. Gledis Dervishhasani P.Eng. Fernando Guerra P.Eng. Cindy Hok P.Eng. Tzu-Yin Hsu P.Eng. Michael Jones P.Eng. Siavash Khajehhasani P.Eng. Gregory Kuepfer P.Eng. Taylor Lefebvre P.Eng. Kathryn Logan P.Eng. Alison McGuigan P.Eng.	Garrett McLean P.Eng. Rana Roshdieh P.Eng. Maryam Safari P.Eng. Mert Sayin P.Eng. Felipe Suzuki P.Eng. Chen Tang P.Eng. Sarah Valiant P.Eng. Kelsey Waugh P.Eng. Heng Xu P.Eng. Kimia Yeganeh P.Eng. Margaret Zhong P.Eng. Shahab Zomorodi P.Eng.

The table guests presiding over this ceremony included Dr. **Geoff Fernie** PhD, P.Eng., CEng, FCAHS, professor at the University of Toronto and senior scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – UHN, our West Toronto Chapter Executives **Ammar Nawaz, P.Eng. LL.M., Georg Kralik, P.Eng. FEC, Barry Westhead, P.Eng., Catharine Hancharek, P.Eng., Pat Scanga, P.Eng. FEC, Gordana Slepcev, P.Eng.** and **Sanja Hulec, EIT.**

On behalf of PEO West Toronto Chapter Chair **Ammar Nawaz, P.Eng, LL.M.,** we congratulate all who received their licence at the ceremony. 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 organized.

You will automatically receive eBlasts of upcoming chapter events provided you have given PEO permission to do so, and you can also check the calendar page on the West Toronto Chapter PEO website periodically.

Please ensure your personal profile is always up to date in the PEO directory.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped us make this ceremony one of the smoothest running and successful licence ceremonies for the West Toronto Chapter.

Photos from this ceremony have been posted to our chapter licensing page website at the Chapter website and follow the links on the "Other" drop-down menu.

Sincerely, **Sanja Hulec, EIT,** Licence Ceremony 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 (PEO-WT) will take place on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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.westtorontopeo.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 December 31, 2019.
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 20th day of December, 2019, by order of the board, **Ammar Nawaz**, P.Eng., Chair. Note: A copy of the by-Laws may be accessed at http://westtorontopeo.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 **2019'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.ammarr@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.

2019 Chapter Events

The West Toronto Chapter organized several events in 2019, including technical seminars and professional development activities. Event photos, full reports and presentation slides (where available) can be accessed through the chapter website www.westtoronto.peo.on.ca. Select "**PEO-WT Events**" in the top menu bar and, then, click "Past Events" in the drop-down menu. To receive email notifications of upcoming events, please ensure you have consented to receive chapter communications by logging into the PEO portal on the peo.on.ca website, and going to Chapters-Chapter Communications.

Technical Seminars:

Engineering for Sustainability, Strength and Comfort, Wed., Jan 23, 2019 – Three presentations by **Marianna Polak**, PhD., P.Eng., **Dritan Topuzi**, PhD, P.Eng., and **Shamim A. Sheikh**, Ph.D., FCAE

Disruptive Design: Modular and Parametric Design, Wed., April 3, 2019 – presented by **David Warne**

Solar Powered Water Treatment Wed., April 24, 2019 – presented by **Marina Freire-Gormaly**, Ph.D.

The Future of Building – Tall Timber Buildings, Wed, May 22, 2019 – presented by **David Moses**, PhD, P.Eng., PE, LEED®AP

The Mount Polly Copper Mine Disaster, Wed., Sept. 25, 2019 – presented by **Bernard Ennis**, P. Eng

Performance Rating of Gas Fired Infrared Heaters, Wed., Oct. 23, 2019 – presented by **George File**, P.Eng., PhD

Professional Development Workshops:

Catalyze Your Inventive Thinking, Wed, Oct 2, 2019 – presented by **Tim Hampton**

TECS (Toronto Engineering Club of Speakers) Toastmasters* Events:

Characteristics of Effective Leaders – TECS Workshop Tues., March 19, 2019

Amazing Ideas and How to Present Them – TECS Technical Presentation Showcase and Panel Discussion

TECS Toastmasters Open House, Tue., Oct. 22, 2019

*The Toronto Engineering Club of Speakers (TECS) is a Toastmasters club initiated by the PEO West Toronto Chapter 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.

Other:

Seasonal Soiree and Networking Event, Tues., Dec. 17, 2019

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<i>Officer Positions:</i>			
Ammar Nawaz , P.Eng..	Chair	Pat Scanga , P.Eng., FEC	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
		Barry J. Westhead , P.Eng., FEC	Past-Chair
Basel Jarrad , P.Eng.	Vice-Chair, Professional Development Chair	Kenji Ferguson , P.Eng.	Secretary, Newsletter
<i>Executive Positions:</i>			
Jim Chisholm , P.Eng.	Chair - PEO-WT & OSPE Relations	Sanja Hulec , EIT	Communications Chair, Licencing Ceremony Chair
Derek D’Costa , P.Eng., FEC	Executive-at-large	Georg A. Kralik , P.Eng., FEC, OOH	Executive-at-large, Event photographer, Chapter information resource
Janet Han , P.Eng.	GLP Chair	Siddharth Lawande , P.Eng.,	
<i>Committee Members (Non-voting):</i>			
Paul Collier , P.Eng, Retired	Communications - Webmaster	Richard Mraz , P.Eng., FEC	Communications - eBlasts
Nigel Fung , P.Eng.	at-large	Boris Replete , P.Eng.	
Catharine Hancharek , P.Eng.	chapter information resourcesresource	Gordana Slepcev , P.Eng	Recognition/Appreciation Chair
Eugen Karanxha , P.Eng.		Kaela Shea , EIT	
Steve Lum , P.Eng.	Scholarship Lead	Jean-Paul Stephan , P.Eng.	
Roman Lysiak , FEC	Event sign-in & registration	Wenny Wu , P.Eng.	
Hilary Monfard		Hanane Zaidi	Outreach Chair

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