



Media Release

Brampton Engineer Honoured for Significant Volunteer Contributions to Advancing the Profession in his Community

Toronto – (May 14, 2012) – For his diligent and enthusiastic service to the engineering profession, Desmond Gomes, MSc, P.Eng., PMP, FEC of Brampton, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at a May 11, 2012 gala in Toronto.

In over 10 years of service to PEO's Brampton Chapter, Gomes has held almost every executive position with the chapter. Described by colleagues as a highly dedicated professional, he has been instrumental in organizing and promoting a full calendar of events such as technical seminars, professional networking initiatives and education outreach activities to promote the role of PEO and the merits of the profession. As part of the chapter's commitment to education, Gomes is a regular guest at middle school career fairs, sparking an interest in students to pursue an engineering education.

A driving force behind PEO's current mentorship program, Gomes was vice chair of the Mentorship Task Force, which developed the workable program model and implementation plan approved by council in 2009. Launched in five chapters one year later, the program now runs in 16 chapters with over 500 engineering interns benefitting from mentor relationships.

In 2011, Gomes was elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.

"I have spent over a decade working with our fellow engineers," he says, "and have always chosen experiences that provided the most impact towards advancing the profession and advocating for the professional engineer."

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Member is bestowed upon those who have served the profession by contributing substantially to its operation or improvement in its status.

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