



Government Liaison Program (GLP) Weekly

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Breaking News

PEO PAST-PRESIDENT NAMED ONE OF CANADA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN 2014



Women of Influence has named PEO Past-President **Annette Bergeron**, P.Eng., as one of Canada's most influential women in 2014. She is joined by an impressive roster of other top executives and politicians including Ontario Premier **Kathleen Wynne**.

Ms. Bergeron is also a Director of Engineers Canada and owns her own consulting engineering company based in Kingston.

Following the announcement she was interviewed and [featured on The Inside Agenda Blog](#). On the segment she discussed the role of women in influencing the profession of engineering.

Congratulations to Ms. Bergeron for another impressive accomplishment.

To view the full list of top influential women [click here](#).

SIXTEEN MPPs CONFIRMED FOR PEO'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

One more MPP, **Paul Miller** (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek) has confirmed his attendance for PEO's annual Queen's Park MPP reception. Sixteen are now confirmed.

The reception will be held in the Legislative Dining Room on November 5th, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Attorney General **Madeleine Meilleur** MPP (Ottawa-Vanier) is the MPP sponsor for the event and will be attending along with:

- **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- **Mike Colle** MPP (Eglinton-Lawrence) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- **Christine Elliott** MPP (Whitby-Oshawa) PC Deputy Leader
- **Vic Fedeli** MPP (North Bay) PC Finance Critic
- **Cindy Forester** MPP (Welland) NDP Critic for Community and Social Services and Municipal Affairs and Housing
- **France Gelinias** MPP (Nickel Belt) NDP Critic Health and Long Term Care and Francophone Affairs
- **Sophie Kiwala** MPP (Kingston and the Islands) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- **Gila Martow** MPP (Thornhill) PC Critic for Greater Toronto Issues, Francophone Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Jim McDonell**, P.Eng., MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) PC Critic for Children and Youth Services and the Poverty Reduction Strategy
- **Eleanor McMahon** MPP (Burlington) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources
- **Peter Milcyn** MPP (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Infrastructure)
- **Indira Naidoo-Harris** MPP (Halton) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
- **John Vantoff** MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane) NDP Whip
- Hon. **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

To date, MPPs unable to attend include:

- **Lou Rinaldi** MPP (Northumberland-Quinte West) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

This annual event attracts engineers from across the province to meet with their MPP at the Ontario Legislature and features MPP speakers and the Government Liaison Program awards.

Events Attended

PEO WILLOWDALE CHAPTER GLP CHAIR ATTENDS COMMUNITY BARBEQUE WITH MINISTER

PEO Willowdale Chapter GLP Chair **Nanda Lwin**, P.Eng., participated in a community barbeque hosted by Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) on September 7 in Toronto.

Many members of the community attended the event, which was held at the Mitchell Field Community Centre in Toronto.



PEO Willowdale Chapter GLP Chair Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., (right) with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer on September 7 in Toronto at a community barbeque.

Mr. Lwin has built a relationship with Minister Zimmer over many years as the GLP Chair for the chapter. Minister Zimmer was previously the Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, and has been a long time supporter of PEO.

PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT PARTICIPATES IN EVENT WITH MPP AND MP IN TORONTO

PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P. Eng., participated in a cultural event with Scarborough-Agincourt MP **Arnold Chan** and **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services on September 5 in Toronto.



An Ontario Public Service Moon Festival was held in Toronto's Chinatown on September 5. Arnold Chan MP (Scarborough-Agincourt) (left) participated with Soo Wong MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt) (centre) and PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong P.Eng. (right).

Mr. Chong took the opportunity to discuss PEO positions on engineering issues, including bringing back the Repeal of Section 12 3(a) of the Professional Engineers Act for proclamation with Mr. Chan and Ms. Wong.

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PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Student & Government Liaison Programs Coordinator **Gonzalo Piñeros**, EIT both participated in community barbeques in Mississauga over the weekend with **Harinder Takhar** MPP (Mississauga-Erindale) and Associate Minister of Health and Long-Term Care **Dipika Damerla** MPP (Mississauga East-Cooksville) respectively. Both barbeques were held on September 6 in Mississauga parks.



PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., with Harinder Takhar MPP (Mississauga-Erindale) at a community barbeque on September 6 at Huron Park in Mississauga.

