



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am via teleconference

Attendees

Chair:	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison
Members:	Jeremy Carkner, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs
Regrets:	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative
	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Patrick Sackville	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (interim rep)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Arjan Arenja seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeremy Carkner moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the last GLC meeting. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warren Turnbull welcomed the new members, Arjan Arenja and Jeffrey Lee, to the GLC.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed. It was asked whether a summary list of action items could be sent out to the GLC after the meeting prior to the Minutes being issued. Jeannette Chau agreed to do this.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send out a list of Action items after each GLC meeting

Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- Take Your MPP to Work Days – there was one Take Your MPP to Work days hosted by Algonquin chapter held on April 3, 2018 at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) in Chalk River with John Yakabuski, MPP (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke).
- GLP meeting activity report – A verbal summary of the MPP meetings held as of March 31st, 2018 was provided to the committee. Most of the activities in March revolved around the MPP`s attending chapter NEM events or Licencing ceremonies. There was one joint OSPE PAN/PEO GLP meeting held in February.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 – we are continuing to work on the implementation plan activities. Howard Brown has drafted a GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program.

Action: Howard Brown to send out the draft GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav was not present.

Jeannette Chau provided an update on Engineers Canada activities. The Engineers Canada Hill day will take place that day on April 24, 2018 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Rakesh Shreewastav and Jeannette Chau will be participating. Discussion topics include Engineers Canada national initiatives such as climate change vulnerability assessments, supporting diversity of women and of indigenous peoples in engineering, and engineering regulation in Canada.

There are a record number of MP meetings scheduled – approximately 60 meetings. The event will conclude with a reception on Parliament Hill. All Ministers, members of Parliament and Senators and their staff have been invited to attend the reception.

Action: Jeannette to provide some info and pictures from the Engineers Canada Hill day to Howard for the GLP Weekly.

ESSCO: Angel Serah was not present however she provided a written report as shown in the Appendix.

Action: Jeannette to ask Angel Serah when her Friday Feature will be profiled

CEO: Jeremy Carkner provided an update on CEO activities.

CEO held their government relations committee meeting the week prior. A new issue they are looking at are the community benefits of the Eglington Crosstown project.

Comments on the Construction Lien Act draft regulations are due on May 1st. CEO will be providing comments.

No new developments from last month regarding other issues they have been working on.

CEO will be doing Elections tracking during the provincial election. A question was raised as to what type of items they will be tracking, and whether this info would be accessible to others who might be interested, for example, is it posted on the CEO website?

CEO also tracks municipal issues.

Action: Jeremy Carkner to provide information on the Elections tracking that CEO is doing, at the next GLC meeting.

OSPE: Patrick Sackville was not present.

Jeannette provided an update on the OSPE #EngineeringAlly campaign. OSPE has launched #EngineeringAlly for the upcoming provincial election. They will be asking election candidates from all parties to sign an #EngineeringAlly pledge that if they are elected they promise to do the five things outlined in the pledge.

As per the last GLC meeting motion, the GLP will provide support by asking our GLP representatives to help the OSPE PAN reps spread the #EngineeringAlly message and get the #EngineeringAlly pledge signed. GLP reps will accompany OSPE PAN reps where possible. More info on the campaign and copy of the pledge can be found on the website www.engineeringally.ca

Action: Jeannette Chau to work with Patrick Sackville to support the #EngineeringAlly campaign with the GLP

4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

GLP Chair Engagement – as noted in the last meeting, the GLP Scorecard needs to be revised for this year. A request was made for volunteers to work with the GLC to help modify the GLP Scorecard. We have two volunteers from the chapters – Bob Radonevic from Algonquin chapter, and Peter Rozitis from Simcoe-Muskoka chapter. Arjan Arenja has graciously volunteered to lead the group in revising the GLP Scorecard. Jeffrey Lee will also participate in the group. Objective is to have it completed by June.

Action: Arjan Arenja to chair the development of the revised GLP Scorecard for approval by the GLC prior to issue to the GLP chairs in June

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – the subcommittee met on April 3rd, 2018 and reviewed updates from the Registrar's report that dealt with any upcoming regulatory items.

Most of the discussion revolved around brainstorming ideas for questions to be distributed to provincial election candidates prior to the June 7 provincial election. One question has been decided upon and a second is still being worked on.

