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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Dinner: 6:00 pm, Meeting: 7:00-9:00pm

Attendees

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

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Tim Kirkby moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Arjan Arenja seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeffrey Lee moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 GLC meeting. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

Jeannette Chau has ordered the PEO lapel pins for GLP representatives to help identify them, in lieu of PEO GLP shirts.

Still outstanding:

- Warren Turnbull to set up a meeting to look at the selection of one rep per riding.

Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- Take Your MPP to Work Days – a total of six Take Your MPP to Work Days have been held to date as of the end of November. There was one more held December 7 hosted by Chatham chapter with Rick Nicholls, MPP (Chatham-Kent-Leamington) at the Chatham South Water

Treatment Plant. This brings the total number of Take Your MPP to Work Days in 2018 to seven, which is on par with 2017. This is a very good result considering that the provincial election took place in 2018 and hence MPPs were not available during the election campaign period.

- GLP meeting activity report – A GLP Activity report of the MPP meetings held year-to-date as of Nov 30th, 2018 was provided to the committee. To date there have been a total of 116 meetings/interactions with MPP meetings, mostly revolving around MPPs attending chapter events or engineers attending MPP community events.

3. Report from Partners

ESSCO: Angel Serah presented an update on ESSCO activities

An ESSCO Foundation has been created to oversee their ESSCO fund. Students are taking part in a study that is being conducted jointly by OSPE and ESSCO.

ESSCO will be holding a new logo contest for Jan 5th.

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav was not present

CEO: Christine Hill was not present

Christine Hill has now become the Chair of CEO. Jeannette Chau informed the GLC that Christine has indicated that she will continue to be a member of the committee until the CEO AGM in the spring.

Tim Kirkby reminded the committee that since CEO deals with many municipal issues, they could help take on a role to champion/support engineers who run municipally. PEO focuses on provincial candidates and Engineers Canada focuses federally.

OSPE: Jerome James provided an update on OSPE

Jerome James provided a list of ridings that have active OSPE PAN representatives in response to a request from a previous meeting. Keeping the privacy of PAN reps is required due to privacy laws hence no contact information has been provided. If PEO chapters are having an MPP meeting, then the list may be consulted. If there is an active OSPE PAN rep in that riding, PEO GLP Manager Jeannette Chau can contact OSPE and ask if they would like to send their representative to attend along with the PEO chapter GLP representative.

Tim Kirkby suggested that OSPE set a goal to have representatives in all ridings. This is also a goal of the GLC.

List of ridings that have an active OSPE PAN representative as of Dec 2018:

- Barrie-Innisfil
- Brampton North
- Brampton West
- Davenport
- Durham

Eglinton-Lawrence
Etobicoke Centre
Etobicoke North
Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Kanata-Carleton
King-Vaughan
Kitchener-Conestoga
Markham-Thornhill
Markham-Unionville
Milton
Mississauga East-Cooksville
Newmarket-Aurora
Oakville
Ottawa Centre
Ottawa South
Ottawa-Vanier
Parkdale-High Park
Parry Sound-Muskoka
Richmond Hill
Scarborough North
Scarborough Southwest
Scarborough-Guildwood
Scarborough-Rouge Park
Sudbury
Toronto-Danforth
Toronto-St. Pauls
Waterloo
Whitby
York Centre

President David Brown was asked to comment and provide an update regarding the letters which OSPE and CEO had sent to the Attorney General in November.

President Brown informed the group that PEO will be working together with OSPE and CEO on a mutually acceptable agreement to bring forward to the Attorney General. The PEO Executive committee has been tasked with this duty. He stressed that PEO wants to work with OSPE and CEO who are valued partners.

President Brown stated that Council will upload a clarification on privacy requirements. Affinity revenues are being discussed. Privacy laws must be adhered to. Member data that PEO has cannot be provided unless there is express consent by the individuals concerned. The Memorandum of Understanding between both organizations is still in effect. It is important to clarify the mandates and make sure we are doing things that add value to our mandate.

4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee held a teleconference on December 4, 2018.

Regulatory items from the November Interim Registrar's reports were reviewed. The subcommittee also looked at potential talking points for the GLP chairs for the holiday season and new year. Meetings of the Regulatory Issues subcommittee are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019. Daniel King invited anyone on the GLC who is interested and would like to join the meeting to do so and they would be welcome.

Enhanced Government Outreach

Have not met separately from Reg Issues. Nothing to report.

GLP Chair Engagement – Arjan Arenja

The quarterly GLP Chair Engagement call was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

The GLP Activity Report working group has not met regarding the GLP Activity Report. On the December quarterly GLP chair call, no one criticized the report or had any negative feedback. In general, the GLP chairs indicated that they felt it was convenient to fill in. They liked the new groupings of chapters for awards categories based on the number of MPPs assigned to them. It was clarified that the reporting period for the report was from October of the previous year to October of the current one in order to be able to present the award at the PEO Queen's Park MPP reception. However, it was noted that due to budget reductions, there will be no Queen's Park MPP reception held in 2019.

The committee will need to determine how to build excitement for the awards without the Queen's Park day.

Training Advisory group – have not met

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull

The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee has not been meeting on this any longer.

5. New or other business

Strategic Plan Task Group - Update

Due to budgetary constraints, the strategic initiatives were not approved. Once PEO finishes the Regulatory Performance Review, then PEO will go back to the strategic plan and align the objectives with the budget.

Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession Task Force

Warren Turnbull suggested that a new GLC task force/working group be set up to look at chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession planning. He suggested that RCC could be asked to appoint someone from each region to participate. The working group would look at how to attain having one GLP representative for each riding. Gabe Tse indicated that Grand River chapter already has representatives for each MPP. The task force could also look at succession planning and term limits for GLP representatives, as well as certification training to become a certified GLP rep.

Gabe Tse moved a motion to create a GLC subcommittee to look at Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Gabe Tse and Arjan Arenja volunteered to be on the subcommittee. The subcommittee would start to meet in January 3:00-4:00 pm prior to the start of the January 15th GLC meeting. Initial members would be Arjan Arenja, Gabe Tse, Jeffrey Lee, Howard Brown, Jeannette Chau, and Warren Turnbull.

Action: Warren Turnbull to send the chapters a description of the objective of the working group in order to obtain a volunteer rep from each region to participate in it.

Action: Jeannette Chau to send an Outlook appointment of the meeting to the participants.

New GLP Activity Report

Information on this was already covered in the GLP Chair Engagement report.

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GLC Election for Chair and Vice Chair

An election for the GLC Chair, Vice Chair, position will be held at the January GLC meeting.

Action: If anyone would like to run for GLC Chair or Vice chair, please let Jeannette Chau know.

Presentation to Angel

Angel Serah is stepping down from the GLC effective December 31st, 2018. Angel has graduated from University and is no longer a student, hence cannot hold the GLC student representative position on the committee. A canvass will be going out to recruit a new engineering student representative. Warren Turnbull presented Angel with a certificate of appreciation and thanked her for her great service. Angel Serah said it was an honour to serve and she plans to continue her work with GLP at the chapter level.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

Arjan Arenja moved a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm. Warren Turnbull wished everyone Happy holidays.

The next GLC meeting will be held **face-to-face on Tuesday January 15, 2018, 6:00-9:00 pm**