Mississauga Mayor **Hazel McCallion** also attended Mr. Takhar's barbeque as did federal Liberal candidate **Omar Alghabra**, P.Eng. Ms. Chau and Mr. Piñeros both had an opportunity to speak with many participants throughout the day including the MPPs in attendance.

Community barbeques and events are good opportunities for GLP Chairs to connect with MPPs in their ridings in order to build relationships. All PEO staff and volunteers are encouraged to reach out to their local MPPs at local events.

Work in progress

PEO TO HOST LEGISLATURE INTERNS SEPTEMBER 22



Marisa Sterling, P.Eng.

PEO will host Ontario's Legislature Interns at PEO headquarters on September 22 in Toronto.

In keeping with PEO's annual sponsorship of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, the September meetings will introduce the new 2014/15 interns to PEO's role as the regulator of provincial engineering.

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P.Eng., will meet the students and PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., will provide an overview of the Government Liaison Program (GLP). The interns will also learn about the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy. The meeting will be chaired by PEO Enforcement Manager, **Marisa Sterling**, P.Eng.

PEO GLP CHAIR TRAINING WEBINAR TO BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

PEO is planning a Government Liaison Program (GLP) Training webinar on September 16 for new Chairs across the province.

Each year PEO trains GLP Chairs on the basics of government relations and PEO regulatory issues. The sessions include an overview of the provincial political system and a review of the strategies and tactics used by PEO to ensure local engineers connect with their MPPs on a regular basis.

Chairs who are currently confirmed to participate include:

- **Mathew Thomas**, P.Eng., Chatham-Kent, GLP Chair
- **Zack White**, P.Eng., Lakehead, GLP Chair
- **Mike Bell**, P.Eng., Hamilton-Burlington, GLP Chair
- **Sneha Mathrani**, P.Eng., East Toronto
- **Hafiz Bashir**, P.Eng., Kingston, GLP Chair
- **Shah Alamgir**, P.Eng., East Toronto, GLP Chair
- **Tomiwa Olukiyes**, P.Eng., London, GLP Chair
- **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., Ottawa, GLP Chair
- **Uthayan Thurairajah**, P.Eng., Scarborough, GLP Chair
- **Tyler Ing**, P.Eng., Simcoe-Muskoka, GLP Chair
- **David Sanz**, P.Eng., York
- **Khaled El-Rahi**, P.Eng., Mississauga, GLP Chair
- **Chaitan Sandu**, P.Eng., Niagara, GLP Chair

If you would like to join the sessions, or for more information please contact **Kaitlynn Dodge**, PEO Government Relations Coordinator at kaitlynn@brown-cohen.com.

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR GLP ACADEMIES IN EASTERN AND WEST AND EAST CENTRAL REGIONS

Two upcoming GLP Academies and Congresses are being planned for the fall.

A planning call was held on Wednesday for the Eastern Region to set the agenda for the November 15 event and to finalize logistical details.

Participating on the call were PEO Regional Councillors **Dave Brown**, P.Eng., and **Charles Kidd**, P.Eng., event organizer and PEO Quinte chapter member **Bruce Milliken**, P.Eng., PEO Coordinator, Student and Government Relations Programs **Gonzalo Piñeros**, EIT, PEO Manager Secretariat **Ralph Martin** and Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown.

The Eastern Region GLP Academy and Congress will be held at the Travelodge Hotel in Belleville.

The East Central and West Central Academy will be held together on December 6 at PEO Headquarters in Toronto. The co-chairs are PEO Brampton Chapter GLP Chair **Ravinder Panesar**, P.Eng., who represents the West Central Region and PEO York Chapter GLP Chair **Ed Fung**, P.Eng., who represents the East Central Region.



Ed Fung, P.Eng.



Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng.

Academies and Congresses are held in each region of the province every year to train and engage local PEO GLP volunteers on events for the year ahead.



Sophie Kiwala, MPP



Todd Smith, MPP



Jagmeet Singh, MPP

NDP MPP **Jagmeet Singh** (Bramalea-Gore Malton), is scheduled to speak at the East and West Central GLP Academy and Congress and **Todd Smith** MPP (Hastings-Prince Edward), Steve Rose, P.Eng., OSPE PAN member and **Sophie Kiwala** MPP (Kingston and the Islands) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport have all been invited to speak at the Eastern Academy

Upcoming Events

NEW! September 15 – Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) will speak at a Toronto Region Board of Trade on September 15 in Toronto. The event will take place from 11:30-1:30 pm on the 4th Floor of the First Canadian Place. For tickets go to, <http://www.bot.com/events/pages/details.aspx?MeetingId=4989f2b1-8f2c-e411-8e32-0050569c005c>.