Queen's Park Day subcommittee – Committee has not met yet.

No new activities as the committee has not met yet. The date has been confirmed for October 24. Rooms have been booked at Hart House for the Government Relations conference being held during the day (8:30am -4:00pm) prior to the MPP reception at Queen's Park (5:00-7:00 pm). We will likely start work on this after the provincial election on June 7th, 2018.

A suggestion was made that Mark Abbott from EWB could be a potential speaker.

Possible topic or theme – PEO’s future as a regulator? Are we losing relevance?

Action: Jeannette to contact OSPE to see if they want to start planning the October Joint Government Relations conference yet

Training Advisory group – no update.

Action: Gabe Tse and Nick Colluci to get together to look at training needs prior to the next GLC teleconference.

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull

The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee has not met recently.

Action: Warren Turnbull to set up a meeting of the Audit Implementation Plan committee to review activities that GLC proposed to engage in that are in alignment with the PEO Strategic Plan

Enhanced Government Outreach –Howard Brown has developed the draft version of the text for the Leave Behind Postcard.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send the revised Postcard text to OSPE

5. New or other business

Committee membership roster update

The following are the memberships on the GLC sub-committees for 2018:

- **Regulatory Issues subcommittee:** Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville
- **Enhanced Government Outreach:** Daniel King, Angel Serah, Warren Turnbull, Jeremy Carkner, Rakesh Shreewastav, Patrick Sackville
- **GLP Chair Engagement working group:** Gabe Tse, Jeffrey Lee, Arjan Arenja
- **Queen’s Park Day subcommittee:** Angel Serah, Tim Kirkby, Gabe Tse, Howard Brown, Arjan Arenja
- **Training Advisory group:** Gabe Tse, Nick Colucci, Howard Brown
- **Audit Implementation plan subcommittee:** Warren Turnbull, Tim Kirkby, Patrick Sackville

Warren Turnbull suggested that a new Task Force be set up to look at chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession. The members of the group would consist of those who are part of the GLP Audit Implementation committee, plus any others interested. Jeffrey Lee expressed an interest in being part of this Task Force.

Action: Warren Turnbull to initiate a chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession Task Group

New 2018 GLC activities/operational plan (in alignment with the 2018-2020 PEO Strategic Plan)

Copy of the operational plan was attached with the Agenda.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Tuesday May 15, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am**

Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.

APPENDIX

ESSCO report (provided by Angel Serah)

Highlights

- *First Year Integration Conference*
 - The First Year Integration Conference (FYIC) was hosted in February by Lakehead University. FYIC is a leadership development conference for first-year students looking to get more involved in their respective engineering societies. Over 60 delegates from all 14 of ESSCO's member schools travelled to Thunder Bay for the 3 day conference.
- *ESSCO Hockey Tournament*
 - On March 16th -18th the first official ESSCO Hockey tournament was held in Ottawa. The weekend saw twelve teams of engineering students from schools across Ontario compete for 1st place in a round-robin tournament. On the final day McMaster defeated Guelph in the finals to become the first champions of the ESSCO Hockey Tournament.
- *ESSCO Blood Drive*
 - ESSCO held an interschool blood drive to encourage students to donate blood to Canadian Blood Services. The competition saw over 80 blood donations made, the winning team is yet to be announced.
- *ESSCO Working Groups*
 - ESSCO has confirmed their 3rd working group, the Mental Health Working Group. This working group is composed of 8 students from schools across Ontario. Their goal is to prepare a report on the best practices of our members on promoting strong mental health.

Organizational Changes

- The ESSCO council voted in favour of changing the ESSCO election and conference schedule. This will better align the ESSCO executives' terms with the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students and regional engineering societies. Elections and the AGM will now take place in February and the executive will serve for a term lasting from April 1st to March 31st.

ESSCO Events coming up

- *ESSCO Soccer Tournament*
 - ESSCO will be hosting a 7v7 soccer tournament in June in Hamilton, ON. ESSCO is interested in inviting MPPs at this event. I've cc'd Howard on that email so they can get in touch with him.
- *ESSCO Annual General Meeting*
 - The ESSCO AGM will be held by York University June 15th 2018. The AGM introduces the new council of VP Externals to ESSCO, PEO, OSPE and the CFES as well as their new role on council. In addition, elections for the 2018-2019 executive will take place that weekend.