

# **MINUTES**

# **GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, Dinner: 6:00 pm, Meeting: 7:00-9:00pm

**Attendees** 

Chair: Warren Turnbull, P.Eng. Regional Councillors Committee & Council Liaison

Members: Jeremy Carkner, P.Eng. Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)

Jeffrey Lee, P.Eng. P.Eng. active in a Riding Association

Tim Kirkby, P.Eng. LGA Councillor

Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng. Engineers Canada BG&E Representative (via teleconf)

Angel Serah Student representative

Arjan Arenja, P.Eng. GLP Chair

Daniel King, EIT EIT representative

Nick Colucci, P.Eng. Advisory Committee Volunteer

Jerome James, P.Eng. Ontario Society of Professional Engineers

Ex-officio: Howard Brown PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen

Staff Advisor: Jeannette Chau, P.Eng. PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs

Regrets: Gabe Tse, P.Eng. GLP Chair (via teleconf)

# 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Warren Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

# 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Jeremy Carkner moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Tim Kirkby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Noted that the July GLC meeting is cancelled.

Jeremy Carkner moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 GLC meeting. Arjan Arenja seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

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

# Report from Manager, GLP Programs

 Take Your MPP to Work Days – the number of Take Your MPP to Work Days is lower this year due to the provincial election. To date there have been two Take Your MPP to Work Days.

- GLP meeting activity report A GLP Activity report of the MPP meetings held year-to-date as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was provided to the committee. Most of the activities in May revolved around MPP's attending chapter events, Licencing ceremonies or community events, and Engineering Ally candidate meetings. There was one joint OSPE PAN/PEO GLP meeting that was held in February.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 we are continuing to work on the implementation plan activities.

Action: Jeannette Chau to issue the revised GLP Info Note on Engineering Organizations which now includes PEGO

# 3. Report from Partners

**Engineers Canada:** Rakesh Shreewastav provided an update on Engineers Canada activities. The report is shown in the Appendix.

Action: Jeannette Chau to forward the GLC a copy of the National Society of Professional Engineers presentation on the Threat to Engineering Regulation in the U.S. that Rakesh has provided

CEO: Jeremy Carkner provided an update on CEO activities.

The report is shown in the Appendix.

**ESSCO**: Angel Serah provided an update on ESSCO activities.

The ESSCO AGM is being held on June 14 at York University. Howard Brown is attending. A successful ESSCO soccer tournament was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. ESSCO is holding a Disruptive Ideas contest with a \$500 prize. The contest invites ideas on how to disrupt things and change the world. The deadline for submission of entries is June 26, 2018.

**OSPE**: Jerome James provided an update on OSPE activities

Jerome James was personally very active in recruiting candidates to sign the Engineering Ally pledge. He found it difficult to get PC candidates to meet. All agreed that the Engineering Ally was a great initiative.

The GLC asked how many candidates signed the pledge, and if OSPE plans to use the Engineering Ally pledge going forward. Jerome James will ask OSPE.

Action: Jerome James to find out how many candidates signed the Engineering Ally pledge and if there are any plans going forward to continue some version of it

# 4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

**Regulatory Issues subcommittee** – the subcommittee met on June 5, 2018 and reviewed updates from the Registrar's report that dealt with any upcoming regulatory items. The two PEO election questions were finalized. Leadership decided not to use questions. GLP chairs still used.

Co-regulator – looking forward to what they mean by this

Focus on building relationships. Not just showing up when there is a problem.

Action: Jeannette Chau to find out more about the concept of co-regulation and report back to the GLC on it

**Enhanced Government Outreach** – the leave behind postcard is finalized.

Action: Jeannette Chau to arrange for the printing of the leave behind postcard

**GLP Chair Engagement** – The GLP Scorecard needs to be revised for this year to accommodate the difficulties that smaller or rural chapters face. Bob Radonevic from Algonquin chapter and GLC members Arjan Arenja and Jeffrey Lee participated in a working group to look at revisions to the scorecard. The group presented their recommendations to the committee. The GLC was fine with the proposed change to create four categories depending on the number of MPPs that the chapter had assigned to them. The chapters would be assessed against other chapters within their group.

<u>Categories</u>	# Chapters
Chapters with 1 MPP	8
Chapters with 2 MPPs	9
Chapters with 3-5 MPPs	9
Chapters with 6-9 MPPs	10

There was also a suggestion was to change the name from 'GLP Scorecard' to something more in line with what we wanted to accomplish and not a competition, such as 'GLP Activity Assessment'.

