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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, August 16th, 2016, 4:00pm – 9:00pm, PEO HQ, Room 8A

Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

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| Chair: | Darla Campbell, P.Eng. | P.Eng. active in a Riding Association |
| Members: | Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng. | |
| | Daniel King, EIT | EIT representative |
| | Matthew Jelavic, P.Eng. | Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) |
| | Angel Serah | Student representative |
| | Warren Turnbull, P.Eng. | Regional Councillors Committee |
| | Michael Chan, P.Eng. | Advisory Committee – Volunteers |
| Staff Advisor: | Bill Allison, P.Eng. | Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO) |
| | Jeannette Chau, P.Eng. | PEO Manager, Student and Government Liaison Programs |
| Regrets: | Yourdanos Tsegay | SMP & GLP PEO Summer Student |
| | Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng. | Engineers Canada BG&E Representative |
| | Rick Hilton, P.Eng. | LGA Councillor |
| Ex-Officio: | Gabe Tse, P.Eng. | GLP Chair |
| | Howard Brown | PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen |

1. Call to Order

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:55pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Ishwar Bhatia motioned to approve the Agenda. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. All approved.

Correction to the July Minutes: Matthew Jelavic joined the July 26th teleconference at 4:30pm and left at 5:20pm.

Daniel King motioned to approve the minutes from July 26th, 2016. Warren seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Partner reports

Engineers Canada

The Engineers Canada representative was absent. No items reported.

OSPE (Matthew Jelavic)

- Sandro Perruzza had a meeting with Construction Design Alliance of Ontario (CDAO).
- Some of the highlights of this meeting included:

- OSPE/RCCAO/GTASWCA Excess Soils Report
 - Update from the Canadian Construction Association Meeting in Halifax which demonstrated that Ontario is ahead of the other provinces on topics including
 - standardized contract language and prompt payment legislation.
 - Discussion on Exclusion Clauses and other contract requirements that are beginning to be imposed by Municipalities
 - Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Initiative, including a proposed meeting with Federal Infrastructure Minister Sohi
- On July 25th OSPE hosted a members meeting at the Rogers Cup
 - OSPE has received a reply from the Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, regarding OSPE's view that the Ontario Government is underutilizing their expertise of Ontario's Engineering Community. In the letter, the Minister acknowledges OSPE's numerous and valuable submissions on Energy and within his own Ministry, and gives a commitment to stay engaged with OSPE
 - OSPE continues with ongoing work with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce on Sustainable and Economical Infrastructure, with RCCAO and GTAWSCA on Excess Soils, with OACETT on an upcoming E3, and with numerous chapters on engagement events.

ESSCO (Angel Serah)

On August 25th, the new ESSCO executive will be meeting with PEO to discuss future plans. On September 16th-18th ESSCO will be having their annual ESSCO Presidents Meeting.

CEO (Bill Allison)

CEO has been active in approaching municipal clients.

4. Sub-committee Reports

Regulatory Issues sub-committee

The Regulatory Issues sub-committee has been following along with Continuing Professional Competency Program (CP²) to see where it will be headed. Darla Campbell discussed asking Bernie Ennis to speak at a GLC meeting or to issue a report for the meeting.

GLP Chair Engagement sub-committee

There will be a GLP Chairs teleconference on September 15th from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Agenda topics are:

- Joint PEO/OSPE Conference & Queen's Park Day – Oct 26
- Update on the Repeal of the Industrial Exception
- Continuing Professional Competency Program
- Take Your MPP to Work Day
- GLC member – GLP chair
- Other items GLP chairs would like to discuss

Take Your MPP to Work Day

The 2016 goal for Take Your MPP to Work Day is to engage 12 MPPs. To accomplish this goal there still needs to be 3 Liberals, 1 PC and 1 NDP MPP participating in a Take Your MPP to Work Day.

Joint PEO/OSPE Government Relations Conference sub-committee

There will be a teleconference of the joint PEO/OSPE Government Relations Conference sub-committee on August 25th from 8:00 - 9:00 am.

The theme for the joint conference will be “Engineers Working Together for a Stronger Future”.

Catrina Kronfli will be working with OSPE graphics for the draft design concepts.

The letters to invite the OMA, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Law society etc to speak as panellists have been sent out.

Queen’s Park Day

The theme for Queens Park day will be the same as the joint PEO/OSPE Government Relations Conference.

The engineering games will be held again this year. Angel Serah will be organizing it with the help of Daniel King.

Additional volunteers are needed for the Queen’s Park Day subcommittee.

Action: Any interested GLC members who would like to be on the Queen's Park Day sub-committee to please let Jeannette Chau know.

5. Strategy - Industrial Exception workplan

It was discussed that it would be good to identify people who can present arguments in favour of the Repeal of the Industrial Exception at the government committee hearings.

6. GLP Engagement: Measuring what we do

It was proposed that Niagara, Windsor and Lakehead chapters also complete the GLP scorecard but it would be sent to the RCC first for their comments.

7. Other business

GLC Council Liaison

Warren Turnbull motioned to approve Michael Chan as the GLC Council Liaison. Daniel King seconded the motion. All approved.

Briefing note going to council

The next step is to present report (briefing note) to council. The two steps to take next are:

- Inform PEO Council what the GLC’s scope and Terms of Reference are
- Inform PEO Council regarding what the GLC has accomplished

There are only two weeks to finalize the briefing notes that will be presented to Council

Action: Jeannette Chau to check if the briefing note can be presented at a plenary meeting where there will be more time to present and discuss.

Procedure guideline update:

Warren Turnbull motioned to approve that the GLP Manual be updated to clearly indicate that chapter GLP representatives must be either P.Engs or EITs. Matthew Jelavic seconded the motion. All approved.

Action: Matthew Ng and the RCC are to be advised about the change being made to the GLP manual.

Next meeting and adjournment

The next GLC meeting will be held face-to-face on Tuesday September 20th, 2016, 6:00-9:00pm, at PEO HQ. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.