



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Dinner: 6:00 pm, Meeting: 7:00-9:00pm

### Attendees

Chair:	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison
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)
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative (via teleconf)
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs
Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Guest:	Laura Casselman	Account Director, Brown & Cohen
Regrets:	Christine Hill, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Gabe Tse, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng. [Vacant]	GLP Chair Student representative

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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

Warren welcomed Laura Casselman from Brown and Cohen, who attended as a guest. Laura will be working on the PEO account.

**Action: Jeannette to request that CEO appoint another representative if can't make meetings.**

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Tim Kirkby moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Nick Colucci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerome James moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 GLC meeting. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

- Warren Turnbull has since held a meeting to begin the discussion on the selection of one rep per riding.

### **Report from Manager, GLP Programs**

- Take Your MPP to Work Days – a total of seven Take Your MPP to Work Days were held in 2018. This number is on par with the seven that were held in 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.
- Take Your MPP to Work Days held in 2018:
  - 3 Apr 2018 - Algonquin chapter hosted with MPP John Yakabuski at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)
  - 14 May 2018 - London chapter hosted with Liberal candidate Kate Graham at the new Western University Engineering building
  - 28 Sep 2018 - London chapter hosted MPPs Peggy Sattler and Terence Kernaghan at the City of London
  - 7 Nov 2018 – Windsor & Chatham chapter hosted MPP Taras Natyshak at Bonduelle Canada
  - 16 Nov 2018 – Oakville & Mississauga chapter hosted MPPs Stephen Crawford, Rudy Cuzzetto, and Effie Triantafilopoulos at Ford Motor Company
  - 16 Nov 2018 – Sudbury chapter hosted MPP Jamie West at XPS Expert Process Solutions
  - 7 Dec 2018 – Chatham chapter hosted MPP Rick Nicholls at Chatham South Water Treatment Plant
- GLP meeting activity report – A GLP Activity report of the total number of MPP meetings held in 2018 was provided to the committee. There was a total of 125 meetings/interactions with MPP meetings in 2018, mostly revolving around MPPs attending chapter events or engineers attending MPP community events.
- Jeannette Chau and Howard Brown are currently preparing for the Northern Region GLP Academy. Finance Minister Vic Fedeli and NDP Deputy Leader John Vanthof will be attending.

### **3. Report from Partners**

#### **ESSCO:**

Jeannette Chau reported that a canvass has been posted for a new engineering student representative on the GLC. ESSCO is helping to distribute the link to it on the PEO website. The canvass close date is February 4<sup>th</sup>. In Engineering Dimensions there is an article regarding MPP Jennifer French who attended and spoke at the PEO Student conference in November.

#### **Engineers Canada:** Rakesh Shreewastav

Engineers Canada is trying to evaluate what they can do in the future to be more involved in the House of Commons and Senate Committee.

**CEO:** Christine Hill was not present

**OSPE:** Jerome James

The GLC asked if OSPE had any activities planned for the upcoming federal election this year. Jerome James will check and try to have that info for the next meeting.

It was stated that there is a need internally within PEO for members to know that the PEO GLP mandate is not to support engineers for election municipally and federally, but to focus on the regulatory needs of the profession and to focus provincially.

**Action: Jerome James to check whether OSPE might have any activities planned for the federal election**

#### **4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups**

**Regulatory Issues subcommittee** – Daniel King

The Regulatory Issues subcommittee held a teleconference in January. Current regulatory items to note are the activities with the Ontario Fairness Commission and preparation for the upcoming external Regulatory Review. The government is doing another set of Red Tape bills and is actively looking for areas to reduce regulatory red tape.

A question was asked whether the membership gets informed of what the results are after a public consultation. How are representatives chosen for a consultation other than as a subject matter expert? The public consultation website lists all open consultations. Members of the public can go online and contribute to it.

**Enhanced Government Outreach**

The Enhanced Government Outreach group has not met separately from the Regulatory Issues group. Nothing to report.

**GLP Chair Engagement** – Arjan Arenja and Gabe Tse

No activity since December.

**Training Advisory group** – Nick Colucci and Gabe Tse

No current activity. Nothing to report.

**Audit Implementation plan subcommittee** – Warren Turnbull

The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee is no longer meeting.

## 5. New or other business

### Election

An election for the position of GLC Chair and Vice-chair was held.

- Warren Turnbull was acclaimed as GLC Chair.
- Gabe Tse was acclaimed as GLC Vice-chair.

Congratulations to Warren and Gabe!

**Action: Jeannette Chau to inform PEO Volunteer Management of the GLC election results**

### Meeting dates

A discussion on the proposed meeting dates for 2019 was held. The GLC decided to meet on Wednesdays later at 11:30am – 1:00pm for the teleconference calls this year. Below are the 2019 GLC meeting dates.

*All meetings are via teleconference unless otherwise indicated.*

- *Teleconference meetings are held 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (note new time this year)*
- *Face-to-face meetings are held from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at PEO HQ*

Wed Jan 16 (face-to-face)

Wed Feb 13

Wed Mar 20

Wed Apr 17

Wed May 15

Wed Jun 19 (face-to-face)

Wed Jul 17

Wed Aug 14

Wed Sep 18 (face-to-face)

Wed Oct 16

Wed Nov 20

Wed Dec 18 (face-to-face)

### Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession Task Force

The task force met for the first time from 5:00-6:00 pm prior to the start of the January 16<sup>th</sup> GLC meeting. Warren Turnbull, Jeffrey Lee, Howard Brown, and Jeannette Chau were present. They discussed the type of chapter representation they would like to have and some ideas for Chapter GLP selection and training.

**Action: Warren will send out the notes of the first meeting of the Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession Task Force to the GLC**

**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: After Warren Turnbull has obtained the volunteer reps, Jeannette Chau to send an Outlook appointment of the meeting to the participants.**

### **Industrial Exception**

The Ministry of Labour was supposed to provide data regarding industrial accidents. Warren Turnbull asked if PEO is collecting any data.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to ask Linda Latham whether they are meeting and receiving information on industrial accidents from the Ministry of Labour**

### **GLP Journal**

The next GLP Journal article will focus on why PEO as a regulator needs a Government Liaison Program.

## **6. Next meeting and adjournment**

Nick moved a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Wednesday February 13, 2019, 11:30 am -1:00 pm**