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GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (GLC)

Tuesday, September 25, 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
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	Advisory Committee Volunteer
	Jerome James, P.Eng.	Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE)
	Christine Hill, P.Eng.	Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO)
	Arjan Arenja, P.Eng.	GLP Chair (via teleconf)
	Daniel King, EIT	EIT representative (via teleconf)
Ex-officio:	Howard Brown	PEO Government Relations Consultant, Brown & Cohen
Staff Advisor:	Jeannette Chau, P.Eng.	PEO Manager, Government Liaison Programs
Regrets:	Angel Serah	Student representative
	Rakesh Shreewastav, P.Eng.	Engineers Canada BG&E Representative

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

Nick Colluci moved a motion to approve the Agenda. Gabe Tse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nick Colluci moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2018 GLC meeting. Tim Kirkby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed.

Still outstanding:

- Warren Turnbull to set up a meeting to look at the selection of one rep per riding.
- Jeannette Chau to obtain costing of lapel pins

The GLC discussed and agreed to look into having a lapel pin with PEO logo instead of shirts.

Action: Jeannette to obtain costing of lapel pins.

Report from Manager, GLP Programs

- Take Your MPP to Work Days – there are some Take Your MPP to Work Days being planned for the fall. There has been two held year-to-date. London chapter is hosting one on Friday

September 28 with the City of London with three MPPs - Teresa Armstrong, Peggy Sattler, and Terence Kernaghan.

- GLP meeting activity report – A GLP Activity report of the MPP meetings held year-to-date as of Aug 31st, 2018 was provided to the committee. To date there have been a total of 81 meetings/interactions with MPP meetings, mostly revolving around MPPs attending chapter events or engineers attending MPP community events.

Action: Jeannette to see what chapters the P.Eng. municipal candidates are running in and encourage the chapters to reach out and let their people know.

Action: Jerome to provide list of OSPE PAN reps

3. Report from Partners

Engineers Canada: Rakesh Shreewastav was not present
Warren reviewed the report provided by Rakesh for the last meeting.
Annette Bergeron has assumed the presidency of Engineers Canada.
Engineers Canada has submitted budget to Finance committee

Action: Jeannette to send copy of NSPE (US presentation) to Christine

CEO: Christine Hill provided an update on CEO activities.

CEO has been active with the new provincial government. The CEO Queen's Park Day is on October 22. The CEO Queen's Park day will involve meeting with ministers and MPPs. CEO also works with government staff irrespective of politician.

CEO is focused municipally as well. They have several committees involved municipally. CEO is currently working closely with the city of Ottawa on issues of procurement and access and fairness in terms of consulting engineers.

During the discussion it was suggested that if the focus of CEO tends to be municipal, then perhaps CEO can provide some recognition of the engineers running in the municipal election.

ESSCO: Angel Serah was not present but did send an update on ESSCO activities.

ESSCO has held their President's meeting.

The ESSCO President, Ivan Zvonkov will be attending both the PEO/OSPE Government Relations conference and the PEO Queen's Park day. Ivan will be giving a welcome speech at the conference on behalf of ESSCO.

OSPE: Jerome James provided an update on OSPE activities

OSPE has not had a board meeting since the beginning of summer so there is not much to report. A question had been asked at the last meeting regarding the impact of the Engineering Ally initiative. Jerome provided a response to this: the Engineering Ally reached out to over 50 different candidates.

39 signed the Engineering Ally pledge. 8 of those who signed were elected to Queen's Park (6 NDP, 2 Ministers in current government – Hon. Lisa Thompson, Hon. Jeff Yurek). It was a very successful and well-run campaign. OSPE would like to do something similar for the federal election. Jerome requested that any members send ideas to him on how to continue with keeping the Engineering Ally campaign going. For example, getting MPPs to sign it now even though it is after the election? Provide recognition to those that did sign?

Action: All to send Jerome James any ideas on how to continue with Engineering Ally going forward.

4. Report from Subcommittees and Working Groups

Regulatory Issues subcommittee – the subcommittee held a meeting at the end of August. The B.C. election was discussed and the impacts to regulation in that province with the change in government. The subcommittee is also looking at drafting talking points for volunteers attending Queen's Park day. The subcommittee meets the first Tues of each month and members of the GLC are invited to attend.

Enhanced Government Outreach – haven't met this summer. The GLP Postcard is being used by chapters.

GLP Chair Engagement –

The quarterly GLP Chair Engagement call was held on September 18. No major challenges from the chapters regarding move to the new GLP Activity Report. There were some challenges reported with using the spreadsheet.

Chapters voiced some concern about how they can meet their new MPPs as they are not responding to them. The advice given to the GLP chairs was that the MPPs are just trying to get established right now and to give them some time. It will become more important now for the local chapter to develop the relationship with the MPP since they don't know about PEO and to also get to know the constituent assistant, and staff of the MPP as well. They will help you to access the MPP. One GLP chair advised his peers to just show up at the constituency office as they can't throw you out.

It was suggested at the GLC meeting that we talk about succession planning on the next quarterly GLP chairs call.

Queen's Park Day subcommittee –the subcommittee has been meeting regularly and planning is well underway for Queen's Park Day. The theme is MPPs and Engineers – Working Together in the Public Interest. There will be Engineering Games held once again.

Training Advisory group – have not met since last meeting

Audit Implementation plan subcommittee – Warren Turnbull

The Audit Implementation plan sub-committee not really working on this anymore.

5. New or other business

New 2018 GLC activities/operational plan update

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

Strategic Plan Task Group

The GLC submitted their Strategic Objective which was to have one GLP representative per MPP. There were almost 100 Strategic Objectives submitted. 14 were accepted for further consideration by the Executive committee. The GLC Strategic Objective was not one of the 14 under consideration to move forward. The GLC must therefore work on it on their own if they wish to implement it. The suggestion was made to prioritize the large chapters with many MPPs to help them (e.g. York, Ottawa, Mississauga)

Action: Jeannette Chau to send to Howard Brown a list of who in chapters is coming to the PEO Queen's Park Day

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.

Suggested committee makeup - Howard, Warren, recruit some others from chapters.

Action: Warren Turnbull to initiate a chapter GLP rep selection, training and succession Task Group

New GLP Activity Report

This item was already covered under the GLP Chair call report, however it was suggested that something be sent to chapters to help them understand the need for the GLP Activity report..

Action: Jeannette Chau to send to chapters why the need for the GLP Activity report before the conference. It is not just a one-way report to the GLC, but a way for the GLC to understand and help them.

Chapter request for balloons and bubble machine

A chapter has requested GLP funding for balloons with the PEO logo on them and a bubble making machine for use at community events with MPPs to help draw attention to their booths/tables.

Action: Warren will raise the request for balloons and bubble machine with RCC for funding

Municipal engagement

A proposal by Georgian Bay to engage municipally was brought forward. This would need to get Council approval and is not a focus of the GLP. As PEO is a provincial body, the focus is provincially. It was suggested that chapters can still invite municipal leaders to their chapter events, however it is not a focus of the PEO Government Liaison Program.

6. Next meeting and adjournment

Gabe Tse moved a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Lee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

The next GLC meeting will be held **via teleconference on Tuesday October 16, 2018, 7:30-9:00 am**
Teleconference Dial In: 1.866.512.0904 Access code: 8804517#