



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7:30-9:00am

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### Attendees

Chair:	Darla Campbell, P.Eng.	P.Eng. active in a Riding Association
Members:	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Warren Turnbull, P.Eng.	Regional Councillors Committee
	Jeremy Carkner, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative
	Daniel Liao, P.Eng.	GLP Chair
	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Patrick Sackville	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (interim rep)
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
	Tim Kirkby, P.Eng.	LGA Councillor
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Darla Campbell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 am.

Darla welcomed Patrick Sackville to the GLC as the interim OSPE representative.

### 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nick Colucci moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 17th, 2017 GLC meeting. Warren Turnbull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

### 3. Report from Manager, GLP Programs

Jeannette Chau provided a report on the GLP activities.

- Take Your MPP to Work Days – two Take Your MPP to Work Days were held in November. Oakville chapter hosted a Take Your MPP to Work Day on November 9<sup>th</sup> with Minister Kevin Flynn at Promation, an automation and robotics company located in Oakville. Mississauga and Kingsway chapters held a joint Take Your MPP to Work Day on November 17<sup>th</sup> with Minister Peter

Milczyn at Star Navigation. We received positive feedback from the MPPs on both events. Minister Flynn was even interested in going to visit Star Navigation as well, and asked his staff to check his calendar, however he had another commitment then and couldn't attend. Seven Take Your MPP to Work Days have been completed to date.

- GLP Info Note – No new GLP Info Note has been developed. In the GLP Audit Implementation Plan there was an item for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 to develop a GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program, so this will be a new GLP Info Note that needs to be worked on.
- GLP meeting activity report – A presentation summary of the MPP meetings held as of October 31, 2017 was given to the committee. There were nine MPP meetings held in October, mostly community events or Licencing ceremonies. Two were in constituency office meetings by London chapter to introduce their new GLP representative. A summary of the Take Your MPP to Work Days completed and those in the works was provided to the committee. A copy of the activity report is attached.
- Actions on the Implementation Plan for GLP 2.0 – we are working on the implementation plan activities. The first GLP Chair quarterly newsletter has been developed and was sent out to all the GLP chairs on November 17th. A guideline for the GLP Weekly needs to be developed
- Regional GLP Academies –the Western Region GLP Academy was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Benmiller Inn in Goderich. There was representation from all the western region chapters except for Brantford. Lisa Thompson, MPP was the guest speaker. The East & West Central Region GLP Academy is upcoming on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have three MPPs confirmed to speak on a panel. They are Soo Wong, MPP (Liberal), Gila Martow, MPP (PC), Jennifer French, MPP (NDP). It is being co-hosted by Oakville chapter GLP chair Jeffrey Lee and York chapter GLP chair Daniel Liao.

**Action: Darla Campbell to draft a guideline for the GLP Weekly for fourth quarter**

**Action: GLP Implementation subcommittee to draft a new GLP Info Note on expected results for the GLP program**

#### 4. Report from Partners

**Engineers Canada:** Rakesh Shreewastav was not present at the meeting.

*[Note: Rakesh provided a written update after the meeting which was distributed to the GLC and is included in the Appendix of the Minutes].*

**CEO:** Jeremy Carkner gave an update on CEO activities.

CEO is still looking for a new Chief Executive Officer to replace Barry Steinberg who will be retiring in February. There are no new issues identified apart from the ones identified previously. CEO is advocating against proposed changes to the small business tax which will affect small engineering companies.

**ESSCO:**

Angel Serah provided a report on ESSCO. The PEO Student Conference managed by ESSCO, was held on November 3-5, 2017 in Toronto. The host school was Ryerson. The theme of this year's conference was 'Motivate, Innovate and Integrate'. The conference featured a number of speakers who were able to advise the delegates on the importance of motivation, innovation in their field of engineering, and integration of various skills into the role of being a professional engineer, as well as the benefits of obtaining a professional engineering licence. Speakers from PEO included Sami Lamrad, EIT, EIT and Student Programs Coordinator, who presented on PEO and the benefits of obtaining a P.Eng. License, and Jeannette Chau, P.Eng., Manager of the Government Liaison Program, who was the keynote speaker at the banquet who spoke on the key themes..

**OSPE:** Patrick Sackville attended the meeting as the interim OSPE representative on the GLC. OSPE will be doing a media release today (November 21<sup>st</sup>) on the exporting of surplus energy from Ontario to other jurisdictions at a financial loss. It will be the topic of debate for Question Period today and a special Opposition Motion (2 hour debate) this afternoon. Patrick will send links to the information and debate to the GLC.