Action: Howard Brown to provide his feedback on the GLP Scorecard to the GLP Scorecard working group

Action: The GLP Scorecard working group to consider changing the name of the Scorecard

# 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 can start work on this now that the provincial election is over.

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 start planning the October Joint Government Relations conference

**Training Advisory group** – Nick Colucci held a call with Gabe Tse and came up with 10 points as follows:

- 1. Prepare an inventory of what we have in training
- 2. List options for additional avenues of training
- 3. Test of GLC
- 4. prepare pilots, one for a big chapter, one for small
- 5. Identify test chapters
- 6. Meet with test chapters
- 7. record session
- 8. Introduce and get feedback
- 9. Revise as necessary
- 10. Implement

The GLC asked the question of how do we measure if this person is appropriate for the GLP role?

Action: Nick Colucci to provide the list of the 10 training points to Jeannette for the GLC

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# Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull

The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee met to work on Strategic Objective.

Action: Warren Turnbull to revise the GLC Strategic Objective based on the feedback received

### 5. New or other business

#### New 2018 GLC activities/operational plan update

A copy of the operational plan was included with the Agenda.

# Strategic Plan Task Group

Warren reviewed the proposed GLC Strategic Objective which is due for submission on June 30th. The GLC was in favour of the proposal with a few minor wording changes.

# Chapter GLP Selection, Training, and Succession Task Force

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

#### 30 x 30 Plan for GLC

The current membership of the GLC is predominantly male. There is only one female member. The GLC needs to look at how they can bring up the number of women on the committee. Each member to be on the lookout for potential female replacements when a position becomes vacant.

# **GLP Uniform**

The GLC discussed the possibility of ordering golf shirts with the PEO logo for GLP representatives to wear when meeting with MPPs at community events, etc. Business wear would still be worn for formal MPP meetings.

Action: Jeannette Chau to investigate sources and costs for GLP shirts

# 6. Next meeting and adjournment

Jeffrey moved a motion to adjourn. Arjan seconded the motion.

The July GLC meeting is cancelled.

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Tuesday August 14, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am** Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

# **Appendix**

# Engineers Canada report

- 1. 2018/19 **EC Board** Annette Bergeron, MBA, FEC, P.Eng. assumed her new role as president of Engineers Canada,
- 2. Staff are actively working on **federal government submissions** for the summer session and working on drafting the pre-budget submission for the 2019 Federal Budget; and
- 3. Engineers Canada recently submitted a **submission to the House of Commons** Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on Automated and Connected Vehicles. The submission is currently being translated and will be posted to our website shortly.
- 4. Celebrate **International Women in Engineering** Day on June 23. Saturday, June 23, 2018, is International Women in Engineering Day (INWED), an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the exciting career opportunities available to girls in this industry.
- 5. **NSPE Presentation**: Threat to Engineering Regulation in US

# CEO report

- 1. Government Relations Activities
- a. Provincial government relations activities
  - Infrastructure Ontario Real Estate supplementary conditions negotiations update
    - Member advisory issued on recent refresh of IO VoR for Engineering Services (M/E/S/C/Building Science)
    - IO VoR extended from Jun 8 to Aug 3 (2 month extension)
    - GRC and CEO staff engaged with key IO staff on continued discussions re: poor indemnification within agreement (supplementary conditions)
    - CEO will engage with IO in summertime on industry consultation re: P3s and related efficiencies and procurement matters
  - 2018 Ontario Election and Ontario's New Government
    - CEO preparing for announcements on June 29 re: new cabinet
    - CEO assessing how to drive key messages forward with new government and important role our members play in infrastructure development
    - CEO evaluating which MPPs and other individuals will be most beneficial to engage with during annual Queen's Park Day on Oct 22, 2018
- b. Municipal government relations activities
  - City of Toronto
    - Ongoing engagement re: various issues
  - City of Ottawa
    - Ongoing engagement re: various issues, alongside CEO's Ottawa Chapter

#### 4. Other Business

- 1. Community Benefits Agreements pilot projects for major infrastructure expected; CEO ongoing engagement in this process
- 2. Construction Act and new phased Holdback release amount set at \$10M
- 3. Asset Management regulations | CEO approaching provincial staff re: implementation over 6-year phased period
- 4. CEO's GRC will likely meet as required over the summer to address engagement with the new provincial government