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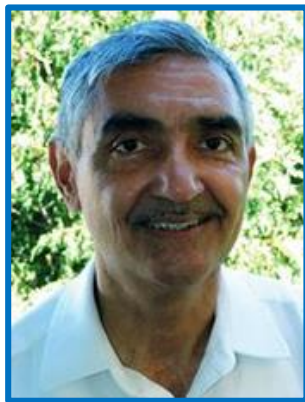
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Breaking News

TWO MORE ENGINEERS FILE TO RUN FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Two engineers, former OSPE director **Greg Cook**, P.Eng., and PEO Grand River Chapter member **Harmail Basi**, P.Eng., have both put their name on the ballot to run in Ontario's 2014 municipal elections.



Harmail Basi, P.Eng



Greg Cook, P.Eng.

Mr. Cook is running for Town Council in Aurora and Mr. Basi is running as a Councillor candidate for Ward 8 in Cambridge. Other engineers running for municipal council across the province include:

- **Dave Andre**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 29, Toronto
- **Andrew Dowie**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 1 Tecumseh
- **Ghada Melek**, EIT, Councillor, Ward 7, Mississauga
- **Anwar Syed**, P.Eng., Mayor of Ottawa
- **Ron Starr**, P.Eng., Councillor, Ward 7, Mississauga

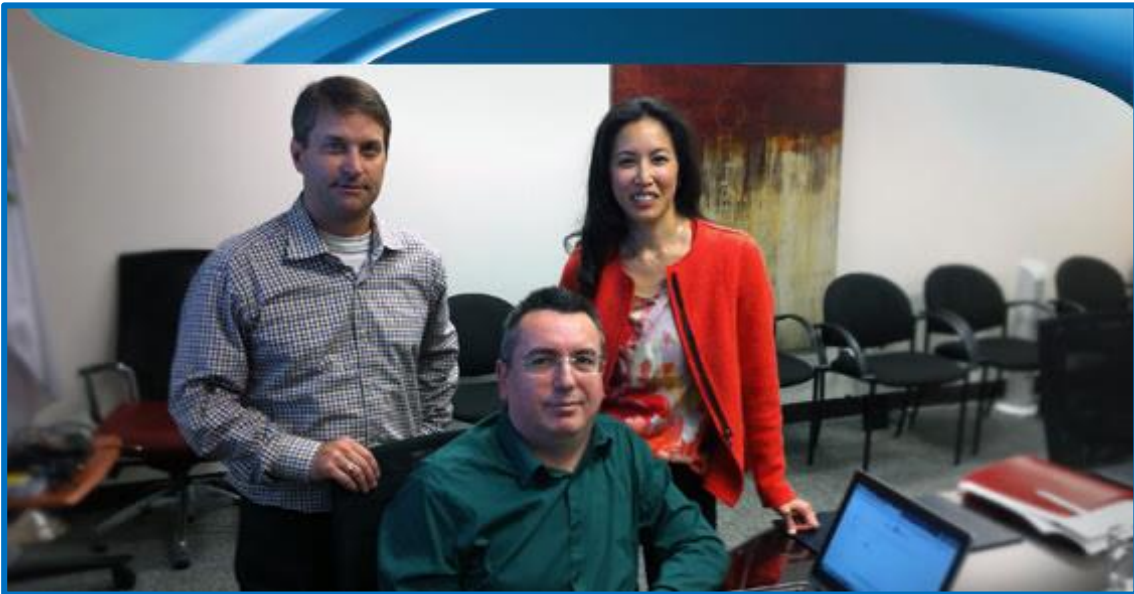
ENGINEERS CANADA LAUNCHES NEW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Engineers Canada launched a new application on July 31 called the [National Membership Database](#) and reported on the launch in its e-newsletter on September 11.

The new database is hosted in-house at Engineers Canada and replaces the Engineers Canada Common Membership Database.

The database provides constituent associations, like PEO, with the minimum necessary information to grant a licence to an inter-association applicant under the Agreement on Internal Trade. Database functionality will continually be improved. Future updates will include a bilingual database and the ability to create reports.

