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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.

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Breaking News

PEO PAST PRESIDENT RECEIVES AWARD AT OSPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Outgoing OSPE President Paul Acchione, P.Eng., (right) presented PEO 2005-6 President Bob Goodings, P.Eng., (left) with an award for his service, at OSPE's AGM on May 6.

PEO 2005-6 President **Bob Goodings**, P.Eng., was honoured at the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) Annual General Meeting on May 6 in Toronto.

Mr. Goodings was nominated for the award by PEO 2013-14 President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng. Outgoing OSPE President **Paul Acchione**, P.Eng., presented the award.

Mr. Goodings was honoured for his service as President and Chair of OSPE's first elected Board. According to an article in OSPE's *The Voice*, "Under his leadership, OSPE's Safe Water Task Force influenced changes to the Safe Water Act and Sustainable Water and Sewage System Act, which now require meaningful involvement of professional engineers."

A number of PEO Councillors and senior leaders were present including Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and Councillors **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng., **Michael Wesa**, P.Eng., **Rob Willson**, P.Eng., **Changiz Sdar**, P.Eng., and **Dave Brown** P.Eng.

Also attending were Engineers Canada CEO **Kim Allen**, P.Eng., and President **Jim Beckett**, P.Eng. Speakers included Mr. Chong, Mr. Beckett, Consulting Engineers of Ontario CEO and PEO Government Liaison Committee Chair **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., and PEO Lead on the Repeal and President of Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

Also at the AGM, former OSPE President **Danny Young**, P. Eng was elected as the new OSPE president.

For the full *The Voice* article, visit:

http://www.nxtbook.com/dawson/ospe/thevoice_2013fall/index.php?startid=10#/0

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PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., participated in a reception for **Mitzie Hunter** MPP (Scarborough-Guildwood), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services, with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre), on May 5.

Mr. McDonald had discussions with both MPPs on the Repeal of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*. He also discussed a proposed budget item suggesting changes to the Ontario Building Code, which would impact the regulation of the practice of professional engineering.

Also attending the reception were former PEO Etobicoke Chapter Chair **Subhi Alsayed**, P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

FORMER PEO VICE PRESIDENT HONOURED BY PRIME MINISTER

Former PEO Vice President and MP **Corneliu Chisu**, P.Eng., (photo right) was honoured by Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** in a National Day of Honour address on May 9.



Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Chisu for his service in the Canadian Armed Forces as an engineer.

“As we mark the National Day of Honour today, I want to extend my personal thanks to MP Corneliu Chisu for his service in Afghanistan,” said Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

He continued, “As an engineer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Mr. Chisu was responsible for infrastructure and military construction engineering at the Task Force Headquarters in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is one of many Canadians who put their life on hold to serve our country, and he did so with bravery and strength. On behalf of a proud nation, I thank him for serving with honour and distinction.”

Mr. Chisu is currently the Member of Parliament for Pickering-Scarborough East.

For the full release, visit: <http://www.corneliuchisu.ca/?p=1830>.

OCEPP ESSAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Engineering students **Sajjan Singh** and **Connor Smith** have been declared co-winners in the undergraduate category of the 2014 Student Essay Competition held by the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy (OCEPP). Both students are currently completing their first year of university. Each received a \$500 award and an invitation to OCEPP’s 2014 Engineering and Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on May 30.



Mr. Singh attends Western University and his paper is titled “A Critical Juncture: Renewed Nuclear Investment.” Mr. Smith, a student at the University of Toronto, wrote about some of the recommendations to the inquiry into the 2012 partial roof collapse of the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake. Both papers can be viewed from the “For Students” page of the [OCEPP website](#).

Students could choose from four essay topics or select an issue broadly related to engineering and public policy. Submissions were judged for quality of research, development of argument, organization, clarity and writing ability.

The annual contest, launched in 2009, is open to graduate and undergraduate students who are registered at an Ontario post-secondary institution.

Events Attended

PEO COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH NIAGARA FALLS MPP



PEO Councillor Marilyn Spink, P.Eng., (left) had discussions with Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates (right) at his reception on May 13.

PEO Councillor **Marilyn Spink**, P.Eng., participated in a reception with Niagara Falls MPP **Wayne Gates** on May 13.

Mr. Gates was the guest speaker at the PEO Order of Honour Gala on April 25.

He and his colleagues have been supportive of PEO's position of Section 12(3)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Ms. Spink also participated in a reception with Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) and several other MPPs on April 28.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS ONTARIO CEO PARTICIPATES IN EVENT FOR MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Consulting Engineers Ontario CEO **Barry Steinberg**, P.Eng., participated in an event for Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Glen Murray** MPP (Toronto Centre) on May 7. Also participating in the event was Minister of Labour **Kevin Flynn** MPP (Oakville).



