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## Gazette Editorial Objectives/Policy

*Gazette* was first published in March/April 1982 as a means of highlighting the activities of the then Department of Legal and Professional Affairs. While that first issue included a brief note from the Director of Legal and Professional Affairs outlining the purpose and possible content for *Gazette*, there has never been a formal editorial policy or set of objectives for the publication—until now.

Given PEO's focused role as the regulator of the engineering profession, and given last year's organizational restructuring within PEO, it was decided that the editorial objectives and/or policy for *Gazette* should be formalized. An initial draft was prepared by the Editor and subsequently reviewed by the PEO management team.

In April 2004, the CEO/Registrar approved the following as the *Gazette* Editorial Objectives/Policy:

- ◆ *Gazette* is a regular supplement to *Engineering Dimensions*, which is the official journal of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO). The Manager, Complaints & Discipline at PEO serves as the Editor of *Gazette*.
- ◆ *Gazette* is intended to highlight the activities of the Regulatory Compliance department in its administration of the relevant portions of the *Professional Engineers Act*, including the complaints and discipline processes, enforcement against unlicensed practitioners, and Registration Committee processes.
- ◆ Pursuant to sections 28(4)(i), 28(5) and 28(6) of the Act, *Gazette* is the vehicle for the publication of findings and orders of the Discipline Committee, in detail or summary form and with or without reference to names as ordered by the Discipline Committee. If the Discipline Committee does not specify summary or detail form in an order, the form of publication will be at the discretion of the Editor.
- ◆ Each edition of *Gazette* will include a schedule of Discipline Committee hearings, indicating the name of the licence holder and/or Certificate of Authorization holder facing disciplinary action and a summary of the allegations against them. At such time when Registration Committee hearings become open to the public, each edition of *Gazette* will also include a schedule of such hearings, including the name of the applicant and a summary of the circumstances resulting in the need for a hearing.
- ◆ *Gazette* will report the results, in summary form, of any hearings of the Registration Committee that were open to the public.
- ◆ *Gazette* will also include summaries of enforcement activities including the reporting of the results of any charges laid against individuals or corporations pursuant to sections 39, 40 and 41 of the Act.
- ◆ *Gazette* may report the results of any examination of PEO's procedures for the treatment of complaints that has been carried out by the Complaints Review Councillor pursuant to section 26(1) of the Act.
- ◆ *Gazette* may also include articles and information relating to regulatory matters that are considered relevant to professional engineers and the practice of professional engineering, including information and issues relating to compliance with demand-side legislation (e.g. *Ontario Building Code*, *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.)

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