In its release, Engineers Canada thanked PEO and the constituent associations for their contribution to this project.



Engineers Canada staff launching the National Membership Database web application (left to right): John Langlois, Practice Lead, Information Services, Sinisa Catic, Database Developer/Administrator, and Doris Yee, Practice Lead, Foreign Credential Recognition.

FORMER PEO PRESIDENT TO CO-CHAIR EVENT HONOURING ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS FOUNDER



Vice-President of Engineers Without Borders, James Haga, inviting Minister Brad Duguid to the Ignite the Change gala.

Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure **Brad Duguid** MPP (Scarborough Centre) has confirmed that he will participate in an upcoming event for Engineers Without Borders. Premier **Kathleen Wynne** MPP (Don Valley West) has also been invited to attend.

The event is being co-chaired by former PEO President **Catherine Karakatsanis**, P.Eng., and will honour outgoing CEO and founder **George Roter**, P.Eng., and celebrate the work of the organization.

It will be held on October 21 at 6 p.m. at Wychwood Barns in Toronto.

Engineering leaders from across the GTA are expected to attend to support the cause.

Engineers Without Borders was founded in 2000 and has launched countless programs around the world to help people who cannot help themselves.

Tickets are \$350 and sponsorship opportunities are also available.



Catherine Karakatsanis, P.Eng.

Events Attended

PEO HOSTS STUDENTS AT ENERGY NETWORK EVENT WITH ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY CEO

Four Ryerson engineering students participated in the Ontario Energy Network luncheon on September 11th to hear guest speaker **David Collie**, President and CEO of the Electrical Safety Authority.

The group was hosted by PEO Manager of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs **Gonzalo Pineros**, P.Eng.



PEO sponsors a group of students to attend regular Ontario Energy Network Luncheons in an effort to expose them to the policy side of engineering. On September 11 PEO Manager of Student and Student and Government Liaison Programs Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., (second from left) and PEO Coordinator of Student and Government Liaison Programs Gonzalo Pineros, P.Eng., (third from right) hosted students from Ryerson. Guest speaker David Collie, President & CEO, Electrical Safety Authority (fourth from left) joined the group for a photo along with Colin Andersen, CEO of the Ontario Power Authority (third from left) and former PEO Councillor and Hatch engineer Oskar Sigvaldason, P.Eng. (far right).

Also in attendance were PEO Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy Frank Benton, Former Education Minister Sean Conway and Gowlings partner and former MPP David McFadden.

Mr. Collie indicated that the Electrical Safety Authority has three main objectives, to:

- Administer the electrical code
- Licence electricians
- Oversee product safety

He also focused his remarks on the importance of accelerating the decline of workplace injuries, increasing compliance and ensuring public accountability.

PEO REGISTRAR ATTENDS MPP EVENTS WITH ENGINEERING COLLEAGUES

PEO Registrar **Gerard McDonald**, P. Eng participated in an event in support for former Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General and now Minister of Aboriginal Affairs **David Zimmer** MPP (Willowdale) on September 11.

Also participating were **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and fellow engineering colleagues **Jim Chisholm**, P.Eng., **Scott Grant**, P.Eng., and **Ping Wu**, P.Eng., all from Professional Engineers Government of Ontario.



PEO Registrar Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., with Bas Balkissoon MPP (Scarborough-Rouge River) Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and PEGO Vice President Jim Chisholm, P.Eng., at the September 11 event for Minister Zimmer.

On September 9, Mr. McDonald also participated in an event with the CEO of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers **Sandro Perruzza** and President of the Professional Engineers Government of Ontario **Ping Wu**, P.Eng., for Minister of Transportation **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan).

NEWLY ELECTED MPP PARTICIPATES IN LICENCE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY WITH PEO PRESIDENT-ELECT

PEO East Toronto Chapter held a licence certificate ceremony on September 9 at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto to welcome 25 new engineers to the profession.