Minister of Transportation Glen Murray MPP (Toronto Centre) (left) and Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn MPP (Oakville) (centre) spoke about engineering issues with Consulting Engineers CEO Barry Steinberg, P.Eng., (right) at a reception on May 7.

According to Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Flynn spoke about the importance of infrastructure in the Government's recent budget and referenced the importance of the consulting Engineers.

Mr. Flynn was very interested in hearing about the upcoming review of the Construction Lien Act.

THORNHILL MPP PARTICIPATES IN WILLOWDALE-THORNHILL LICENCE PRESENTATION



Thornhill MPP Gila Martow (third from right) participated in PEO Thornhill-Willowdale Chapter's Licence Certificate Ceremony on May 10. Also in the photo are (from left) Past Chapter Chair Maziyar Bolour, P.Eng., PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong, P.Eng., new licensee Mehrangiz Kafi, P.Eng., PEO Councillors Roger Jones, P.Eng., and Changiz Sadr, P.Eng., and Chapter Chair Vimbai Munyukwi, P.Eng.

Thornhill MPP **Gila Martow** participated in PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's Licence Certificate Ceremony on May 10 with PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., and PEO Councillors **Roger Jones**, P.Eng., and **Changiz Sadr**, P.Eng.

Souheila Bardakil, P.Eng., emceed the event, with about 120 participants, including over 20 new P.Eng., recipients with their families.

Mr. Changiz and Mr. Jones discussed the Repeal of the Industrial Exception with Ms. Martow and PC Willowdale candidate **Michael Ceci**.

Chapter participants included Chair **Vimbai Munyukwi** P.Eng., Past Chair **Maziyar Bolour**, P.Eng., Vice-Chair **Noubar Takessian** P.Eng., Treasurer **Mehrangiz Kafi** P.Eng., Secretary **Aung Ko Ko Kyaw** EIT, GLP Chair **Nanda Lwin** P.Eng., Directors **Raji Srivastava** P.Eng., **Fred Saghezchi** P.Eng., **Maliheh Farahnak** P.Eng., and the other Executives.

Work in Progress

NDP HOUSE LEADER AND PEO COUNCILLORS TO ATTEND NORTHERN ACADEMY AND CONGRESS



NDP House Leader **Gilles Bisson** MPP (Timmins-James Bay) (photo left) is scheduled to speak at PEO's Northern Region GLP Academy and Congress that is set for June 14 in Timmins. Newly elected PEO Northern Regional Councillor **Serge Robert**, P.Eng., and long-time PEO Northern Regional Councillor **Michael Wesa**, P.Eng., have both been invited to participate as well.

PEO GLP Academy and Congresses have been held since 2011 in every region of the province. They give GLP Chairs the opportunity to share with others what they have been working on and invite MPPs to participate in discussions.

The event will be hosted by PEO's Porcupine- Kapuskasing Chapter. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

**MP and MPP receptions/donations are entitled to up to 75% tax credit on the first \$400. For more information see Elections Ontario or Elections Canada websites.*

May 20 – Toronto-Danforth Liberal candidate **Rob Newman** will host a reception with special guest Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at 5 Muriel Ave., Toronto, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$400, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact amunn@pathcom.com.

NEW! May 20 – PC Health and Long-Term Care Critic **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) will host a dinner reception at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ontario Room, 100 Front St. West, Toronto from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$1,400 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/Events/622>.

NEW! May 20 - PC MPP **Gila Martow** (Thornhill) will host a reception with federal Minister of Foreign Affairs **John Baird** MP (Ottawa West-Nepean) at 70 Coldwater Crt., Thornhill at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, registration is recommended.

May 21 – **Lorenzo Berardinetti** MPP (Scarborough Southwest), Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, will host a reception with Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) at Ellas Banquet Hall, 35 Danforth Rd., Toronto from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, registration is recommended. For more information, contact ghatzis@sympatico.ca.

NEW! May 22 - PC MP and former PEO Vice-President **Corneliu Chisu**, P.Eng. (Pickering-Scarborough East) will host a reception with special guest, the Honourable **Tony Clement** MP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), at 5102 Tom Thomson Court, Claremont, ON at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each. Please RSVP to Safa Khan, safa9000@hotmail.com.

NEW! May 26 - Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment **Eric Hoskins** MPP (St. Paul's) will host a reception with Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) at the Toronto Marriott Downtown, 535 Bay St., Toronto at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1,330 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact info@votehoskins.ca.

May 27 – PC Finance Critic **Vic Fedeli** MPP (Nipissing) will host a luncheon at the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$500 each, RSVP is recommended. For more information, contact victor@fedeli.ca.

July 8 – Liberal MPP **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, will host his 9th annual Golf Classic at the Royal Ontario Golf Club, 6378 Trafalgar Rd., Milton from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 each or \$800 for a foursome, it includes lunch and buffet dinner. For more information, contact friendsofbas@rogers.com.

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