September 18- Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services **Yasir Naqvi** MPP (Ottawa Centre) is hosting a fall Garden Party on September 18 in Ottawa. The event will take place at 45 Renfrew Drive, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets are \$500 or \$750 for 2. For more information contact Ivy-Lee Lunau at 613-422-2645 or by email at ilunau@ontarioliberal.ca.

September 19-21 – The **Green Party of Ontario** will host their Annual General Meeting and Policy Conference on September 19-21, at the Centre for Social Innovation (Annex), 720 Bathurst St, in Toronto. Party members and supporters can register to attend online at <http://www.gpo.ca/agm14>.

September 22 – Minister of Energy **Bob Chiarelli** MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) is hosting a Cocktail Reception and fundraiser for the Ottawa West-Nepean Provincial Liberal Association on September 22. The reception will take place at Britannia Yacht Club, 2777 Cassels St, Ottawa. The reception begins at 6pm. Tickets are \$100. For ticket information or to RSVP, please call 613-700-2707 or email info@bobchiarelli.com.

September 23 – Minister of Finance **Charles Sousa** MPP (Mississauga South) will Chair a Golf Tournament on September 23 at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, 5407 Regional Road 25, Milton. Members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus and Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) will attend. Registration starts at 7 a.m., Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m., followed by a reception at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3,200 for a foursome. For more information, contact Suaad Ali at 416-260-1608 ext. 240 or sali@ontarioliberal.ca.

September 26- Toronto Mayoral Candidates **Olivia Chow**, Mayor **Rob Ford**, **David Soknacki**, **Karen Stintz** and **John Tory** will be featured in a Mayoral Debate at the Empire Club, Arcadian Court, 401 Bay Street on September 26 at 12 pm. Tickets are \$80 each. For more information and to RSVP please visit <http://www.empireclub.org/events/mayoral-debate-2014/>.

October 15 – The Canadian News Hall of Fame is hosting its Annual Induction Ceremony and Dinner on October 15 at 6pm at the Rosewater Room on 19 Toronto Street. They will be honouring two Canadian media giants: **John Honderich**, Chair of TorStar Corp. and former editor and publisher of the Toronto Star, and **Craig Oliver**, chief political correspondent for CTV News. Tickets are \$150. For more information contact Ian Connerty at 647-289-0839 or email at ianconnerty@gmail.com.

October 16 – NDP Leader, **Andrea Horwath**, is hosting her flagship event for stakeholders in the province. She is being joined by her new MPPs. It will take place at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Dundas Street West. The time is 7 to 9 PM on October 16th. Tickets are \$2500 for 2. For more information contact Anton Sharplanin at asharplanin@on.ndp.ca.

November 6 – TVO will host its annual Tribute Gala to celebrate former TVO Chairs and CEOs **Isabel Bassett** and **Peter Herrndorf**. In attendance will be former Premiers **William Davis**, **Ernie Eves**, **Michael Harris**, **Dalton McGuinty**, **David Peterson** and **Bob Rae**. The event will take place on November 6 at 7pm at the Fermenting Cellar; 28 Distillery Lane, Distillery District, Toronto. For more information or to order tickets contact Howard Brown at 416-844-1180 or howard@brown-cohen.com.

November 13 – **Michael Harris** MPP (Kitchener-Conestoga) is hosting his 7th Annual Blue Wave networking event on November 13 at Deer Ridge Golf Club at 200 Deer Ridge Dr, Kitchener, ON. In attendance will be several Ontario PC Caucus members and party leadership candidates. Tickets are \$200. For more information, or to order tickets, please visit <https://secure.ontariopc.com/PartyEvents/721>.

November 14-16 – The **Ontario NDP** 2014 Convention will take place from November 14-16 at the South Building Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Boulevard, in Toronto. For more information or to register to attend, please visit http://www.ontariondp.ca/convention_2014.

If you have any comments, additions, or questions, please do not hesitate to call or email:

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