Licence certificate ceremonies are good opportunities to introduce MPPs to PEO's licensure process. At the September 9 event in Toronto newly elected MPP for Beaches East-York Arthur Potts (third from left) participated in PEO's East Toronto Licence Certificate ceremony with (from left to right) PEO Enforcement Manager Marisa Sterling P.Eng., PEO East Toronto Chapter Chair Hugo Maueira P.Eng., PEO President-Elect Thomas Chong P.Eng., OSPE Vice-Chair Karen Chan P.Eng., PEO East Central Region Councillor Changiz Sadr P.Eng., and PEO Councillor-at-Large Roger Jones P.Eng., at Toronto's Arts and Letters Club.

PEO President-Elect **Thomas Chong**, P.Eng., participated in the event along with special guest **Arthur Potts** MPP (Beaches-East York), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Also participating were PEO Councillors **Changiz Sadr**, P. Eng., and **Roger Jones** P.Eng., PEO Enforcement Manager **Marisa Sterling** P. Eng., Vice-Chair of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, **Karen Chan** P.Eng., PEO East Toronto Chapter Chair, **Hugo Maureira** P.Eng., Chapter Vice-Chair **Arthur Sinclair** P.Eng., Past Chapter Vice-Chair **John Glover** P.Eng., Chapter GLP Chair **Shah Alamgir** P.Eng., Chapter Education Chair **K. Shahzad Baig** P.Eng., PEO Ottawa Chapter member and Ottawa Mayoral Candidate **Anwar Syed** P.Eng., and PEO Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

The event was organized by the Chapter New Member Chair, **Kong Seto** P.Eng.

Work in progress

TWO MORE MPPS RSVP FOR PEO'S ANNUAL QUEEN'S PARK RECEPTION

Two more MPPs have confirmed their participation in PEO's annual Queen's Park Reception. **Bob Bailey** MPP (Sarnia-Lambton) and **Toby Barrett** MPP (Haldimand-Norfolk) are both planning to attend. There are currently 18 MPPs 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 Gelin** 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)

- **Paul Miller** MPP (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek)
- **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.

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.

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.

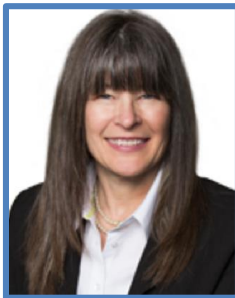


Ed Fung, P.Eng.



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

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.

NEW! September 23 – Minister of Multiculturalism and Minister of Employment and Social Development, **Jason Kenney** MP (Calgary Southwest), will be speaking at the Canadian Club of Ottawa on Tuesday, September, 23rd at 12:00pm. The event is taking place at the Chateau Laurier, Ballroom at 1 Rideau Street. Tickets can be purchased for \$75.00 at <http://www.canadianclubottawa.ca/event/the-honourable-jason-kenney/>.

NEW! September 23 – Minister of Transportation **Steven Del Duca** MPP (Vaughan) will be joined by Scarborough MPPs **Soo Wong** MPP (Scarborough-Agincourt) and **Bas Balkissoon** MPP (Scarborough-Rouge Rover) for a discussion on transit on September 23 from 6:30-7:30pm. The event will be held at the Agincourt Collegiate Institute, 2621 Midland Ave, Toronto. Tickets are free.

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/>.

NEW! September 29 – Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, **Michael Coteau** MPP (Don Valley East) will be hosting a cocktail reception at the Bell Lightbox – Festival Towers, 80 John Street in Toronto on September 29th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$500, will eligibility for a 75% tax receipt. For additional assistance call 416-961-3800 ext. 605 or email coteau.events@gmail.com to RSVP.

NEW! October 3 - Marc Garneau MPP (Westmount- Ville-Marie) is hosting an evening with cocktails and dinner at L'Ambiance Banquet Hall, 501 Alliance Avenue. Tickets are \$125 each and Ryan Ward of the York South-Weston Federal Liberal Association can be contacted for tickets at (416) 508-9273 or yswliberal@gmail.com.

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.

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