



Media Release

Cambridge Engineer Recognized by Engineering Regulator for Tireless and Enthusiastic Volunteer Service to the Profession

Toronto – (April 28, 2014) – For her passionate and determined support of the engineering profession, Amanda J. Froese, P.Eng., FEC, of Cambridge, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. She was inducted into the order at an April 25 gala in Niagara Falls.

Amanda began volunteering with PEO's Grand River Chapter as an engineering intern (or EIT) in 2000, a time when only licence holders were able to serve on the chapter executive. She challenged the existing system and advocated to expand the opportunities for EITs within PEO chapters. As part of her efforts, she participated on a PEO task force whose work resulted in increased influence for EITs in the chapter system including allowing their service on chapter executives.

Upon joining her chapter executive two years later, Amanda made an immediate impact by promoting improved chapter programming for local engineering students. She helped to build strong relationships between the chapter and the engineering societies at the universities of Guelph and Waterloo. As a result of this collaboration, representatives of each school were invited to participate in chapter meetings, and the chapter held information sessions for graduating students from the schools on the importance of, and process for, becoming licensed.

As chair in 2007 and 2008, Amanda advocated for increasing the chapter's role in the community by promoting chapter events and initiatives. Last year, she led the organization of a networking event to discuss ways to make the profession more accessible, continuing her commitment to encouraging young women in the profession. She continues to influence young minds as an engineer-in-residence at Tait Street Public School in Cambridge.

"I started volunteering with the chapter as a way to get to know other people in a new town and in the industry," says Froese. "Now with EIR, I have changed my focus of volunteering, but still feel enthusiastic about engineering and want to take that to the next generation."

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 82,000 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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