



Media Release

Valued Leader in Mississauga Engineering Community Fêted for Dedicated Service to the Profession

Toronto – (April 29, 2013) – For raising the profile of engineering in the community, Pappur Shankar, P.Eng., of Mississauga has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at an April 26, 2013 gala in Toronto.

During his three years as chair of the PEO Mississauga Chapter, Shankar strived to recognize the diversity of the chapter membership. He initiated the chapter's Women in Engineering committee to encourage women to consider engineering as a career and promote the value of licensure to female engineering graduates.

He also helped develop the chapter's mentoring program, which sees professional engineers provide guidance and encouragement to engineering graduates throughout PEO's licensing process and their transition into the profession. The success of this initiative, especially with newcomers and EITs, led to the creation of a province-wide program endorsed by PEO council.

A true leader in PEO's chapter system, Shankar implemented several ideas to motivate existing chapter executive members and to encourage new recruits, including volunteer recognition ceremonies and special plaques of appreciation. To broaden the reach of his chapter's activities, he coordinated partnerships with neighboring chapters to stage numerous seminars highlighting the profession. He has also organized many other successful events, including full-day, professional development workshops.

Shankar's success in attracting politicians to chapter events and his leadership in building relationships with his area members of provincial parliament to promote the role of the association, contributed to the Mississauga Chapter being recognized with a PEO Government Liaison Program Chapter Award in 2010.

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.

About Professional Engineers Ontario

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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