*[Note: The links which Patrick provided and were distributed to the GLC are included in the Appendix of the Minutes].*

**Action: Patrick Sackville to send the links to the information on OSPE's media release to the GLC.**

## **5. Report from subcommittees and Working Groups**

**Regulatory Issues subcommittee** – the subcommittee met on November 7, 2017. Jeannette Chau had provided a summary of relevant items relating to regulatory issues from the weekly Registrar's report and the Legislative Committee Minutes. The Regulatory Issues subcommittee found this new method of identifying regulatory issues to the subcommittee informative and approved of continuing to use this format going forward. The subcommittee also looked at drafting up a leave behind post card

**GLP Chair Engagement** – Daniel Liao reported on the October 18<sup>th</sup> call with West Toronto chapter. The chapter had not submitted their GLP scorecard and had requested a meeting to discuss it. Gabe Tse, Daniel Liao, Howard Brown and Jeannette Chau attended the call with West Toronto GLP chair Ammar Nawaz and Chapter chair Catherine Hancharek.

**Queen's Park Day subcommittee** –the successful event was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There is no additional information to report since the post-mortem report last month.

**Training Advisory group** – the working group reviewed the online training module. It is now going through the internal PEO approval process prior to sending to the service provider for the voiceovers to be added. The timeline is to have it up on the PEO website by the end of the year.

### **Audit Implementation plan subcommittee**

The subcommittee has had no activity since the last meeting. The GLP implementation items are currently being actioned according to the implementation plan. Further discussion regarding the CEO and OSPE response letters will be addressed in the Other Business section of the meeting. A draft response to the OSPE and CEO letters regarding the GLP Implementation plan was distributed and reviewed at the September GLC meeting. CEO and OSPE has since provided their responses to the draft. The GLP Implementation committee will meet to discuss the CEO and OSPE letters and possible revisions to the draft response. The draft response is to be presented at the February Council meeting for approval.

**Enhanced Government Outreach** – no activities. Development of draft text for a leave behind card was taken on by the Regulatory Issues subcommittee.

**Action: Jeannette Chau to schedule a meeting of the Enhanced Government Outreach working group to look at creating the leave behind card, election readiness for the provincial 2018 election and possible GLP actions.**

## **6. New or other business**

### **Items for the December Face to Face Agenda**

Committee members were asked to identify any items which they thought should be added to the December Agenda.

One of the items to be added to the December Agenda will be an item to discuss the Chapter GLP awards nomination/selection process. Gabe Tse and Daniel Liao are to develop this process and present it at the December GLC meeting.

Another item will be the response to the CEO and OSPE letters.

All committee members are to identify any other items to either Darla Campbell or Jeannette Chau prior to the next meeting.

**Action: Gabe Tse and Daniel Liao to develop a nomination/selection process for GLP Awards and present it at the December GLC meeting**

## **7. Next meeting and adjournment**

The next GLC meeting will be held **face to face on Tuesday December 12, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Warren Turnbull moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel King.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 am.

## Appendix:

### Engineers Canada BG&E report (sent by Rakesh Shreewastav)

1. **Parliament Hill Day:**
  - Upcoming in the last week of February
2. **ENEV / Energy and Natural Resources /Senate Testimony**
  - Staff attended the testimony in the Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. We were honoured to have been called to witness. The committee was discussing "transitioning Canada to a low carbon economy." We received positive feedback and we are currently working on a written response to questions posed to us in the testimony.
3. **Natural Resources Canada meeting**
  - Staff met with NRCAN to discuss the development of a national challenge that focuses on connecting clean tech and diversity. The program is coming from NRCAN; Engineers Canada remains an important stakeholder in the development of the challenge.
4. **Members have been meeting with MPs in riding** - feedback has been positive.
5. **Infrastructure Canada Meeting**
  - Staff met with Infrastructure Canada to discuss the National Disaster Mitigation Fund. EC received positive feedback on our "asks" to the department and remains an important stakeholder in this initiative - particularly around climate adaptation / mitigation
6. Last weekend, Nov 10, Canadian Federation of Engineering Students hosted the **Conference on Diversity in Engineering** , learned about how they could contribute to a more inclusive engineering profession. This year's conference theme was "Breaking the Status Quo."

### OSPE Update (sent by Patrick Sackville)

FYI: Engineers Driving Solutions to Ontario's Hydro Woes

As mentioned on today's call. Below are links to OSPE's release and main media coverage.

OSPE's release:

<https://blog.ospe.on.ca/advocacy/ontario-lost-500-million-exporting-clean-energy-2016/>

National Post article:

<http://business.financialpost.com/business/use-wasted-excess-electricity-to-power-economic-growth-engineers-urge-ontario>

Please note that this subject will be the topic of debate for Question Period (10:30am) today and a special Opposition Motion (2 hour debate) this afternoon.

For viewing at 10:30am, here's a link to QP online:

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/debates-and-proceedings/video/#house>